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# **BMNA Spring Fest 2024**

### **April 11th, 6-9 PM** La Doña Cervecería

≺he planning has begun for BMNA's first big event of 2024. This is a night to gather with neighbors, eat, drink and dance, all while raising money to support our neighborhood association.

### There are many ways you can support this great event.

- 1. Buy a ticket to the event! Tickets are \$30(adult) and \$15(children) purchased before April 11th. \$35 and \$20 at the event. Ticket price includes dinner from La Dona's menu, a beverage, dessert and live music. RetroFizz is a local band who will be playing Burt Bacharach hits. Purchase tickets at bmna.org.
- 2. Bid on items in the silent auction. Our list of silent auction items is impressive. We have donations from local businesses and local artists.
- 3. Purchase BMNA swag. Sweatshirts, t-shirts, winter hats, baseball hats, pint glasses and stickers will be available to purchase.
- 4. Donate an item to the silent auction. Contact Patty Wycoff at events@bmna.org to coordinate your donation.

5. Become a sponsor and join our incredible list of sponsors. Free tickets are included at each level of sponsorship. Contact Patty Wycoff at events@bmna.org if you would like to become a sponsor.

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Annie Child & Susan Stryker/ Coldwell Banker Cuppa Java Further Performance Litin's Party Value Jan Search-Psychotherapy, Psychoanalysis, Parent Coaching

# **First Blood Drive of** 2024 was a Success

≺he Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church hosted the first Red Cross blood drive of 2024 on Feb. 9th and it was a smashing success. The goal was 25 pints and we collected 33 pints of lifesaving blood. Thank you to Reede Webster for being the leader of our first blood drive.



Reede is an area 4 resident and volunteer at the church. The BMNA will host the next one April 19th at the church.



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2915 WAYZATA BLVD MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55405

The BMNA is recognized as one of the strongest neighborhood groups in the Twin Cities. Your support makes this possible. We need your continued support to do our work. **Member donations make up a third of our income stream. Funding from the city represents only \$20,000 of our \$72,000 budget.** A \$50 suggested contribution will enable us to maintain programming and outreach efforts, although any amount is appreciated! We hope to see every household participate.

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And neighborhood events, such as • Winter Fest (March)

- Annual Meeting (May) Annual Meeting (May)
   Festival of Garage Sales (May)
   Ice Cream Stroll (July)
   Member Night (September)
   Sip and Stroll (October)

Saturnana (December)

If you missed any of the fun, photos from all these events are on our website and YouTube.

It's easy to become a member and make a contribution. Fill out and return this envelope, 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 the extent allowed by the law. Volunteering is another great way to support the BMNA and meet your neighbors. We encourage you to join the board or one of our Volunteering is another great way to support the BMNA and meet your neighbors. We encourage you to join the board or one of o 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 2024 Membership Drive and support the good work that is being done on behalf of Bryn Mawr.

Sincerely. Kate Knuth

Kate Knuth, BMNA President

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Membership letters are in the mail!

# Have you joined yet?

### **Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association** Membership - 2024

The BMNA does not charge dues. Please consider making a financial contribution of \$50 or more along with your membership. BMNA is a 501C3 tax deductible organization.

Yes, I want to help the BMNA by making a financial contribution of: \$75

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Minneapolis, MN 55405-2145



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**Board Meeting Minutes** 

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 6:30– 8:00 PM Virtual Meeting

### **Board and Staff**

Kate Knuth – President Jessica Wiley – Secretary Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co-Rep Beth Franzen - Area 4 Co-Rep Haven Stephens - Area 6 Co-Rep Stephen Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep Jay Peterson – Emeritus Barry Schade – Emeritus

### **Guests:**

Neil Trembley - Area 3 Rod Miller - Area 6

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

Agenda approval moved, seconded.

Motion carried.

Minutes from January 10, 2024.

