



# BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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## Garage Sale Fundraiser

The BMNA also hosts an annual garage sale fundraiser on May 7. If you are looking for a way to clean out your unneeded treasures but don't want to have your own sale, think about donating them to the neighborhood garage sale.

We are hoping to make the 2016 BMNA Garage Sale even more successful than past years. So, as you start cleaning out your closets and going through clothing and toys your kids have outgrown, please consider donating these items to the BMNA sale. Volunteers will come to your home and pick up your donated items on May 3rd and 4th (6- 8PM). You do not need to be home; you can place your donated items on your front steps or porch.

Call, text, or email neighborhood coordinator, Patty Wycoff, if you have items to donate (612-239-1710, pwcoordinator@comcast.net). We cannot accept: items that require cleaning or repair, hazardous waste items, old televisions, large appliances or adult clothing.



## Register Your Sale

We hope you will plan to be a part of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Festival of Garage Sales on May 7th. Registration is only \$15, which puts your sale on the map! Use the registration form in the Bugle or at [bmna.org](http://bmna.org)

As a sponsor of the Festival of Garage Sales, the BMNA uses registration dollars to pay for advertising, maps, traffic control, and portable restrooms. Registering your sale funds these critical supports.

**FORM ON PAGE 7 OF THIS BUGLE!**

## BMNA Annual Meeting May 11, 2016 -

### Let Your Voice Be Heard!

The BMNA Annual Membership and Dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11. Please join us in the Community Room at Bryn Mawr Elementary School from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

The pot luck dinner starts at 6:00, and that means fabulous hot dishes, salads, side dishes, and desserts Bryn Mawr style. You will have the opportunity to talk with BMNA Board Reps and other elected city officials about the issues that are important to you, and best yet, to spend time getting to know your neighbors.

The annual meeting starts at 6:45 PM, with a state-of-the-neighborhood report from our President, Kevin Thompson, an overview of our financial health, and elections of board members for the next two year term. This is a time for you to share your hopes and dreams for the neighborhood. If you're not yet a BMNA member, you can join at the annual meeting. Door prizes donated by our generous local businesses top off the evening.

Support your neighborhood association. See you at the annual membership meeting!

### Board Member Elections

Each year at the annual meeting in May, there are elections for BMNA area representatives and officers. This year Areas 2, 4, 6, and President and Secretary are up. If you are interested in being a candidate as an area representative or officer, email [jessicasusanwiley@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasusanwiley@gmail.com) or [dwj5757@live.com](mailto:dwj5757@live.com)

**Check out the map in the Bugle for the boundaries for your area. Area rep duties include:**

- Attend monthly board meetings from 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM on the second Wednesday of the month.
- Attend neighborhood events (Harvest Dinner, Satumalia, Annual Meeting, Ice Cream Social, etc.)
- Attend important neighborhood meetings, i.e. LRT, Penn Ave remodel, neighborhood revitalization
- Pass out welcome packets to new neighbors
- Listen to neighbors opinions and weigh in on issues affecting the neighborhood
- Encourage neighbors to join the BMNA and participate in neighborhood meetings and events

Check out our website to see all the BMNA activities: <http://www.bmna.org/home.html>

## Earth Day Cleanup 2016

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**

**9:30 am-12:00 noon**

Multiple sites throughout Minneapolis – Three Bryn Mawr locations:

**Theodore Wirth Park**

*3200 Glenwood Ave. (Wirth Beach parking lot)*

**Cedar Lake**

*Cedar Lake Pkwy. and 25th St. W.*

**Bassett's Creek**

*SE Corner of Penn and 1-1/2 Ave. N.*

### Help Improve Minneapolis Parks

The goal of Earth Day Cleanup is to provide a volunteer experience and environmental education to Minneapolis residents and park users. This annual event involves cleaning Minneapolis parks, neighborhoods, watersheds and water bodies including the Chain of Lakes, Lake Nokomis, Lake Hiawatha, Powderhorn Lake, Diamond Lake, Shingle Creek, Minnehaha Creek, Bassett's Creek and the Mississippi River. Since the inception of the Earth Day cleanup we have removed more than 140,000 pounds of garbage from Minneapolis parks.

### Learn About Our Environment and Community

In addition to cleanup efforts, environmental education is a key part of our Earth Day efforts. Onsite programs offer volunteers the opportunity to learn about various issues affecting our environment and community today. The programs are designed for individuals of all ages.

Earth Day Cleanup is a collaborative effort between the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and City of Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling.

### Individuals and Small Groups

It's easy to get involved in Earth Day Cleanup 2016. No pre-registration is required! Arrive at any site between 9:30 am and noon, bring a pair of gloves to pick up trash, and check in at the registration table. A site coordinator will provide you with gloves (if you did not bring any) and bags, and instruct you where to go and where to leave trash. Every site has a coordinator available to assist volunteers and to answer any questions you may have. This event is free and open to all ages. No registration required.

## 2016 BMNA Events

<b>April 22 -</b>	Bryn Mawr Elementary Family Fun Night
<b>May 7 -</b>	Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales
<b>May 11 -</b>	Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner
<b>July 16 -</b>	Bryn Mawr Garden Tour
<b>July 21 -</b>	Ice Cream Scoop Off
<b>October 27 -</b>	Bryn Mawr Harvest Dinner
<b>December 8</b>	Anwatin Craft Fair
<b>December 10 -</b>	Satumalia





# BMNA Reporter

BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 9, 2016  
7:00– 8:45 PM  
Bryn Mawr Elementary School

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Dennis called meeting to order. Introductions made. Quorum present and meeting called to order.

