



BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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Bryn Mawr's Saturnalia

Saturday, December 10th, 4-7pm

Don't miss our outdoor winter event...SATURNALIA! This event takes place on Cedar Lake Road in downtown Bryn Mawr. Enjoy the drumming of Drumheart (4-5:30), a visit with Santa(4:30-6:30), roast marshmallows and warm yourself by the fire(4-7), hop on the sleigh ride(5:30-7).

There is an adults only party at Cuppa Java 8-10:30 with live music. Don't miss the fun!

*Patty Wycoff,
Neighborhood Coordinator*



Saturnalia Schedule

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Drumheart performs on Cedar Lake Road

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Marshmallow Roasting and Visit Santa

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Horse-drawn sleigh rides to view the neighborhood holiday lights (departing every 15-20 minutes)

8:00-10:30 p.m.

An adults only party at Cuppa Java



Saturnalia Wagon Rides & Road Closure

Saturday, December 10th is Saturnalia 2016 in Downtown Bryn Mawr.

Please note that on this day, Cedar Lake Road from Laurel Avenue West to Russell Avenue South will be closed to through traffic from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Barricades and safety cones will be placed at each end of the street so that emergency vehicles and the hay wagon can pass through.

We ask residents who live on this street for their understanding and to please enter and leave the roadway by the west end (the Russell Avenue entry rather than the Laurel Avenue entry).

We ask residents and businesses located within a few blocks of Downtown Bryn Mawr (in other words, within a few blocks of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church) to please turn porch or holiday lights on!

Also, we ask for supervision of children riding the hay wagon. Children may not climb on or off the wagon while the wagon is moving. Doing so is very dangerous and may result in injury.

Thank You!

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An International Celebration of Culture, Arts, Service & Learning
Thursday, December 8, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

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- ★ Enjoy the Winter Music Concert starting at 7:00 p.m.

Proceeds from food and bowl sales benefit Branch 1 Food Shelf.

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BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 9, 2016
6:30– 8:15 PM
Bryn Mawr Elementary (Cafeteria)
Kevin Thompson – President
Jessica Wiley – Vice President
James Dietrich – Secretary
Dennis Fazio – Treasurer
Susan Verrett – Area 2 Co-Rep
Lynda Shaheen – Area 2 Co-Rep
Dennie Juillerat – Area 3 Co-Rep
Brian Treece- Area 5 Co-Rep
Jay Peterson – Area 6 Co-Rep
Vida Ditter – Area 6 Co-Rep
Steve Harvey– Area 7 Rep
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor
Patty Wycoff - Neighborhood Coordinator
Guests
Jack Whitehurst – NCR Neighborhood Specialist
Billy Binder - Member North Minneapolis Bicycle Advocacy Council
Georgia Cady, Area 3

A quorum was present.

Call to Order and Introductions

Kevin Thompson called Meeting to Order at 6:39pm.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A Request to modify the agenda was made to switch neighborhood report and Treasurers report and add a discussion on Protected Bike Lanes.

Motion by Kevin to approve agenda as amended. Seconded.

The amended agenda was approved.

There was a review of changes to published October minutes.

Motion to accept amended minutes from October meeting.

Passed

Requested Time

- Jack Whitehurst is the new Neighborhood Community Reinvestment Representative. Jack provided an update on NCR. NCR is a public program. Currently, NCR is looking for ways to work more closely with under-represented communities.
- Guest Billy Binder gave a presentation advocating for on Protected Bike Lanes on Glenwood. Glenwood Ave from Aldrich to downtown is being completely revamped. The plan currently includes planning for bike lanes. Billy advocated for amending the project to include bike lanes protected by a raised curb separating automotive traffic from bicycle traffic. The presentation stated that a bicycle lane protected by a curb is safer, allows families to use with more confidence. It also stated that a protected lane is preferred by frequent users. The bridge would be included in this protected lane. Bike lanes would continue on bridge, separated from traffic by bollards. More

than 100 bikes travel it today and it could connect Bryn Mawr, Golden Valley, etc.

Billy is asking for support from BMNA for protected bike lanes. The BMNA had some unanswered questions on the impact of a protected bike lane.

- What about plowing in the winter?
- What cost does that add to have a barrier above grade?

- Why not have bollards run the same path?
- What data is present to state it is safer?
- What is the cost differential?

The answers to these questions were not readily available. Since more information was needed on this specific project, Kevin Thompson made a motion “As part of its commitment to a safer community, BMNA offers general support for Protected Bike Lanes.” Seconded. Passed.

Neighborhood Coordinator Patty Wycoff gave her report.

The Sip and Stroll was a success, however it is difficult to gauge exact attendance. Four hundred punch cards were made, but only 91 people completed enough to qualify for the drawing. The feedback was received that it was difficult to make it to all of the business in the time allotted. Perhaps we should consider changing for next year. Supplies totaled \$46, so this is a high value, low cost event for the Bryn Mawr Community.

November 17th is Harvest Dinner. BMNA will have multiple turkeys. There will be door prizes. Patty will be requesting volunteers and is looking for individuals to build centerpieces that can be raffled.

Anwatin Craft Fair is Dec 8th. Nearly 150 students and staff volunteer for the entire day. Patty is requesting \$200 from BMNA to purchase pizza to feed the volunteers. There were no objections.

Satumalia Dec 10th featuring the women’s drum corp, and an adults only party after 8:00pm.