Amended discussion item about

WOTW to read "The residential
developers and the Board of the

BMNA have not identified a need for
the BMNA liaison position to

WOTW/Penhurst to continue, so Rod
will no longer be the liaison." Amended minutes moved, seconded. Motion
carried.

### City of Minneapolis -Councilperson Katie Cashman

No report this month.

# **Crime Prevention Specialist Report –**

Kate shared email report.

There was a domestic assault in January. All other reports were property crimes. Board and neighbors can view crime stats at https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-

services/public-safety/police-publicsafety/crime-maps-dashboards/crimelocations-map/ Board member commented about reduced crime stats in Bryn Mawr compared to other neighborhoods. Question about increase in emergency vehicles at WOTW. Ask our safety officer to explore. Cedar Lake Park Association reporting an increase in vandalism in the park; fires being lit, trees being uprooted for kindling. Park issues are not reported by MPD. Discussed a comment on NextDoor that BMNA should be reporting crime updates. The BMNA only shares crime information confirmed and sent by MPD directly to our communications coordinator.

### Communications & Development Coordinator Report -Lynda Shaheen

Welcome packets dropped at Penhurst. Penhurst lobby added as distribution site. Katie Cashman meetings with neighborhood reps starting on February 29. Sponsor letters for Spring Fest sent. Exploring additional trash cans downtown. City annual report due March 1. Yearly highlights include RJ film series, active transportation activities, Glenwood Open Streets. Suggestion to elaborate on WinterFest 2023. Turn out was great, band, felt like we were "back." Big Hill books storing merch. Thanks to Steve for installing a lock. Membership drive in process.

# **Event Coordinator Report – Patty Wycoff**

First Blood Drive of 2024 exceeded goal; looking at new dates. Securing

Non

sponsors for Spring Fest. Silent auctions items being solicited.

### **Bugle Report - JoEllyn Joistad**

The 20th is the deadline for articles/ads. Planning a March feature on Lisa Goodman, who served and supported Bryn Mawr for 25 years.

### **Webmaster - Jeremy Staffeld**

Working on upgrading FB feed to better integrate with social media. Spring Fest tickets available on website. Drew will be managing garden page.

### **Committee Reports (as needed)**

Schools - Colleen Dhennin.

Open gym until end of February. PTA sponsoring tacos and snacks for staff. Active Transportation- Josh Nichols. Met with Liv and Karen to address traffic calming in Areas 1 and 2. Sending a survey to gauge support for traffic calming on Penn and Cedar Lake Rd. First of a 3 part series on calming in the Bugle. Bike rides continue throughout the neighborhood. Exploring bike buddies program. Talking with Marian Green about active transportation ideas for Penn and Cedar Lk Rd. Kate serves on the states' active transportation committee.

### Racial Justice – Steve Harvey

Film on February 21 documenting noteworthy bicycling achievements by African Americans during the 1890s. SRF taking care of everything; very accommodating. Coordinating with Josh. Discussed how to continue communicating about the film series. Working on Sacred Sites tour.

Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade

Discussed possible signage with his-

Discussed possible signage with historical, neighborhood, plant, and trail information on the Park Board owned remnant land along the light rail.

### Gardens - Drew Quirk

Beth reported that the committee is exploring hosting a garden tour this year.

Community Projects - Jessica Wiley Six proposals submitted to date. Working with Façade Grant on projects that would qualify for those dollars. Committee meets in March.

Communications - Jay Peterson Engaging with a developer in the neighborhood; doing an assessment

of the website, will give us a proposal. Drew will facilitate the garden page. Have realigned responsibilities for the website; Lynda has additional 5 hours/month to post info.

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

Façade Grant Update. Agreement signed. Addie is committee chair; Steve, Lynda, and Karen Soderberg on the committee. Ready to send information to areas businesses. Discussed how private contributions for the match can be made.

Adjourned at 7:31PM

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Upcoming Events:
Racial Justice Film Ser

Racial Justice Film Series, February 21, 2024 Spring Fest, April 11, 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.