Board and Staff Members present are as follows:

- Kevin Thompson-President
- Dennis Fazio –Treasurer
- Sandra Gay-Secretary
- Susan Verrett-Area 2 Co-Rep
- Lynda Shaheen-Area 2 Co-Rep
- Dennie Juillerat-Area 3 Co-Rep
- Chris Etz-Area 4 Co-Rep
- Barry Schade-Area 6 Co-Rep
- Vida Ditter-Area 6 Co-Rep
- Steve Harvey-Area 7 Rep
- Patty Wycoff-Neighborhood Coordinator

Guests present are as follows:

- Molly Barrett-Vesper Atelier
- Dan Noyes-Vesper Atelier
- Jason Rathe-Field Outdoor
- Patrick Sadler-City of Minneapolis

2. Today's agenda

approved with change of CPP and NPP Report from Treasurer's Report to follow.

3. Minutes of February meeting approved.

4. City of Minneapolis: Councilmember Lisa Goodman's Report by Patrick Sadler

- Publications for statistics of City of Minneapolis were passed out.
- Lunch with Lisa-Wednesday, March 30 at St. Thomas downtown on Sister Cities' program from noon to one.
- There are openings for City of Minneapolis boards and committees. Check on Cities' website.
- Annual Committee Connection will be on Saturday, April 2 titled Big Ideas Minneapolis at the Minneapolis Convention Center which will feature the City Comprehensive 20 year Plan.
- Tree Trust is selling trees at \$25 each. Order at [treetrust.org](http://treetrust.org) by March 21. Pick up May 21-23 at Minneapolis Impound lot. Compost bins and rain barrels are again available this year. April 30 pick up at 3607 East 44th Street. Order at [recycleminnesota.com](http://recycleminnesota.com).

5. Bryn Mawr Hedge Redesign Presentations - Dennie Juillerat and guests

Garden Committee- New hedge design was presented by Vesper Atelier. Second priority is Laurel Triangle. Considering a design to replace hedge with metal letters and lighting along with some landscaping. Garden budget is \$25,000 and Garden Group will contribute labor for plantings. Completion date is

scheduled before July garden tour. Motion by Dennis Juillerat that Garden Group go ahead with project at \$25,000. Vida amended the motion to apply for public funding and it passed. Chris seconded the motion and it passed. For Laurel Triangle, Garden Group is simplifying design to minimize maintenance and remove some of the landscaping. Park Board approval is required.

6. Treasurer's Report: Dennis Fazio

- 990 and 990T Tax Returns- Reviewed, Moved by Dennis to file, Barry Schade seconded, the motion passed.
- Attorney General Annual Report- Reviewed, Moved by Dennis to send, Chris Etz seconded, the motion passed.

7. CPP 2014 and 2015 Annual Report-Dennis

Reports for 2014 and 2016 filed. Contract in place. Sent in Annual Report for 2 years to City of Minneapolis. Dennis Fazio moved to adopt, Vita Ditter seconded and the motion passed.

8. NRP Reallocation-Dennis Fazio

Moved left over NRP monies to Garden Committee. NRP will be done by end of year.

9. Neighborhood Coordinator Report–Patty Wycoff

- Membership materials mailed..
- Patty suggests hiring a kid to empty trash can in front of the market. The City will charge \$48 per month and the kid will charge \$35 per month. The City also requires the black trash can to be replaced by City standard.
- Community Connections Conference-was attended by Patty last year and was impressed.

10. Bugle Report: JoEllyn Jolstad

- Deadline on 20th.
- Susan Verrett submitting an article.

11. ROC Update-

Basset Creek Valley will be used for station name.

12. SWLRT Update/Corridor Management Committee issue –Vida Ditter/Barry Schade

Park Board will take over maintenance of trails and have jurisdiction after it is finished. Penn Station will be called BRYN MAWR Station.

13. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

Board party at Steve Harvey's

14. Adjourned by 8:35 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:  
Wednesday, April 13, 2016  
7:00 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria

UPCOMING EVENTS:  
Bryn Mawr Festival of Sales, May 7, 2016  
BMNA Annual Meeting, May 11, 2016

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](mailto:organizer@BMNA.org) at least five days before our event.

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- Cereal and cracker boxes
- Shoe boxes, gift boxes and electronics boxes
- Toothpaste, medication and other toiletry boxes



## Cartons

- Milk cartons
- Juice boxes
- Soup, broth and wine cartons



## Glass

- Food and beverage bottles and jars



## Plastic

**Bottles & jugs:**

- Water, soda and juice bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Ketchup and salad dressing bottles
- Dishwashing liquid bottles and detergent jugs
- Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles

**Cups and containers:**

- Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups
- Disposable cups and bowls
- Margarine, cottage cheese, and other containers
- Produce, deli and take out containers