Lisa Goodman, City Councilperson, gave her report.

There is no Lunch with Lisa this month. Instead there will be a Later with Lisa on Dec 12th from 4:30 to 6:30. This will be a social at the No mandy, downtown. Food is free, parking is free. Cash bar.

Street sweeping is occurring. North South was last week, East West is being done today.

Leaves and bundled brush goes through the week of November 14th.

Administrative reviews on occurring on two properties: 6 Queen Ave S, 292 Vincent Ave N. Both are abiding by the zoning requirements and are not requesting variances and as such will have an administrative review.

Hennepin/Lyndale street project will be completed within a month, delayed after a modification to how the sewer line would connect. Vineland is closed for 3 days. Douglas area median project will occur

for the next month, which is part of the larger project.

Mayor’s proposed property tax information has gone out. There will be a Truth in Taxation public hearing for comments on November 30th at 6:05 on the proposed changes and a public hearing on the night of budget adoption on Wednesday Dec 7th.

Dennis Fazio gave the Treasurer’s Report and 2017 Budget Planning.

Expected income for 2017 is approximately \$47,940. Ad revenue in Bugle is down, likely due to NextDoor and Craigslist. Total investment from BMNA for 2016 to support the Bugle as a valuable service to the Community and to serve as the public record for BMNA will be about \$9,000.

Communication Committee plans to leave \$2500 in development maintenance expense for 2017.

There was discussion around adding money to the budget for an Artists Fair, and/or a Spring Social Hour, but nothing added to the budget at this point.

If spending and income remain as budgeted, BMNA will need to draw about \$29,000 from reserves for upcoming years.

JoEllyn Jolstad provided the Bugle Report

Met with Communications Committee to explore ways to attract and retain advertisers. Even with free ads for kids, advertisement is down. There is no bugle in January, so contributions are due by Nov 20th. Dennie Juillerat is submitting an article for December.

Dennis Fazio gave a summary on the Future of Neighborhood Organizations activity in Neighborhood and Community Services.

In 2020, the Community Participation Program is will end. The City was seeking \$50K to fund listening groups to engage the community and help determine the future of neighborhood associations. Their goal is to have a preliminary plan in the next 18 months. The City Council will be asked to fund this from an existing surplus in a holding account and is expected to do so.

Committees

Traffic and Safety

Kevin Thompson gave a report on the Cedar Lake Road Speed Wagon. In October, BMNA had a speed wagon on Cedar Lake Road. A review of the data indicated a 85% of vehicles travel at or lower than 31 MPH.

Gardens

The Garden Committee met in October. Thirteen volunteers attended and took part in discussion and planning for 2017 garden. Currently there are 30 community gardens, ranging from a small boulevard gardens to the large Upton garden. Each requires care and maintenance. The largest planned expenditure is for a water source for the topiary. Discussion occurred on how to water the topiary effectively and safely.

Community Projects

Jessica Wiley suggested that the BMNA purchase a solar-powered speed wagon (approximately \$3000) for the community.

Schools

Lynda Shaheen gave a summary on the Sheridan School Backpack program.

The Bryn Mawr church provides food for the weekend for 120 children who need it. This takes 4 volunteers every Friday. The Church is requesting assistance in finding volunteers, either from BMNA itself or simply the Bryn Mawr community on Fridays from 11:30 to 12:30. Also, a request was made to add the event to the BMNA website, with link to a volunteer form in order to enlist the community support.

ROC

Vida Ditter gave an update on the Harrison Neighborhood and an update on the Impound lot. Minneapolis has hired Clever Architecture to complete a targeted survey to provide clarity on what the neighborhoods and users want. They hope to start bidding and negotiation by 2018.

David Wellington, who has purchased the Leef property, is moving forward and has first tenants for 2017. These will be offices and artist residences.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, December 14, 2016
6:30 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Harvest Dinner, November 17
Anwatin Craft Fair, December 8

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.

Minneapolis Audubon Society Monthly Events

Friday, December 9, 2016 1 p.m.
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Join the Minneapolis Audubon Society for food and fun at the Bryant Square Neighborhood Center, 31st & Bryant Avenue S, just one block south of Lake Street, easily accessible via the #4 bus, which runs every 15 minutes! For more information call 763-533-8381.

Merry Kalitowski

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From the Editor

I felt a little wistful as I placed the curfew notice in this month's *Bugle*. Two weeks ago, our youngest turned 18. All the years of concern that she might be randomly picked up for being out too late, have been replaced with thoughts like, "Be careful baby. You're and adult now."

I am so impressed with the person she has become, as she writes about her passion for changing the world on her college applications. Still, just because our children become adults and gain a measure of self-determination, does not mean we as parents stop worrying and wanting to insulate them from life's harsh realities.

She missed voting in the presidential election by three days. Now we are caught up in unprecedented mayhem which she played no part in creating. I for one have been hitting the "Sad" button too often, in response to Facebook posts. The posts have not been about the election results but the hate and lack of civility that it has spawned.

Social Media has enabled people to live in an information bubble where they think everyone agrees with them. It has become clear that we are not taking time to see one another's perspective. When every-

one in your newsfeed is saying the other's candidate is a crook, you are probably not seeing or ignoring the fact that other people think your candidate is a bigot. The same is true in reverse. For the most part, we are seeking validation of our opinions, not understanding of others'.