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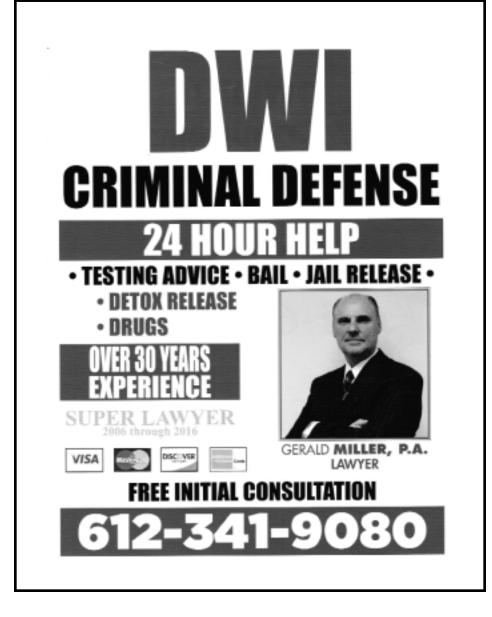
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# **Bugle Notes**



### **Racial Justice Film Screening**

re had a great turnout for the BMNA film series. Over fifty people were in attendance including members of the Major Taylor Bicycle Club of Minnesota and Cycle Sisters. All seemed to

enjoy the two films and the cycle club members added commentary following the viewings. And, as usual the people from SRF were gracious and generous, providing popcorn and water.

> - Steven Harvey, Area 7 Racial Justice Committee Chair

### **Happenings in Downtown Bryn Mawr**

hen Angie Littleton, her husband and teenaged daughter decided it was time to relocate from their home outside of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, they settled upon the Minneapolis area. Though Ms. Littleton had only been here a few times growing up, to visit extended family, it had somehow always felt like home to her.

Maybe because both her parents grew up in the western part of Hennepin County.

The family quickly settled into the downtown Minneapolis community and looked around for business opportunities. She'd always had an interest in interior design, staging homes for sale and in salvaging and repurposing home goods. She'd been in the antiques and collectibles business in Arkansas and thought maybe something similar would fit into her life in Minnesota.

While out exploring her new world and aiming to satisfy an urge for a good cup of coffee, she happened upon Cuppa Java and noticed the recently vacated space next to CJ's (where Cock-a-Doodle-Do used to be). It looked to be perfect for a start-up business showcasing one-ofa-kind home décor, and the neighbor-



hood had the same friendly community vibe she felt in the smaller town she came from. She quickly negotiated a lease, painted the exterior herself and moved in. The name of the business, Bleu, simply reflects that paint color.

All the goods available are in likenew condition and very artfully displayed. Some came from her Arkansas location, but most were locally sourced. Virtually all come from estate sales, auctions, and yard sales. Future plans include filling the patio area with more sustainable vintage pieces and maybe even a doggie mini-patio for four legged patrons.

Bleu is a welcomed addition to the growing Bryn Mawr business district. Current store hours are 10-5 Wednesday thru Saturday. There is a grand opening scheduled for March.

- Roberta Jordan, Area 6



# **Then Without Warning, Santa Claus Appeared Down The Street...**

It turns out that what the neighborhood now calls Saturnalia started a long time ago!

By Jim Hooker, Area 5

've been doing a little Bryn Mawr history research because the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, of which I'm a member, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. And in so doing, I've a little bit I thought might be of broader interest.

Before there was a Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association, there was the Bryn Mawr Civic Club, and in 1926, they and another group, the Bryn Mawr Men's Club, started celebrating Christmas in a big way. The triangular lot where Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church now stands was empty and used for public gatherings. The Star Tribune of December 27th, 1926, describes the first of these parties, which featured singers from the Basilica and the Campfire Girls. I'm sure they were great, but for me, I'm most sorry I missed that the "whistling selections were given by Fred Dafoe"! After the music, Santa Claus came and distributed presents and bags of candy.