**Packaging:**

- Clear packaging from toys and electronics



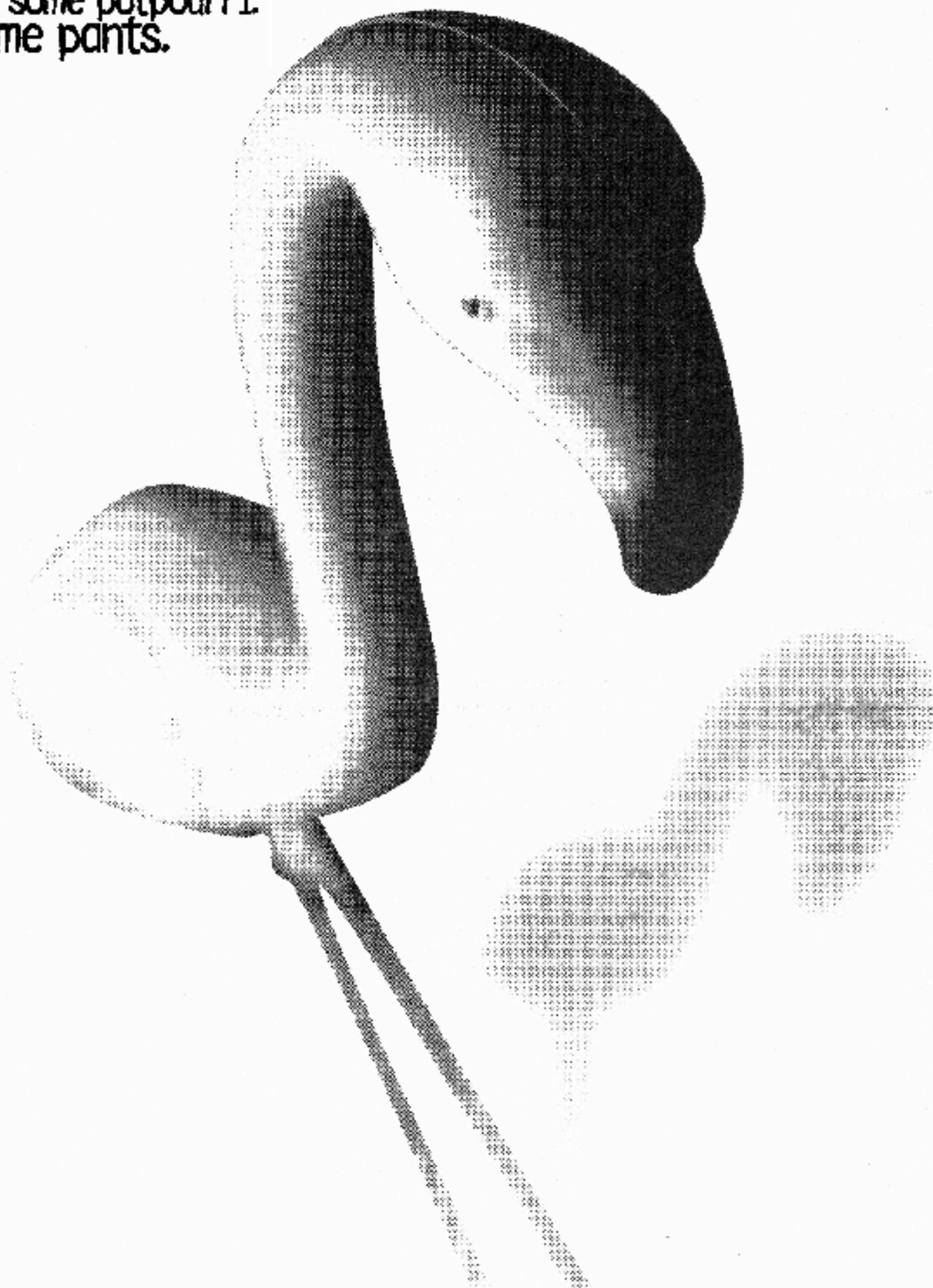
## Metal

- Food and beverage cans



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**WEEKLY MEETINGS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

are held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church,  
Cedar Lake Road and Laurel Avenue, on  
Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

All interested people are invited to attend.



## From the Editor

I was never the Girls-gone-wild on Spring Break type. I grew up in a travel-with-a-purpose family. We would visit relatives in interesting places or camp on the way to and from racquetball tournaments. Most years Spring Break for me was an opportunity to get more training at the ice rink. For our family, traveling was more often about being together than a destination.

We had a cabin on a tiny lake in Wisconsin where we would head, pretty much every weekend, year round. With apples not falling too far from trees, our typical family getaway these days, is to that same lake. Of course, back then I lived in Rochester, MN. Now living in Bryn Mawr, I still love going to the lake house, but feel less restless about needing to getting away.

Maybe it is because there were five kids and neither of my parents had family in the area. The only time we ever all hopped on a plane and headed to a tropical paradise, was the year before I got married. My parents made a point of telling us that it was our last all-family vacation. I remember that my dad wanted to go to Washington DC. We kids revolted and insisted that we did not want to go any place “educational”.

We ended up in St. John US Virgin Islands. It was incredibly beautiful, relaxing and much to our dismay, educational! But what I remember about that trip is family dinners in the cool house we rented that had glassless windows with metal roll-up shades and holding my sister’s hand while snorkeling for the first time.


The past two years, I have worked during Spring Break with hopes and dreams of taking time off a different week. In reality, I never took that time for many reasons. Among them, I would have to either go alone, or pull the high school student out of school.

So, when it came time to plan our penultimate spring break with one chick still in the nest, I really never considered anything but a college tour road trip. Yes, we are going to see a Broadway in Chicago musical and yes, we are visiting family, but mostly we are checking out schools.

This week, Facebook is full of exotic travel photos and even though I love a good beach, I am really looking forward to this very practical family adventure together. The “trip of a lifetime”, will have to wait.


- JoEllyn Jolstad, [bugle@bmna.org](mailto:bugle@bmna.org)

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Originally published in the November 1977 Bugle. This article shows some of the evolution of our neighborhood and the beginning of the Bryn Mawr Meadows Park. These homes were eventually taken for the expansion of the Park. Georgiana passed away in 2010 just before turning 94. She was very active in our neighborhood. If you have historic information or photos that you would like to share with the Bugle, please email Kevina Munnich at kmunnich@gmail.com.