Now we have the "get over it" camp. Not, let's all work together toward a common goal, but take that; we won and you lost all your voice and power in this country. This is when I need the Super Sad button. I cannot get over the hateful things and that people feel entitled to say and do. I cannot get over the sadness and fear that marginalized populations feel.

A few days after the election, a couple neighbors pulled together a community gathering at the Garden of Hope and Healing. It was a beautiful evening marked by an impressive Super Moon. Someone shared a candle with me which I gratefully accepted even as hot wax dripped down my hand. Everyone was free to speak, sing, and express their hope for healing and peace.

This holiday season, more than ever I am wishing for peace. The kind of peace that comes from mutual understanding and respect.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org

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2016 Harvest Dinner

On November 17th the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association hosted their annual Harvest Dinner. This year we returned to our old tradition of a Thanksgiving style feast. The BMNA roasted 50+ pounds of fresh, organic turkey and neighbors supplied the delicious side dishes to compliment the turkey. 90+ neighbors joined this beautiful event. Area Representatives made lovely centerpieces and they were given to various neighbors at each table.

Thank you Bryn Mawr Pizza, Cuppa Java and Cockadoodle Doo for donating door prizes for the event.

- Patty Wycoff,
Neighborhood Coordinator



BMNA Yearly Community Project

Working on the 'hood!

The BMNA Community Project program has been in place for the last 10 years. Each year we ask neighbors to suggest projects that improve livability and safety in Bryn Mawr. Projects from past years include:

Redesigning the Upton garden in Area 4. Our first community project; we completed a remake of the Upton garden and thanks to Cathy Skalicky, created a plan for ongoing maintenance. Drive by to enjoy the beauty.

Energy Challenge. Over 80 neighbors joined the challenge and received statistics about their energy use. From this project we leveraged our relationship with SEE to receive two cash awards that benefited BMNA initiatives.

Ash Bore identification project: Our team identified more than 800 ash trees in Bryn Mawr and presented neighbors with a variety of options.

Downtown banner project: Part of a joint City of Minneapolis/BMNA NRP project.

2011 Pedal to Pedal garden bike ride; which culminated in a very successful 2012 BMNA garden tour and tours beyond.

Construction of a Little Library on Penn Avenue in front of Bassett Creek Arts.

Buckthorn removal in Chestnut Park/Fruen Mill area over a period of four years

Construction of a bench at Brownie Lake

A bee hotel placed in J.D. Rivers Children's Garden

There are also a few projects still underway— the placement of dog waste

stations throughout the neighborhood, and two plans in the works for traffic calming.

Successful projects have a leader who is willing to carry out the work needed to finish the undertaking. We are looking for projects that might need up to \$5000 to complete; smaller projects are welcomed.

Got a good idea?

The Community Project Committee (Jay Peterson, Area 6; Steve Harvey, Area 7; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Susan Verrett, Area 2, Joanne Michalec, Area 4; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator, and Nick Cichowicz, CPP chair) will take suggestions and create a prioritized list, making a recommendation to the BMNA board in the spring.

- The categories of projects considered:**
- Environmental (e.g. Ash Tree identification, buckthorn removal)
 - Energy (e.g. Energy Challenge project)
 - Downtown (e.g. Banner project)
 - Transportation
 - Community (e.g. Upton Garden Redesign, historical murals)

The committee evaluates suggestions using the criteria listed below. Your proposal should address:

- Is it possible (politically, physically)?
- Does it meet the budget (\$0 - \$5000)?
- Is it sustainable long term?
- Does it have neighborhood wide impact?
- Is there leadership (an identified neighbor) to get the project done?

We will review ideas from past years and add new ideas contributed this winter. Please submit ideas for projects to jessicasusanwiley@gmail.com, or 612-374-3481, by March 1, 2017.

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Gardens

A Brief History of the Bryn Mawr Hedge

By Kathy Ripke

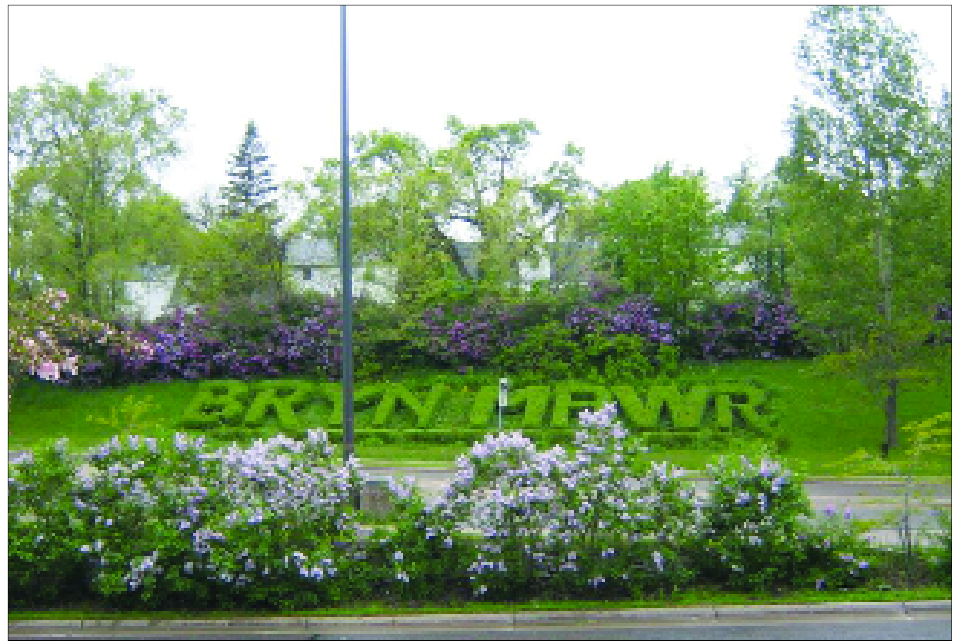
The Bryn Mawr Hedge came to exist due to a Greening Conference held in 1998. The conference was co-sponsored by the MN Horticulture Society, the MN Landscape Arboretum, the DNR, MNDOT and Hennepin Technical College. I was attending the conference as an educational component of the Master Gardener training in which I was enrolled in 1998. At the conference I became aware of a MNDOT program where MNDOT partnered with neighborhoods to facilitate planting projects that would enhance participating neighborhoods.