A year later, 1000 people showed up, and it was "the largest celebration Bryn Mawr had ever seen", with a 50-foot lighted tree set up in the triangle!

So successful were these celebrations that in spring of 1929 the Bryn Mawr Men's Club asked the church permission to install a

"Permanent Christmas Tree" on the triangle. The church owned the land, though they were holding church in what is now Big Hill Books on Penn Ave. The Men's Club asked to build a 2-foot-tall terrace with an iron railing surrounding an 18-foot Colorado blue spruce which would be decorated with lights at Christmas time in future years.

Permission must have been granted, because during the 1929 celebration, the Men's Club announced that by the next year they would have a landscaped triangle and a permanent tree. Unfortunately, I don't know if they ever succeeded in their dream. There is no newspaper article in 1930 about a Bryn Mawr Christmas Party; by then the world was in the throes of The Great Depression and maybe no one felt like celebrating. Certainly, no evidence of a 2-foot-tall terrace remains there. The area described at the point of Laural and Cedar Lake Road now has the lovely stone bench memorial for the victims of the Accent Signage shooting.

The parties were revived in 2001 when the businesses of Bryn Mawr put on the first Saturnalia, with hayrides, music, and roasting chestnuts. The BMNA joined in and has hosted it ever since.

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	March 25	
Areas	March 4	
4W, 5W, 6, 7	March 18	
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2, 3, 4E, 5E		March 19

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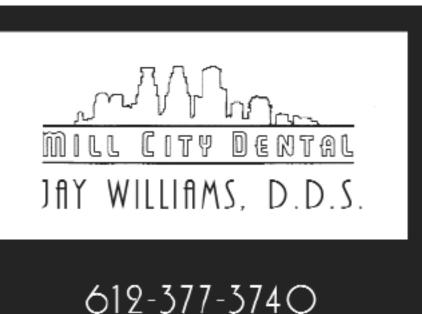
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# From the Editor

hey say that at task will expand to fill the time allotted. That is to say, if you know the deadline is at some prescribed time in the future, you will find other ways to fill your time before eventually getting around to completing the original task.

Personally, I find that I need time to process and problem-solve. But also, I need the physical and mental breaks that shifting focus to something else gives me. Maybe I have a touch of A.D.D. (who doesn't?), but it usually works for me, and I don't mind juggling multiple projects and timelines. Often, the switch to another task will help me create solutions and get re-energized to finish the first item.

I have always been a busy person. I absolutely take on more things than I should and I am constantly scrambling. I am the kind of person who takes vacation days to get more things done, not to relax. But I found that even I could not keep up. Recently, my exhaustion (while certainly attributable to this frenetic pace) led me to do a sleep study. Not surprisingly, it showed I was not getting high quality sleep so they prescribed a CPAP.

I was told it would change my life. I certainly been sleeping better but I also am dreaming more vividly. Let's just say that I am still starting my days with two cups of coffee. I guess the one payoff that I have noticed is that I don't collapse on the sofa as soon as I get home from work. I actually have the energy to tackle some things off my lists.

Speaking of tasks expanding to fill the time allotted, the Bugle is due at the printer in three hours. Everything is done and has been done since yesterday except this column. For some unknown reason, I have some kind of block the prevents me from doing this before the absolute last minute.

So what you get is fresh and off the cuff and reflective of seeing all the other content that the BMNA staff and other neighbors have generously contributed. My attempt to bang out this month's column was sprinkled with intermittent costume creation, emails and wedding planning.

Tomorrow is Leap Day - that once every four year, bonus day. One would think that with 24 additional hours, a person could accomplish so much. But it would seem that it does not work that way and the deadlines keep coming. Now, I get to look forward to setting my clock forward for Daylight Saving Time next weekend.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, editor@bmna.org

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### **Help Minneapolis Youth Prepare for Summer Internships**

Step Up Mock interviews March 19-21 oin us on the evenings of March 19-21 at the Minneapolis Convention Center for this awesome annual opportunity to help Step Up youth practice their job interview skills in preparation for summer internships and future career success.