**WE HAVE LOST A LONG-TIME RESIDENT -**

The Bryn Mawr **BUGLE** received the following letter:

My mother, who lived at 609 Upton Ave. So., Mrs. Mary Ryan Dousette, age 92½ years, died in her home September 4th, 1977.

Mrs. Dousette has lived in Bryn Mawr since 1908. The reason for moving into the Bryn Mawr area was that my father, John J. Dousette, Sr., was an engineer on the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad and it was closer for him to walk to work since they did not own an automobile. He retired from the M & St. L RR with 52 years service.

Bryn Mawr was zoned **NORTH** Minneapolis at that time, so their first home was on Logan Avenue N. When new duplexes were built on Knox Avenue N., they moved into 93 Knox Avenue North, which same address became 412 Knox Avenue South when the area was rezoned in approximately 1924. They raised 7 children in the Bryn Mawr area, one of whom still lives on Upton Avenue - Georgiana, who was born at 412 Knox S.

From the Knox address they moved to 620 Morgan S. and after three years they built their home at 609 Upton Avenue South on the lot they purchased in their early years which originally was part of the Halloran estate, and they moved in in September 1936.

I recall, when we lived on Knox Avenue, our landlord used to tell us that the Park Board was going to build a park across the street from us (which faced the railroad tracks). At that time they were busy filling in the area and a creek ran through also which was ultimately piped or disposed of by the dumping. So 50 years later it was all accomplished (Bryn Mawr Meadows), but in our youth we eagerly looked forward to having a park "just across the street".

Mrs. Dousette also has been a lifetime member of the Basilica of St. Mary Parish. She first attended the old Immaculate Conception Parish located at Seventh Street and First Avenue North in downtown Minneapolis.

Her grandparents were pioneers in Renville County-Morton-Olivia, Minnesota area.

- Georgiana M. Dousette

**Minneapolis Audubon Society Monthly Events**

Friday, April 8, 2016 at 1 p.m.  
SAND COUNTY WILDLIFE (BRECKENRIDGE) — BARBARA FRANKLIN

Friday, May 12, 2016 at 1 p.m.  
GOLDEN EAGLE FESTIVAL IN MONGOLIA — RON WINCH, PHOTOGRAPHER

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**BMNA**

**Support Your Local Neighborhood Association: Become a Member of the BMNA**

Membership materials for joining the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association were sent through the U.S. mail. They included a coupon for Cuppa Java! You can also join on our website [www.bmna.org](http://www.bmna.org). We encourage you to renew or join this month! All donations are tax deductible.

As a member, you have the opportunity to vote for neighborhood officers and representatives, to serve on the BMNA board, to represent the neighborhood on citywide committees, and to influence BMNA events and activities. But the greatest benefit to joining the BMNA is knowing that you support one of the best neighborhoods in Minnesota!

The BMNA uses member donations to achieve our mission to strengthen our community and improve the quality of life in Bryn Mawr. Dollars fund neighborhood activities like the Festival of Garage Sales, the ice cream social, Sip and Stroll, Saturnalia, the Harvest Dinner, and the Garden Tour. They also help support the Bugle and other communication strategies, including our website and community emails.

We have sponsored community improvement efforts over the past eight years through the Community Project program, which has included the planting and maintenance of our community gardens, the energy challenge, the ash bore identification project, buckthorn eradication efforts, the banners in downtown Bryn Mawr, the construction of a Little Library in downtown Bryn Mawr, and a bench at Brownie Lake.

Last year we kicked off two major initiatives, 1) the neighborhood gardens upgrades with a particular focus on the Bryn Mawr hedge and the 2) web site redesign. We are developing a interactive site to allow all neighbor obtain the infomation they need to participate in neighborhood events.

Visit the BMNA website for up-to-date information about upcoming activities and events.[www.bmna.org](http://www.bmna.org). While you're there, sign up for our neighborhood email list and join the BMNA.

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - April 2016						
<i>All meetings are open - everyone is welcome. Neighbors are urged to attend and participate in meetings and activities of special interest to them.</i> <i>Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association and its committees meet at Bryn Mawr Elementary School during the school year, unless otherwise noted.</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Save The Date: BMNA Festival of Garage Sales, May 7 BMNA Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner, May 11					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	BMNA monthly meeting, 7 PM, Bryn Mawr Elementary cafeteria	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	Bryn Mawr Family Fun Night and Silent Auction, 5:30-7:30pm at Bryn Mawr Elementary School	Earth Day Clean Up, 9:30am - Three Bryn Mawr worksites: Cedar Lake, Bassett Creek and Wirth Park
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



From the Board

Submissions from BMNA Board Members

Recollections of a 1950's Park  
Property Land Sale

As an area 2 Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association co-representative, I volunteer to write a piece once a year for the Bugle.

Because I grew up in Bryn Mawr and was a child in the 1950's, an event that happened within my recollections is always challenging to research after so many years have passed. I am referring to the large parcel of land purchased in 1952 from the Minneapolis Park system as one such recollection.

As a youngster living two blocks south of Brownie Lake on Drew Avenue, I recall the controversy of Prudential Insurance Company buying 32 acres of land to build a regional headquarters. This land was part of Theodore Wirth Park, west of Brownie Lake and adjacent to what was then State Highway 12. (This highway was later widened with even more park property taken for I-394.) The price paid by Prudential was \$200,000 and was the largest piece of park land ever sold for private development. Public opposition was intense, with the Park Board saying that the benefit to the Minneapolis economy was to the greater good, rather than keeping it as park land. They rationalized that because of increased traffic on Highway 12 and the widening of that road, land to the west of Brownie Lake had already been isolated from the rest of Wirth Park.