At the 394 entryway to our neighborhood, MNDOT owned the land. The northern side of the Penn Avenue entrance had a large triangular shaped, sloped hillside. The parcel was an ideal location to use within this partnership program. The idea of a living sign arose. Such signs had been seen in varying locations, from Disneyland to the more local Cretin Durham school in St. Paul. The idea was brought to the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association board, and then more broadly to the whole neighborhood, via a

table-size physical mock-up of the project. A companion “trial” was facilitated by neighbor Steve Jensen, who shoveled the lettering in a shallow snowfall on the hillside to test the scale and legibility of the proposed project.

The “hedge” was greenlighted by all involved. MNDOT supplied the plan’s technical drawings and the plant materials. Our Bryn Mawr neighborhood volunteers supplied the labor to plant, in one day, the over 400 bare-root alpine current shrubs involved in spelling out the eight letters on the slope. MNDOT watered the project subsequent to planting for a while as the young shrubs took hold.

After that we were on our own. Neighborhood volunteers were now our hedge's lifeline. Greg Lecker, a neighbor who was at the time tirelessly involved in garden projects in Bryn Mawr, ran hoses to the hillside to supplement rainfall as the bushes became established. And as it grew in, we began our over fifteen-year love affair with the Bryn Mawr hedge. When necessary, Greg Lecker again jumped in with crazy amounts of hoses to supply water. Another early project participant,



Steve Jensen, became the “Sculptor-in-Chief”, using his considerable talents to annually trim the hedge into leafy, readable letters. Even in winter, the leafless hedge could be read by residents and visitors alike, as they entered Bryn Mawr.

However, trouble set in a few years back. We experienced several consecutive years of drought. This was more than hoses could cure. Combined with the decline in the health of many of the shrubs due to age, our beloved hedge started to look ratty. Efforts were made to fertilize it into health. Also attempts were made to replace the dead or dying individual shrubs. Nothing worked. It continued to decline. The cutback in MNDOT mowing schedules made the whole hillside look abandoned. Rather than continuing

the losing battle, the decision was made to extract the remaining struggling shrubs, and begin a new chapter.

From its inception, there were skeptics doubting that the hedge project could work. MNDOT had never taken on a similar project. The fact that our iconic neighborhood sign lasted for about fifteen healthy years is a testament to all the Bryn Mawr residents who cared for it. What comes next is the current question. We dared to dream big in 1998, and can do so again. However, whatever may take the hedges' place will need to conform to the constraints of the location (a steep, dry slope with no irrigation) and the land's ownership by MNDOT, which has its own constraints and rules.



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Bryn Mawr Loves Its Gardens!

For many years, the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood had an informal Garden Group organized by neighborhood volunteers who enjoyed working on public garden spaces together. This ambitious group did things like plant the downtown Bryn Mawr boulevards with annuals and perennials, plant the Laurel and Newton Avenue triangles with perennials, create garden spaces in south Bryn Mawr along Cedar Lake Parkway, organize the installation of and planting of the raised beds on Penn and 394, design and install the Upton Garden at Upton and Cedar Lake Road, and help put on the Bryn Mawr Garden Tour. Another project that was ongoing was the maintenance of the iconic Bryn Mawr hedge on Penn Avenue at 394.

Over time, the number of gardens to maintain grew and the size of the garden group shrunk making it difficult to keep up with everything. The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association (BMNA) had assisted the Garden Group with recruitment of volunteers for projects and with funds to help purchase plants and needed materials, but the group was not a formal part of the organization. This changed in 2015 when

the BMNA formally incorporated the group into the association as an official committee, the Garden Committee. Dennie Juillerat, Area 3 representative to the board, volunteered to take on the role of committee chair.

The Garden Committee manages community gardens throughout the neighborhood to benefit and beautify public spaces. Each year the committee will prioritize specific gardens/spaces for upgrading while maintaining the others. For the 2016 season, the committee prioritized two garden spaces in the downtown Bryn Mawr business district, the Laurel Triangle garden and the Penn Ave./Cedar Lake Road raised bed planter that fronts Bobby and Steve's. At the Laurel Triangle, which had become overgrown over the years, a fresh start was had by removing all the existing vegetation and replacing with a stone seating area with five Serviceberry trees and perennials grasses filling the remainder of the space. Spring bulbs were also installed for additional season interest and beauty. The aim of the re-do was to open the space up, invite use of it, and make it less maintenance intensive going forward. Check it out!