As a volunteer, you'll interview 2-4 interns during your 90-minute slot and provide helpful feedback for strengthening their skills and professional presentation. Before your session begins, the Step Up team will provide a brief orientation and suggested interview questions.

Don't miss this fun and engaging opportunity to support our young

people and help them get ready for future career success. We welcome individual volunteers as well as company teams.

Register for one, two or three nights of Step Up mock interviews! www.achievetwincities.org/events

### **Enter City Tree Lottery to Get a \$30 Tree for Your Yard**

**◄**he City will offer 1,000 lowcost shade and evergreen trees this year to help grow the city's tree canopy. Sign up by March 31 to enter the lottery. Limit one entry per Minneapolis address. Rental property owners may enter the lottery for each planting address.

Learn more and register at https://mpls-tree-sale.myshopify.com

### **Cheers and Thanks to Lisa Goodman!**

isa Goodman represented Bryn Mawr on the Minneapolis City Council for 25 years where she was a staunch supporter of Minneapolis neighborhood associations. We could count on Lisa to advocate for neighborhoods with the City Council, the Mayor's office, the Park Board, and the MPD. She understood the value of volunteers and the benefit the city got from the hours they put in. When funding was being cut to neighborhood associations, she lobbied for additional dollars and we got them.

Lisa consistently attended BMNA monthly meetings. She let us know what was happening in city government and the impact that would have on both the city and Bryn Mawr. She answered all questions and pulled no punches with difficult news. We always knew where Lisa stood on the issues. Lisa loves neighbor events; she joined us for pot luck dinners, and fests, and volunteered for the hedge planting!

Cheers to you, Lisa, and thank you for valuing the work we do, and for all the work you did for us. We wish you the best in the next chapter of your life. See you in the 'hood!

- The BMNA Board





# **Early Primary** Voting Open arly voting began, Jan. 19, in

for the presidential primary. ✓ Minneapolis voters are among the first in the nation to cast in-person ballots in this highprofile 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

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. Preregistration ends 21 days before the March 5 primary.





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## **Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - March 2024**

All meetings are open - everyone is welcome. Neighbors are urged to attend and participate in meetings and activities of special interest to them. Presbyterian School during the school year, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	BMNA	to Alliance Franç to include some	ransportation Pie C raise, the long way scenic Bryn Mawr! lay April 6 at Bassett C nut & Thomas)	(5-6 miles)	1	2
3	4	Presidential Primary	6	7	8	9
Daylight Saving Time Begins at 2:00 am. Set clocks ahead one hour.	11	12	BMNA Monthly meeting 6:30pm Bryn Mawr Church, 6:30pm & Google Meet. Email coordinator@bmna. org for joining link.	14	15	16
17	18	19	Submissions due <b>20</b> for next <i>Bugle</i> . Drop in the Bugle Box at the Market or email bugle@bmna.org	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# Be part of the Bugle!

Email your neighbor news to bugle@bmna.org or drop it in the Bugle Box at the Bryn Mawr Market.



# Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association 6th Annual

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March 6, 2024, 10:30-11:30 am

he Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is partnering with the AARP to host a FREE class to help people safeguard their identity online!

Sign up today for "Fraud: Vigilance Against Cybercrime" at MPRB Headquarters on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 10:30-11:30 am. This one-hour event will discuss basic precautions you can take to help protect yourself from cybercriminals, including tips to help you recognize the signs and avoid phishing scams. Sign up at www.events.aarp.org



March 6, 2023

Encountered crows eating an unsliced loaf of bread on a sidewalk. First, they tore it into 3-4 inch chunks. One bird carried a chunk in its beak to a nearby tree, and I wondered how it would eat without dropping it. No worry. It secured the bread in a place where multiple small branches came together, and enjoyed lunch. I continue to be amazed by how smart crows are. I've watched them hydrate uncooked macaroni in puddles; set up a rotating system in which one bird kept watch at a bird feeder while the others ate, changing places every minute or so; and judge just how far out they could walk on very thin spring ice on Bassett's Creek to get food, without ever falling in.