The result of this opposition was a law suit that went as far as the Minnesota Supreme Court. Its decision in 1953 was in favor of selling the land. Construction of the 8 storied building began in 1954. I can recall how the landscape changed dramatically what with tree removal and soil relocation. There was a natural spring on or near that property



and I recall a rumor that Prudential was given rights for unlimited access to it and thus didn't have to pay for city water. (Was that why its lawns were always so green?)

I couldn't find any history to verify or deny this memory. Many of us who grew up in Bryn Mawr learned to drive on the expansive level parking lot to the west of Prudential. (The only trouble we could get into was failing to stop the car at its edge and going down a hill onto the railroad tracks.)

A large parking ramp was added in the 1980's to accommodate the growing number of car owners who worked in the building. In 1995 Prudential sold the building to the Target Corporation. Its huge auditorium which was offered and used for community events was no longer available because of privacy issues.

Now the Target building is once again on the market after a sale didn't materialize. Will it be sold, rezoned and remodeled for a huge condominium site? Let's all be good land stewards and keep abreast of news on its sale.

Bryn Mawr is known for its livability because of our parks and proximity to city lakes. The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board has a wonderful web site to inform you of its goings-on. Please visit it often and stay informed.  
www.minneapolisparks.org.

- Susan Verrett, Area 2 Co-Rep

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association

Membership - 2016

The BMNA does not charge dues. Please consider making a financial contribution of \$35 or more along with your membership. *BMNA is a 501C3 tax deductible organization.*

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# Fascinating Folks

By Anna Quirk, Area 6

Fascinating Brian Sostek and Megan McClellan of Area 5, are the husband and wife, acting/dance/theatre duo known as Sossy Mechanics. We met for coffee at Cuppa Java one Sunday morning and I was immediately immersed into their busy world of kids, and their passion for work and travel. I felt at ease with this interview, as I see myself as an artist, actor, writer, teacher. Brian and Megan made it fun, talking “shop” and learning more about their craft.

## Telling a (Love) Story

Brian and Megan, Sossy Mechanics, are unique in that their performances transcend the traditional theatre experience. They cannot be pinned down to one genre of theatre or music, or dance or puppetry. Their performances encompass all these mediums and more in a well-rounded, joy inducing story of love. Brian tells me, “A story can be told in many ways.” There shouldn’t be just one way to get a message across and Sossy Mechanics explore this in their performances. Their stories are playful and have a very intentional message.

When asked about their style, it was hard to pinpoint just one medium. They called it simply, “A piece of theatre”. It has a script, movement, a story arch, physical comedy, and incorporates elements of mini-

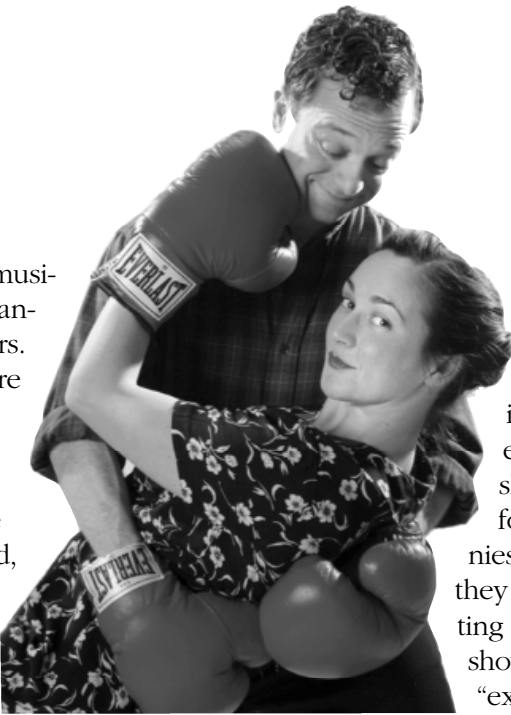
show unlike how musical theatre inserts random dance numbers.

Love is at the core of everything that they do. Sossy Mechanics want to make sure they are adding to the world, not taking away. They want their audiences to leave with a sense of joy

Audience participation is very important when viewing a Sossy Mechanics show. Their audience has to have a willingness to “come along with us and play”. Don’t worry! They won’t pull you up on stage to dance in the physical sense, but your imagination and emotions may be asked to “take a ride”. Their approach is fantastical at times. They want to keep their audience guessing. They want their audience to not know what will happen next, but to keep asking themselves: What is going to happen next? And then be pleasantly surprised about what does happen next.

## The Craft(ers)

When devising a new show, they want to make each story different from the last, but still have an overarching theme of love interwoven into each piece. Before they had



a new kind of love story can be told.

When asked if they would ever put their show out there for other companies to produce, they said that putting together a show is both “exciting and maddening”. “We are constantly changing and updating the show. Making it better each time we perform it. We like that we have the ability to change so much about what we perform because we created it. It’s much harder to perform a piece that has been published or performed in a certain way, we can take more creative liberties.” They would love other companies to take what they made and produce it themselves, although it may be difficult to copy it exactly. This is just what happened when they decided to turn their current show Trick Boxing and turn it into a family friendly show, Swingin’ in the Ring, that they can perform for schools and at other family friendly events. One of their favorite parts of performing for schools is their offering of residencies with students before or after the performance.