At Penn and Cedar Lake Road, the raised planter's walls had begun to shift and deteriorate, so these were dismantled and rebuilt using



walls fronting the gas station.

Over the 2016 garden season, thirty-one neighborhood residents volunteered on a routine basis doing things like refreshing the soil on the boulevard planting areas, planting and mulching 21 boulevard spaces then weeding and watering all summer long at all of the public gardens. Some neighbors have volunteered to become "stewards" of specific spaces to oversee their maintenance going forward.

For the 2017 season to come, the committee has prioritized several spaces, including the former Bryn Mawr Hedge space (the old hedge was removed as it had reached its peak and was deteriorating), the neighborhood gateway boulevard garden in south Bryn Mawr along Cedar Lake Parkway, and the triangle garden at Newton and Cedar Lake Road. The largest and most costly project will be the redesign and replacement of the Bryn Mawr Hedge on Penn Ave at 394. (See separate article for the history of this space.) The committee has sought neighborhood input on ideas for this project and welcomes additional ideas. The property is owned by MNDOT, so coordination with that



agency will be key and funds may be available from the agency to contribute to the project. Additionally, the BMNA is open to receiving donations for the project. Donations to the BMNA are tax deductible.

The BMNA wishes to express loads of gratitude to all of the volunteers who put in so much time and effort this year to make the community gardens beautiful for all! Bryn Mawr has long been recognized as a garden rich neighborhood both because of its residential gardens and its commitment to beautifying its public spaces. Additional volunteers are warmly solicited and welcomed! See the last page of the Bugle for information on contacting board members/area reps, including Dennie Juillerat, Garden Committee Chair, to express interest or submit ideas.

-Kevin Thompson, President, BMNA



the existing stone. The planter was emptied of overgrown plantings and new perennials installed along with a Purple Fountain Weeping Beech as a focal point.

Funds for the projects were budgeted for and provided by the BMNA with costs kept lowered by volunteer participation in whatever aspects of them that could be done by volunteers. Professional help was solicited for heavier portions of the work, such as the re-grading of the Laurel Triangle, installation of the stone seating at this "mini park", and the rebuilding of the raised bed

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Bugle Notes

Photography Exhibit at Homewood Studios by Area 3 Photographer Jack Mader

Minneapolis based photographer Jack Mader will be showing a new body of photographs entitled Bare Trees at Homewood Studios in North Minneapolis during the month of December 2016. True to the show's title, Jack will be sharing his exploration and fascination with Bare Trees photographed during the winter of 2016 in and around the Theo Wirth Park area of Minneapolis. This exhibit and all of associated activities are free and open to the public.

Jack Mader is a resident artist at Homewood Studios and recently retired from a 28-year career of teaching in the Photography and Digital Imaging program at Minneapolis Community and Technical College.

Opening Reception:

Friday December 9th 5-9pm

Gallery Talk:

Tuesday December 13th at 7:00pm

Winter Solstice Gathering:

Tuesday December 20th 5-9pm. All
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**Voices for Peace Concert
December 4th at 4:00 p.m.**

For the past decade, Voices for Peace has shared its commitment to peace and justice with the Twin Cities community. This all-women's choir, with members from the neighborhood, has performed at many community events during its ten-year history, with songs of love, peace, justice and environmental awareness. On Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m., Voices for Peace is giving a holiday concert at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. The songs will celebrate the traditions of Solstice, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas. The concert is also a fundraiser with profits going to Second Harvest Heartland. A donation of \$10 per person at the door is suggested. Gretchen Eckes, Voices for Peace founder and artistic director, believes that the voices of women added together can inspire others to love more peacefully and work in their own ways to further the causes of justice and peace, making our world a better place. She invites you to attend this benefit celebrating the season.

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - December 2016

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
This Month: <i>Anwatin Craft Fair, December 8th</i> <i>Saturnalia, December 10</i>				1	2	3
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Neighborhood Gathering



Photo by Alexa Aretz

The Garden of Hope and Healing offered a respite from a trying election cycle for about 50 neighbors and friends on Sunday, November 13. It was a beautiful night. With candles lit and a full moon overhead, people spoke of their commitment to social justice and the ideals of racial, ethnic, religious, and gender equality.

After the tragic shooting at Accent Signage in 2012, a committee of Bryn Mawr residents formed to create the Garden of Hope and Healing as a remembrance and contemplative space. This garden is a reflection that, in Bryn Mawr, we are choosing a path of hopefulness as we move forward beyond tragedies of violence. The garden provided comfort on a cool Sunday evening.

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- December 5, 2015 High 45°. Bald eagle fishing in the Bassett's Creek slough near Wirth golf course.
- December 14, 2016 Full moon,, the Ojibwe descending cold moon.
- December 27, 2015 Lake Calhoun still wide open. Walking around it, spotted about 300 mallards, 100 Franklin's gulls, one muskrat, and one intrepid kayaker.
- January 4, 2016 Lake Calhoun freezes, very late by historical standards.
- January 8, 2016 5 robins near open water on Bassett's Creek during a spell of below zero weather.

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Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - January 2017

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.