March 20, 2011

The James Barker leaves Duluth as first ship of the season. Path cleared by icebreaker.

March 24, 2024 Full moon, the Ojibwe snowshoe breaking moon.

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Winter Tracks & Wildlife January 9, February 6 & March 5, 2024

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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

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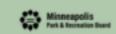
NATURE STORYTIME 10:00 - 10:30AM Thursdays: January 4 - March 28, 2024\* Kids nature stories and activities led by a garden naturalist!

\*Not offered on February 15

All programs meet at The Trailhead 1221 Theodore Wirth Pkwy









# The World Came to Wirth!

ver Presidents' Day
weekend The Loppet
Foundation along with
numerous sponsors and volunteers transformed our backyard playground into a world
class cross country skiing destination. Theodore Wirth welcomed World Cup athletes to
two races, a sprint on Saturday
and a 10km individual start on
Sunday. This was a dream
come true for fans and athletes
alike as there had not been a
world cup cross country ski
race in the US in over 20 years. I

race in the US in over 20 years. Fans of cross country skiing traveled in from across the entire country. For our family's part we reveled in as much of the event as possible by volunteering ahead of the event with 700 others, biking up to the races both days and meeting athletes the Monday after. We admired special event art installations, met many kind and excited fans, checked out featured local food trucks and watched as much racing as possible. The crowd that came to Theo (10-15 thousand!) was energetic and created a completely unique atmosphere for racing as evidenced by many foreign athletes enthusiastic quotes about the event and the desire to return to race again in the future. On Saturday we met up with neighborhood friends to watch the athletes speed around a sprint course. It was electrifying to hear the cheers of the crowd chase the athletes around the course and hometown hero Jessie Diggins skied to a very emotional 4th place. Sunday's format was an individual start time trial 10k in distance. Athlete's started every 30 seconds and raced against the clock. The morning ended a 40 year drought in US men's



Our family cheering for soon to be champion Gus Schumacher

skiing when Gus Schumacher took a commanding victory becoming the second ever American male to win a distance World Cup race. The event ended with Jessie Diggins thrilling the entire park with a 3rd place finish! We had an incredible weekend and are happy to share the success of the event and all the hard work of the Loppet Foundation!

- Lindsey Lyrenmann, Area 6



Mid-cheer nap break



Jessie Diggins and Sophie Laukli Round the 10km Course

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# **Out & About**

### **Our Local Graffiti Artists, Friends or Foes?**

Written by Addie Arnold, Area 2 7 Talking around Bryn Mawr, you may notice a common theme on many street signs, buildings, and retainer walls -Graffiti. At first glance many dislike these defacing words or images, and with good reason. Graffiti is not something to be widely encouraged. According to the "Broken Window Theory" popularized by Malcom Gladwell, areas that allow for small visible crime such as litter or graffiti can encourage further crime. I'm not a crime expert, but maybe that's why the city is continuously attempting to cover up tags around our neighborhood.

That said, I can't help but to enjoy spotting a few select images as they pop up from time to time. If you take a closer look at our local Bryn Mawr graffiti, you'll see three different tags that appear regularly around town: "Kofe", "Sasha", and "Squirrel". These three tags are most prolific in Bryn Mawr and new ones continue to pop up every month or so. Kofe is usually written along with a face with big ears. Sasha is written in a squiggly cursive with an underline. My favorite is a squirrel spraypainted from a stencil because there is no name along with it, like Prince's symbol. I have spotted around 20 of them spanning from Theodore Wirth all the way to Colfax Ave N. One neighbor I talked to confessed she thought the squirrel was our Bryn Mawr mascot it is so prolific.