## Teaching

Teaching has become a bigger part of their work. Most recently, they spent several weeks down in Texas, at the University of Texas at Dallas working with a group of students and incorporating their Creativity Pedagogy. They realized that they were “uniquely qualified” to teach creativity and began to research how creativity could and does benefit everyone, from the preschooler to the corporate CEO. Their approach teaches people how to “get out of their heads” with creativity and feel good in their bodies and minds. When people (especially adults), get out of their own way and comfort zone they have the capacity to create something that they have never created before or find the courage to solve a problem in a non-conventional, out-of-the-box way.

Brian has done contract work with the Guthrie Theatre, helping to audition children for roles at the Guthrie, (among his many other talents and time spent with the Guthrie) he says that there is some-

thing that kids have that adults lose. They have a “curiosity and an openness” to progress. They are so helpful and encouraging to one another, where sometimes adults see auditions or the workplace as “the only way to succeed is to help myself”, kids see it as an opportunity to explore, make new friends and share their gifts.

Brian continues, “Many adults lose the ability to break out physically and emotionally. They are stuck in this small box of physicality and emotion. If only they could break out of this box and get moving, they could be doing so much more learning through these new movements. Contact Sossy Mechanics for more information on their “Infomances” and how to bring them to your school or workplace. SossyMechanics.com

## Living in Bryn Mawr

Brian and Megan of Sossy Mechanics travel A LOT. They average about 14-15 weeks on the road over the course of the year. They have traveled all over the world performing their work and exploring different types of theater. Their home base for the most part has been Minneapolis, with stints in New York and Canada in the past 10-15 years, but finally settled on Bryn Mawr after growing out of the Uptown scene.

They liked how their neighborhood in Uptown had a good “walk score” – everything, or nearly everything was in walking distance. They moved to Bryn Mawr, when they realized that their neighborhood was no longer a neighborhood they wanted to raise a family in and found that Bryn Mawr was immediately welcoming and had a “neighborhood” feel. Brian says he had lived in the neighborhood for a week and kids that lived nearby said “Hello” to him. He knew that if kids felt comfortable talking to a stranger, he knew that they were in the right community. There is no other neighborhood quite like it.

Brian and Megan have two kids, Misha (8) and Mahira (6). When they are home, they like to play outside games with their children, bike around the neighborhood and attend theatrical events. Sossy Mechanics will premiere their family friendly show Swingin’ in the Ring through Steppingstone Theatre Friday, April 29 through Saturday, May 7. Contact Steppingstone Theatre for ticket information.



malist theatre (few props and sets). Their current piece (in which they perform and tour with), Trick Boxing is above all a love story, but brings in physical comedy, definitive character development and dance elements. Characters in their shows dance as a legitimate element of the

kids, a lot of the love that happened was between two people, but now their family’s biography creeps into the work that they do. Now that they have kids, they have a better understanding of what it’s like to love more than just one person—so



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# Bugle Notes

Area 1 Youth

Caspar Dennehy, who graduated from St Louis Park High in 2015, was off to adventurous experiences that August. He spent time first in Thailand then on to Cambodia followed followed by a month in Vietnam. Caspar worked on organic farming, building retaining walls, and forest restoration. He also became a certified Scuba diver.

He is now in Ecuador for nine weeks, doing research on mycology and will be growing oyster mushrooms. These experiences are through Jama Costal Reserves. He will receive college credit from Portland State University.

Caspar was a volunteer delivering the Bugle for several years in area 1!

- Mary Duffy



(Dick) Lundgren, formerly owned is wondering if anyone remembers his uncle. Richard passed away in 1967. One question he has is whether his uncle was ever married. Although the family was not aware of it, there was a woman listed in a City Directory with him.

**Area 3 Birth Announcement**

Ted King, Bryn Mawr resident since 1932, who grew up at 427 Logan Av S, is now a Great-great-grandfather of a baby girl. Her name is Leah Rae Riley. Time flies!

**Area 3 Hero**

Area 3 teenager, Will Tieleman, was involved in a three-car accident on Saturday, March 19th on Highway 100. Will suffered a concussion, but still managed to use quick thinking and rescue the driver in one of the other vehicles. The third vehicle involved left the scene after crashing into others. Will managed to get his license plate number for the police. Will is a junior at Southwest High School.

Area 1 - Question

Dick Lundgren, who lives at 2011 Ewing S. in the home that his uncle, Richard

## 2016 Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour

**Home improvement and preservation ideas April 30-May 1**

Historic preservation, environment-friendly homes and new construction all figure prominently in the upcoming Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour. As the Tour marks its 29th year showing “real homes, real people, real ideas,” residents open their doors to show practical ideas for remodeling every room in the house, creative ways of finding or adding useful space, or building new to stay in the neighborhoods they love. Four Bryn Mawr sites will be featured in this year’s tour.

More than 50 homes and special locations will be open for the free, self-guided tour Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, May 1 from 1-5 p.m. Several locations will offer brief, organized topic talks. Partnership with Preservation

Alliance of Minnesota (PAM) brings heightened awareness to historic properties. At many homes, contractors, architects, and other trades people as well as the homeowners are also available to talk with guests.

Starting early April, visitors can go to [www.MSPHomeTour.com](http://www.MSPHomeTour.com) to plan a free, self-guided tour, find a downloadable PDF of the Guide and where to get a paper copy.

The website will also have detailed features and photos of individual distinctive homes and attractions available soon.

The Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour, a celebration of city living, is sponsored by both cities’ planning and economic development departments, and various corporate and non-profit sponsors. For information, call Margo Ashmore at 612-867-4874.