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Youth & Schools

Family Open Gym at Bryn Mawr Community School Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. December through April

The Mawr PTA invites parents and children to come play together at Family Open Gym on Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Bryn Mawr Elementary School. Both the big gym for older kids and the little gym for younger kids, will be open. The gyms will be available to kids and their parent or caregiver each Thursday through April. Some equipment is available, but please feel free to bring your own. All Bryn Mawr families are welcome!

Election Day Success!

Bryn Mawr School's PTA would like to say a big THANK YOU, to our generous neighbors! On Election Day, our school is a polling place and we serve coffee and treats, as a thank you to our always-supportive neighborhood. We do not charge for the treats, but many neighbors choose to donate to the PTA. This year, the PTA has decided to help fund our school's new outdoor classroom and school garden, by contributing Election Day donations to the project. We are very excited about this project, and Phase 1, which is set to begin next Spring, will be supported by neighbors' generous donations, of over \$1,500!! We anticipate that there will be more ways our garden-loving neighbors can assist with this project in the future, so stay tuned.

Meanwhile, again, we would like to say thank you, for your continued generosity!

Lisa Mills, Bryn Mawr PTA President

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There are wonderful things going on in Performing Arts at Southwest. Our mission is to develop artistic expression and authenticity in storytelling while

building community in our school and surrounding Minneapolis neighborhoods.

(Performances at SW High School Auditorium unless noted otherwise).

Up The Down Staircase: Dec. 1-3, 7 pm and Dec. 4, 2 pm in the Auditorium.
Based on the book by Bel Kaufman. What happens when you toss a new English teacher with misfits, delinquents, and love-stricken students, add some jaded teachers and put them into a run-down school full of ridiculous rules? Could this be 1968 or 2016? Tickets at the door or online at www.southwesttheatre.org

December 12, 7 pm Basilica Concert -
Choirs, Wind Ensemble, Guitar, Orchestra (Basilica of St. Mary's)

December 15-16, 7 pm Winter Dance Concert, °SWHS Auditorium

January 21, 7 pm Hot Notes on a Cold Night Cabaret.
Don't miss the best party of the year in support of Southwest High School's exceptional performing arts programs. Hot Notes features student entertainers, and dancing to our award-winning Jazz Big Band! (St Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, St Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis). for ticket information email swhsmusicboosters@gmail.com.

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www.mplscommunityed.com

Organics Recycling is Coming to Anwatin

Anwatin Middle School is gearing up to begin an organics recycling program. The idea was sparked by an 8th grader's IB Community Project that wanted to reduce food waste. It is being supported by Mr. White's 7th grade Science class that is studying the benefits of organics recycling. They are having hands on experience watching worms create new soil from food waste. In the spring there will be enough to plant seeds. This ties well into the Community Garden that is already at Anwatin. Produce from the garden has been used by the cafeteria for salads and main dishes during lunches. The organics recycling will give an opportunity for the students to see responsibility and sustainability in action.

The benefits also include a reduction in garbage waste which, in

turn, saves money for the school. Currently district wide we go through 200 tons of garbage a year with a cost of \$75 per dumpster. Data from the spring of 2016 indicate the district spent \$500,000 in waste for last school year. Economically speaking, we would save \$150,000 if all MPS schools recycled and did organics. There are currently 43/69 schools currently involved. Anwatin will be number 44.

The program will be introduced to the school at large before winter break. A representative from Hennepin County will help with the kickoff. Current plans include two phases. The first will start in the cafeteria in January, with the second phase including recycling the brown paper towels from bathrooms. Phase two will begin later in the year.

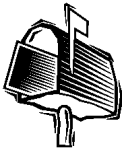
IB (International Baccalaureate) Authorization Visit

On November 10 and 11, Anwatin Middle School hosted three IB visitors who were here to gather evidence about how we are doing with implementing the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme here. It was a very positive visit, and we have some clear ideas about how to move forward with deeper implementation. The IB visitors commented on Anwatin's strong commitment to community service, and the lead team member said that she had never seen a school with so many MYP units with connections to community service.

They also noticed our strong community support, from the many parents who came to talk enthusiastically with our visitors, to our RBC Wealth Management partnership, where they give us nearly \$25,000 a year. We are well supported by our community and we thank you!

Our IB visiting team has submitted their report, and we will wait for a final report to come after all documentation has been reviewed by IB examiners in the Hague. This report should come in four to six weeks, and we will keep our community posted on the results.