It has become a fun game walking through the neighborhood and spot-







ting tags that I haven't seen before. I like to wonder which of our neighbors is behind these images. What is their story and why do they continue to tag? Take a closer look on your next walk and see if you can spot any

yourself. Even though I understand why some people don't like it, our graffiti is unique because they are our neighbors.

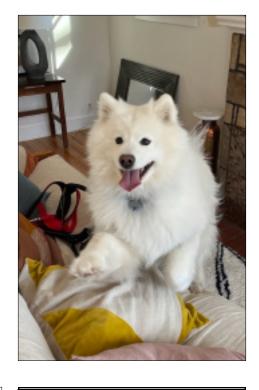
Maybe it is time to actually name a Bryn Mawr mascot, and I would suggest our squirrel be in the running.

### **Pup of the Month**

By Benjamin Lester, Area 6

Month, where we feature Bryn Mawr's goodest dogs. This month, set your clock forward on March 10, spring out of bed, and take a walk - you just might meet Miso, the March pup of the month!

Miso is a sentient cloud that can often be seen (and heard) roaming the streets of Bryn Mawr. She has the temper of a 4 year old child at their birthday party—which is to say if you see her during a walk, she'll run up ecstatic to meet a new person, and promptly start barking in protest the second you divert your attention from her. Her favorite foods are cheese, popcorn, and cucumbers.







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## Bryn Mawr Neighbor Wins School Grant

hanks to neighbor Elizabeth
Nee, science scholars at Bryn
Mawr Elementary will enjoy
new books and coding robots to
motivate and enhance their learning.
Nee's employer, Boston Scientific, celebrates each September by encouraging employees to nominate their
favorite K-12 STEM program operated by a school or 501c3 non-profit
organization for their Boston Scientific STEMtember Grant.

Elizabeth Nee nominated our elementary school for the grant stating that "our school is unique in having a dedicated science teacher who offers every one of our students an hour of science instruction in our lab each week." Whereas in many elementary schools classroom teachers must integrate science into regular instruction. Nee further explained that we have a new science teacher who seeks to enhance this program with the newest STEM teaching resources.

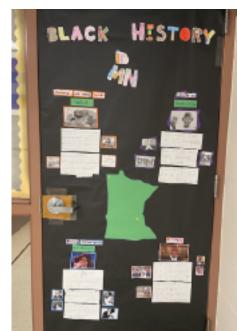
As a result of Nee's efforts, Bryn Mawr Elementary was granted \$3,000.00 for the new science books and bots. Thank you, Elizabeth, for taking the initiative to advance our students's learning!

# Families Gather at Bryn Mawr Elementary to Celebrate AAPID

n February 22, Bryn Mawr Elementary School hosted their annual celebration of National African American Parent Involvement Day (AAPID) with an address by Golden Valley Mayor Roslyn Harmon, a Liberian inspired dinner, jazz band music, and a schoolwide door contest. The day is intended to invite all parents to gather at their school for an evening of community, but particularly Black families who have not always found schools to be inviting spaces, and the evening at Bryn Mawr was well-attended by students and their families.

Guest community leader Roslyn Harmon, the first Black woman mayor of Golden Valley, opened the evening with an engaging video introducing herself and highlighting community support during her run for office. A graduate of DeLaSalle High School and the University of Minnesota, Harmon expressed her passion for her city and its location in the heart of larger Minneapolis.

Kema's Kitchen, a West African popup restaurant that is just planning its first brick and mortar location in Minneapolis, provided a complete dinner to all families in attendance that featured traditional Liberian dishes such as sweet potato greens and Jollof rice while a very talented Henry High School Jazz Band entertained families.



After dinner, students led their families on a tour of the "door contest" held at Bryn Mawr Elementary in honor of Black History Month. Each classroom of students designed a mural for their classroom door around the theme of "What Black History Month means to me." Designs ranged from illustrating historical influences such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Jackie Robinson to creative takes on the month such as "Black Herstory" and a tree with roots and branches of inspiring and influential Black people past and present. Family members voted on their favorites and winning classrooms will have a pizza party.