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| April 9, 2011  | High 76° and strong southerly winds clears ice from Wirth Lake, Brownie, Cedar, and Calhoun in the same day. Usually the smaller lakes clear first, but this weather event came just as the ice loosened and began to crack up. |
| April 7, 2007  | Migrating loons calling on Cedar Lake.  |
| April 6, 2009  | Crocuses blooming in places receiving south sun.  |
| April 17, 2015 | Surprised about 12 wood ducks congregating in the Bassett's Creek slough north of Glenwood and west of Russell in the Harrison neighborhood.  |
| April 19, 2008 | Rhubarb popping up in garden.   |
| April 22, 2016 | Full moon, the Ojibwe maple sugar moon.   |



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# Bryn Mawr School Physical Education Program Updates

The Bryn Mawr students did their ski unit in January this year and had some great weather. Thanks again to the Bryn Mawr PTA who supports this program. Many kids leave Bryn Mawr and ski in middle school, high school and college.

February brought the annual Jump Rope for Heart event where the kids focus on jumping rope for fitness and fun.

All the students Jumped rope on March 1 to show off their skills. Bryn Mawr raised \$1324 for the American Heart Association. Khoa Stillman was the top fund raiser raising \$375.00.

April brings Bryn Mawr the annual obstacle course. One of the students favorite units of the year.

Field Day will be May 20th this year with Target volunteers helping out again to make the event a great success.

Fuel up to Play 60 is going strong at the school. In February room 265 help make a family fitness calendar where all families had exercises to do on each day of the month. If the students returned the calendar by the deadline and signed by parents they got a prize. Flash the mascot ate breakfast with the kids on March 7th to celebrate national breakfast week.

## Unicef Kid Power Program

All third, fourth and fifth grade students at Bryn Mawr are doing the Unicef kids power program. This is a program of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. This program is to increase kids physical activity by tapping into their inherent desire to help their peers. Kids are empowered to get active knowing they are saving lives. Each student and their teachers are wearing power bands that track their steps. Four every 3,000 steps a child gets they earn a power point on their band. For the month of March every ten power points earns a therapeutic food pack for a starving child. The program also comes with a great curriculum the teachers can do with the students teaching them about the country and kids they are helping. Each teacher has a tablet that the students can use to sync their steps daily. Mr. Jones third grade class was leading all classes at Bryn Mawr and was in second place in the city at the time of this article.

There is many great things happening at Bryn Mawr stop by for a visit or volunteer in the classrooms.

- Anita Chavez  
Physical Education Teacher  
Bryn Mawr School



# Youth & Schools

## Camp in a Van Returns for Another Summer

Mark your calendars! Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church is hosting Camp in a Van again this summer. Camp will run Monday, July 11 to Friday July 15. Hours will be 9 am to 1 pm. Cost is \$75. Camp in a Van is a day camp run by Presbyterian Clearwater Forest. Counselors provide fun programming for kids who have completed grades K-5 at the church and neighborhood parks. More details to follow in future issues or at [www.brynmawrchurch.org](http://www.brynmawrchurch.org). To register call 612.377.5222

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# Bring your children to Bryn Mawr Community School's Family Fun Night!

**This Carnival, Dinner & Silent Auction will be on Friday, April 22, 2016, from 5:30-7:30 pm.**

We'll have carnival games for kids of all ages, plus bouncy houses (one for kids 6 years and younger, one for kids 7-11), a cake walk, face painting, flair hair, 'Sumo' wrestling, and more! The 'little gym' has the younger-kid bouncy house and games that are good for smaller kids, like gunny sack races and the toddler 'fish pond.' The main gym has games for bigger kids and even adults, in a loud, exciting atmosphere. Win children's books, jump ropes, 'hackey' sacks and other great prizes, just for having fun!

Dinner will also be available, for an incredibly low price, with vegetarian and meaty options.

**While you're there, don't forget to stop in at the Silent Auction fundraiser!**

Below are just some of the businesses who have donated gift cards/tickets/etc.: Al Vento, Rinatta, Sparks, Crave, Schuler Shoes, The Egg and I, Good Day Cafe, FinnStyle, Kenwood Pet Clinic, Natural Step Tai Chi, Stages Children's

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We would love to see lots of neighborhood kiddos! It's a great way to meet our school community, including teachers and other staff (who help 'work' the carnival, along with parents and alumni), and check out our school.

- Lisa Mills, Family Fun Night Chair  
& Lynda Shabeen, Silent Auction Chair

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

**The Housekeeper and the Professor**  
by Yoko Ogawa

Ok ladies, the next book we will be reading is about number theory, or the study of positive whole numbers and the interesting and unexpected relationships between different sets of numbers! Whoa, not exactly the bodice-ripping branch of mathematics; some of us were skeptical.

But in this poignant and bitter-sweet novel by Yoko Ogawa numbers are presented as something spiritual, brilliant, and beautiful.

The book is set in modern-day Japan, and narrated by the housekeeper, a single mother with a young son who takes a position cleaning and cooking for an aging former professor of mathematics. She learns that the professor was the victim of a serious car accident that left him with brain damage, and that she is the ninth housekeeper to have attempted to care for him. His case is unique and challenging. His short-temmemory only lasts for exactly 80 minutes, then resets to zero. He copes by pinning dozens of notes to his jacket, reminders of who he is, his daily routine and most importantly, that he only has that 80 minutes. However, he does remember things that happened before the accident, although he appears to be stuck in 1975.