*Sarah Wernimont, IB MYP Coordinator
Anwatin Middle School,
an IB World School*



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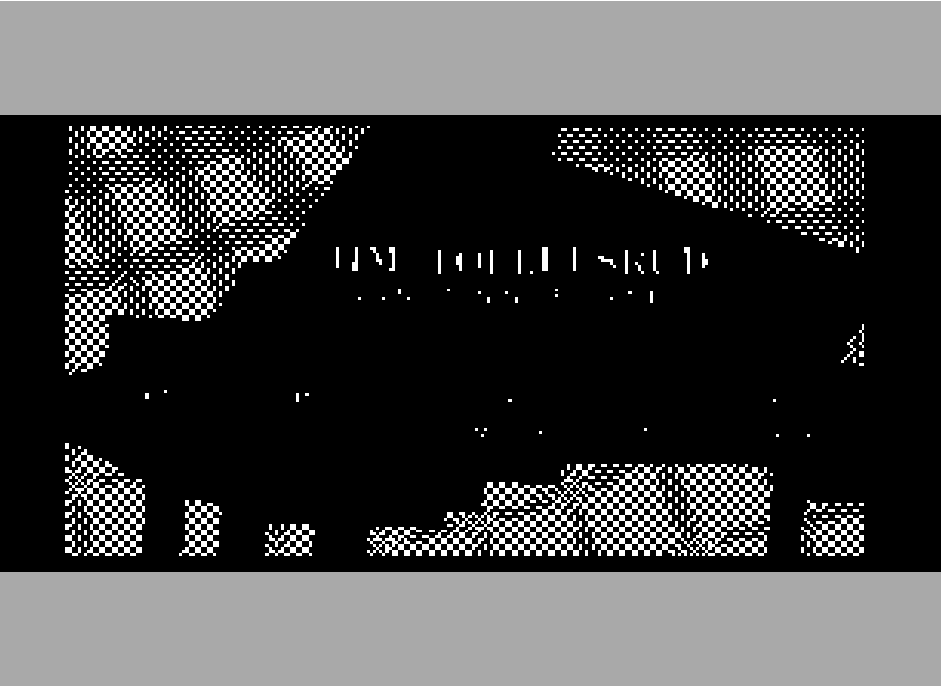
Ava For Mayor

Once upon a time, in a previous existence, I was given the title of official unofficial "Mayor of Bryn Mawr". In the early nineties there was a gentleman by the name of Don Piazza who was called the official unofficial "Mayor of Bryn Mawr". Don was the world's greatest one armed pinball player and would wear out the pinball machine at the Bryn Mawr Deli which was called "Fast Freddie's". I believe you can still buy the "Grand Piazza" sandwich at the deli. After Don left this mortal coil there was a "leadership gap". A shy and retiring chap such as myself would seem an

unlikely fit to fill Don's shoes, but I reluctantly assumed the official unofficial title. I have moved out of Bryn Mawr so I unofficially retired from my mythical position. I still have a pinky in the neighborhood, holding forth behind the counter of the Bryn Mawr Market weekday mornings. I believe Bryn Mawr needs a new official unofficial "Mayor of Bryn Mawr"! I submit the name Ava Addison as your new official unofficial "Mayor of Bryn Mawr". Ava is Bryn Mawr born and raised and works at Cuppa Java where everybody mostly love her! She even has a Bryn Mawr tattoo! I never had a Bryn Mawr tattoo!

Have a happy holiday season Bryn Mawr! Come on down to the Market (before 9 AM) and say hello!

*sincerely,
Dave (Counter Talk) Logsdon*



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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

Free Forest Fun

By Alyson Quinn, Area 7

Twin Cities Free Forest School is a free, cooperative, parent-run group for children age 0 to 6 that meets throughout the year in wilderness areas around the Twin Cities. A group meets Mondays in Theodore Wirth Park.

Every Monday morning, I bundle up my 1 year olds, and walk to the end of Xerxes Ave. At the top of the hill, a group of parents and 0 to 6 year olds gather with snacks and blankets, excited to explore the woods together. The group is a child-led, drop-in morning pre-school gathering for parents to enjoy with their children.

We start with a song and discuss safety before heading out to find our basecamp among the trees. Some days we make it to basecamp in ten minutes, while on others, interest in a rotting log along the way can hold our attention for half an hour. Creativity and curiosity take the lead.

Free play is the focus of the morning. Children explore, build forts, “cook” with pine needles, climb trees, and create stories. My children are happy to mimic the older kids, piling sticks into forts,

gathering pinecones, and of course, eating snacks.

As a parent, I think my favorite moment was lying on my back with my daughter, looking up at the towering white pine trees. She would point to each tree, exclaiming “Tree!” as though she was seeing each tree for the first time. Simultaneously, my son was pounding sticks on a log. He was within earshot, and I knew he was thoroughly enjoying himself.

Through unstructured play in the forest, the children are continuously increasing large and fine motor skills, developing verbal and social skills, and becoming more creative. They also learn impulse control, perseverance, and adaptability. The combination of fresh air, a changing environment, heightened sensory input, and continuous learning is a recipe for happy kids, relaxed parents, and a healthy community. Plus, the kids take a phenomenal nap when we get home!

If you’re interested in trying out the Free Forest School, request to join the “Twin Cities Free Forest School” on Facebook. Plan to put your phone away and explore! To the residents of Area 7 –thank you for sharing your Free Little Libraries!



Bryn Mawr Moms on the Search for Good Books & Food

Tongue in Cheek
989 Payne Ave, St Paul

We found ourselves on St. Paul’s East Side, driving down 94 on the first cold fall day. Light traffic due to the weather helped us arrive before our reservation time at Tongue in Cheek, located in the Payne Phalen neighborhood. It’s a cozy spot, the back of the eclectic bar filled with mirrors and picture frames and quotes. Despite the blowing wind and snow, they were full.

The teasers, small bites, can be ordered separately or all five for \$12. Definitely teasers, there was a dab for each of us. But a tasty dab it was, especially the salmon and burrata cheese (although you have to like cream cheese to enjoy burrata)

Noting the small portions in the teasers, we each ordered our own large plate; scallops and salmon. The scallops were caramelized and accompanied with polenta and cauliflower, the salmon was served with squash, fingerling potatoes and wasabi foam- whoa. The entrees were beautifully done and lived up to the reputation the restaurant has for fabulous food. Our only complaint was the portion size. The five scallops were really small!