> The gathering closed on an especially joyful note when music teacher, Emerson Clay, sat down to a piano and children of all ages ran up and began singing and dancing.

- Colleen Dhennin, Area 6, BMNA Schools Committee Chair





Students pictured with the music teacher are from left to right: Makani, Busy, Desiree, Trinity, Autumn, Loyal, Shan'ty, Bravery and Michael.



# **Youth & Schools**

# Teach After School at Bryn Mawr and Anwatin

inneapolis 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 Commu-

nity Education: 612-668-2470 or wendell.johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us.

### **We Need Your Insights!**

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

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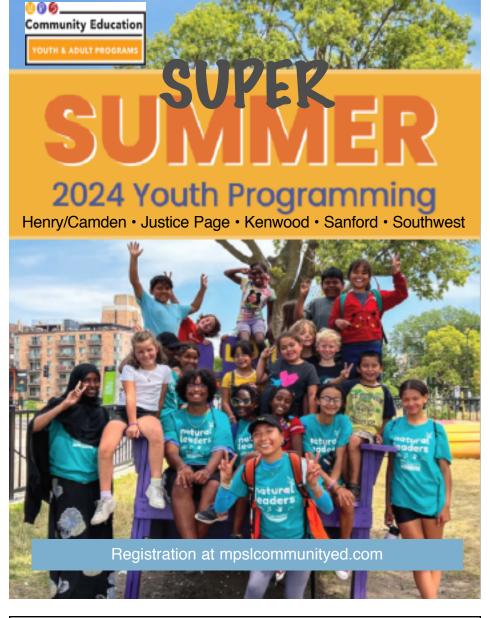
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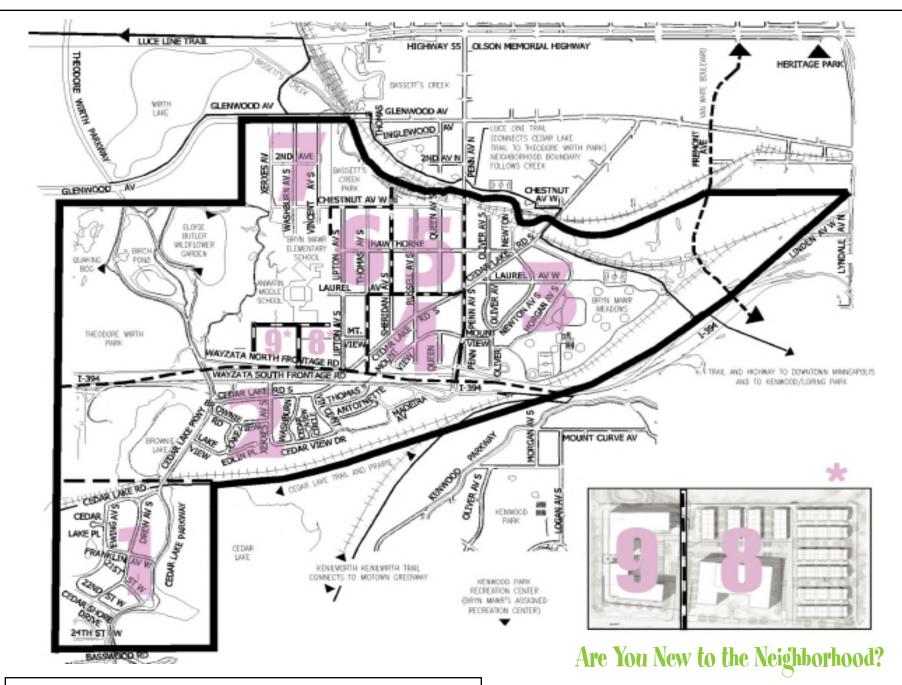
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