Each day, the housekeeper arrives at his home and she must introduce herself to him again and explain why she is there. He responds by asking her questions such as her shoe size and her phone number, and then excitedly explains why those particular numbers are so interesting. As time goes by, the housekeeper becomes intrigued by the concepts he introduces and begins to explore numbers on her own, particularly prime numbers. When the professor learns that she has a young son who she leaves home alone after school into the evening, he insists that she bring him to work and that they have din-

ner together everyday. He calls the boy Root, because his head reminds him of the symbol for a square root, and the two bond over their love of baseball (a game of statistics and numbers-surprise!) and Root's curiosity and struggles with his math homework. Gradually the three develop a friendship, and you get the feeling that a little family unit has formed. The professor seems to thrive despite his memory failing him, but his beloved numbers remain a constant, a way for him to make sense of his world, and the housekeeper and Root sensitively support his particular expression of communication.

The pace of the book is somewhat slow at times, as elaborate math equations are patiently explained, defined and illustrated while moving the story forward, but it gently forced even the math-phobic in the group to view numbers as a secret world to be discovered, as an elegant new world of language, and as a surprisingly effective way to enter, or for some, to remember their joy of the math experience.

As we move deeper into the story, through several twists and turns, the author weaves throughout the themes of the nature and make-up of friendship and family, permanence and impermanence, perfection, and imperfection, loneliness, love and loss. In particular we were struck by the question of whether a relationship can truly exist with a person whose memory only lasts 80 minutes. Can you have a relationship with someone without the foundation of shared memories, or is living in the moment, providing enjoyable moments for someone just as important? One only has to reflect on experiences with friends and family that have encountered the devastation of Alzheimer's disease to know the answer is undeniably affirmative to both.

**What the Moms are reading now:**  
*Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates



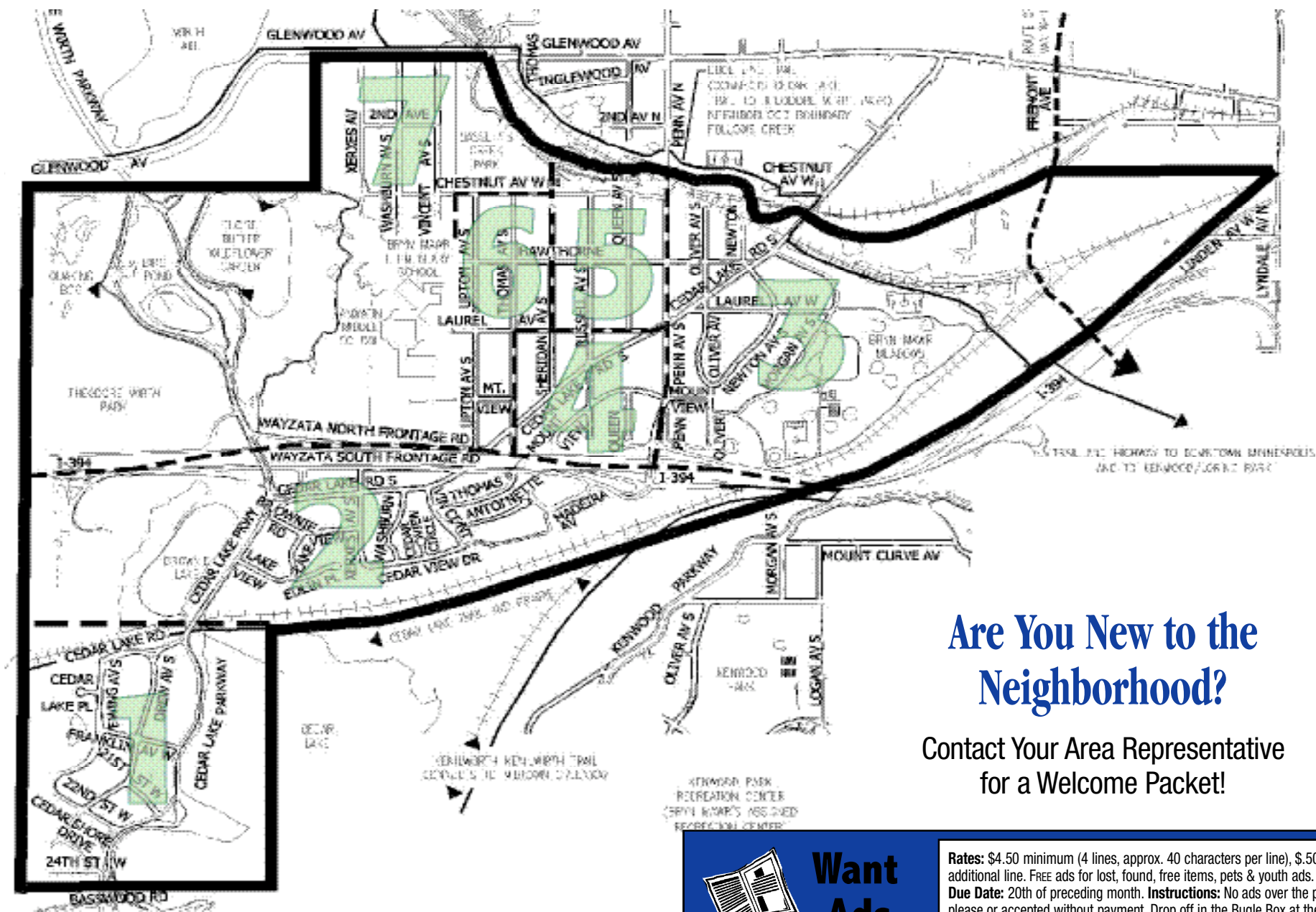
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