We topped it all off with dessert; dark chocolate ganache with a dome of toasted marshmallow. Opened in August of 2014, we hope they make it in this incredibly competitive market.

Echo, by Pam Munoz Ryan

A harmonica. A simple harmonica weaves together the lives of three children—Frederich,

growing up Jewish in Germany during Hitler’s rise to power, Mike, an orphan in Pennsylvania, living through the Great Depression, and Ivy, the child of migrant workers, living in California just after Pearl Harbor.

Each of the children grapples with the injustices of the time, and lives with the threat of violence, from bullying to physical confrontation to incarceration. The harmonica brings a sense of beauty and calm to their lives—each finds solace in the music of the magical harmonica that is passed on to them.

As pointed out in a 2015 New York Times review, “It’s not without flaws.” We agree that a confusing tale of three fairy-tale sisters and a lost boy that begins and ends the book doesn’t illuminate the real story being told. And we were left hanging at the end of each of the main characters accounts, only to be told what happened to them at the conclusion of the book in a neatly wrapped package. The dangers and fears each faced were quickly dispelled through the tidy ending.

Ryan, who has written over 30 books for young readers, is an award winning author; Echo was named as a Newbery Honor book and is a New York Times bestseller. We thought we had chosen a young adult novel, but we agreed that it’s better suited for younger readers like fifth or sixth graders and their parents and teachers. It can be found in the children’s section of the bookstore.

What the Moms are reading now:
A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman

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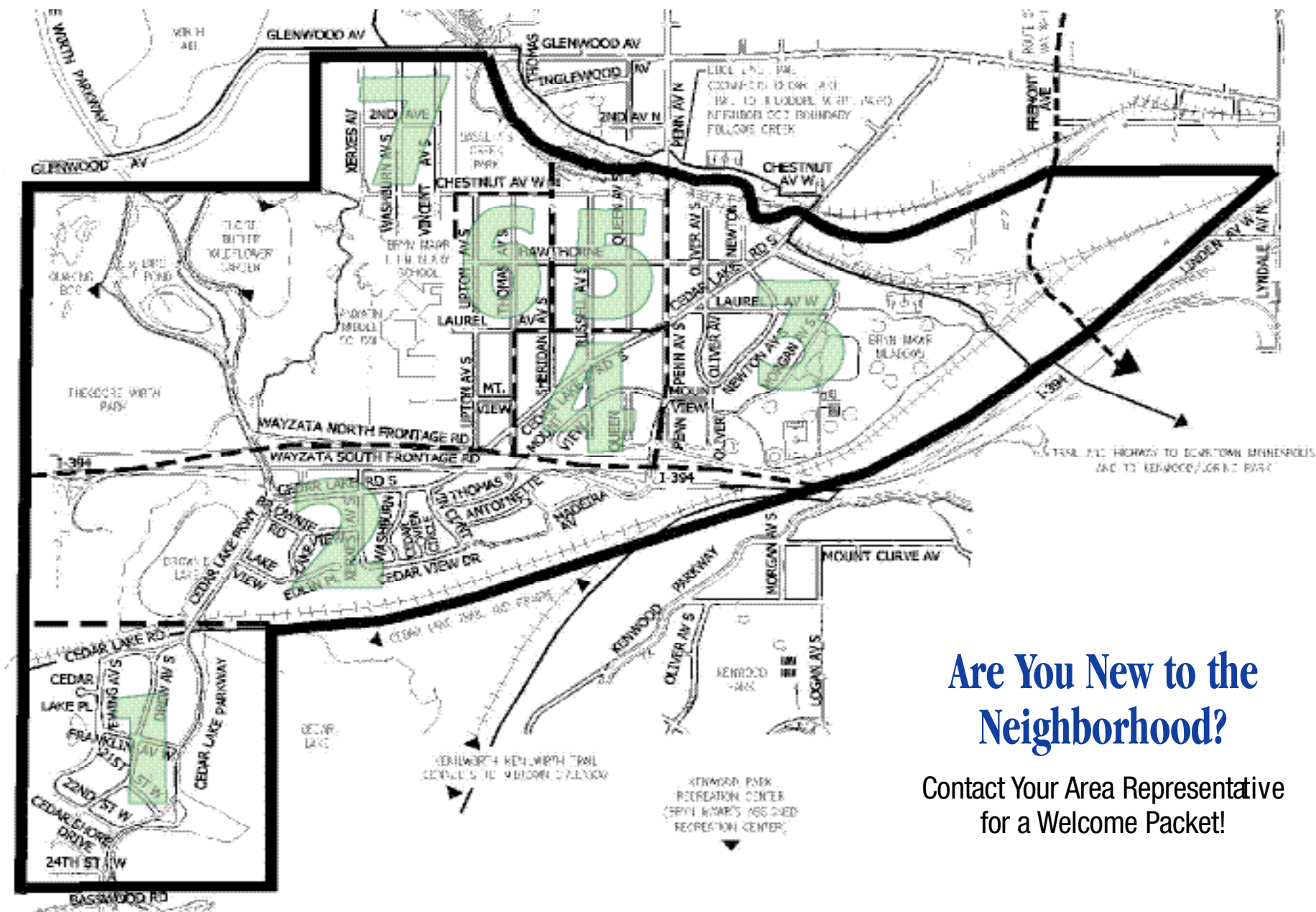
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All interested people are invited to attend.

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