



# BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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## Neighborhood Policing Plan Meeting: October 19th

The Minneapolis Police Department invites you to join us for a discussion of Bryn Mawr's crime and safety concerns. As part of the MPD's ongoing effort to engage communities city-wide, The department is hosting a series of neighborhood meetings to identify the major concerns of each neighborhood, formulate strategies, and outline specific steps that the neighborhood and police department agree to take in partnership to address them. Information from this meeting will then be used to formulate a specific Neighborhood Policing Plan for Bryn Mawr for 2010. Neighborhood Policing Plans are available for public viewing online at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/outreach/NeighborhoodPolicingPlans.asp>.

Bryn Mawr's neighborhood policing plan meeting will be held on Monday, October 19th at 7:00 PM at Bryn Mawr Elementary School. Sector Lieutenant Medaria Arradondo and Crime prevention Specialist Tim Hammett will be on hand to lead the discussion. This is your opportunity to provide the police department with your views on the concerns and issues that are important to you. We hope you can join us for a lively discussion. If you have any questions, please call Crime Prevention Specialist Tim Hammett at 612-673-2866.

— Tim Hammett,  
[timothy.hammett@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:timothy.hammett@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)

## School District Approves Changes that Affect Bryn Mawr

The Minneapolis Board of Education at its September 22 meeting voted to amend and approve the recommendation for Changing School Options, a comprehensive plan to create financial sustainability for the



Changes are planned for the Bryn Mawr schools campus.

Minneapolis Public Schools. The final vote was unanimous in favor of the recommendation.

The amended plan will save approximately \$7.5 million in operating costs every year, prevent severe cuts in academics and accomplish five key objectives: educate students closer to home, right-size the number of buildings with current enrollment, focus resources on fewer magnet programs, build programs of adequate size and minimize disruption while maintaining choice and flexibility.

## BMNA School Committee Response to Proposed Changes

Prior to the vote, many Bryn Mawr residents attended a series of three town hall meetings to voice their concerns with this plan. Residents, the PTA, and the school committee emailed their concerns to board directors. In addition, the BMNA School Committee, co-chaired by Lynda Shaheen and Jessica Wiley, and a group of concerned parents met on September 18 with School District Administrators Jackie Turner and Dan Loewenson and School Board Directors Pam Costain and Tom Madden to discuss the proposed plan. State Senator Tom

— Changing School Options

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## BMNA HOT DISH

## Harvest Dinner

Thursday, October 29, 2009

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association will host its annual Harvest Dinner on Thursday, October 29th. The event will be in the cafeteria of Bryn Mawr Elementary, 6-8 pm.

### Food!

This year we will have a hot dish competition. Bring your favorite hot dish to enter or bring a salad or dessert to share. The winner of the competition will have their recipe printed in the November Bugle.

### Fun!

Adults and children are encouraged to wear their Halloween Costume to the event. This is an annual event usually draws 100+ neighbors together. Come and join the fun!



## BMNA Reporter

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association  
Board Minutes September 9, 2009

**Present:** Marlin Possehl, President; Larry Skov, Vice President; Ben Horn, Co-Treasurer; Adam Maki, Co-Treasurer; Susan Verrett, Area 2; Rick Carter, Area 3; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Paul Markert, Area 4; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Barry Shade, Area 6; Scott McLaughlin, NRP Co-Chair.

**Guests in attendance:** Mimi Bowen, Area 1; David Holets, Area 1; Dorene Scriven, Area 1; Nancy Arneson, Area 1; Matt Stark, Area 4; Kevin Johnson, Area 4; Davis Klaila, Area 6; Tim Hammett, MPD.

### Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 in the Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria. A quorum was present. Introductions made.

### Approval of consent agenda:

Approved with additions and changes to the agenda. Moved to approve by Barry, second by Jessica.

### Bike Trail Issue -Neighbors in Area 1

Neighbors have approached the Park Board to erect additional signs notifying bikers that bike trails are for there for multiple uses—walkers, bikers, skateboarders, etc The major issues are design of the trail, lack of signage, and speed of the users. The Park Board has agreed to put up the signs but nothing has happened to date. Board members expressed their concern. Marlin will contact Dick Adair and Vida Ditter from the Park liaison group to encourage the Park Board to put up the signs.

### Police Safety Report - Tim Hammett

Bryn Mawr leads Tim's areas in crime reduction; both burglary and theft are down. There were three burglaries; all unforced. The aggravated assault reported involved acquaintances and alcohol. Tim described the nuances between larceny (such as driving away from a gas pump) and robbery and burglary. Policing Plan Meeting on October 19 in Bryn Mawr. This is the neighborhood's opportunity to give input to the police department about crime prevention.

Tim continues to recruit people to take advantage of the home security evaluation.

In response to a question about whether increased bicycle ridership results in increased assault, Tim answered no from his point of view.

### Schools Report-Jessica Wiley

Jessica summarized the options presented in mid July by the Minneapolis Public Schools in their Changing Schools Option (CSO) plan and the response of the Schools Committee

to date. The committee sent a letter of response to school board members on behalf of the BMNA. Committee members are attending town hall meetings hosted by the school district on September 9 and 14. The BMNA Board reiterated their support to have the School Committee give input to the School Board with regard to the CSO plan.

### Land Use Committee- Marlin Possehl/ Kevin Johnson

A written summary was sent to all board members from the LUC before the board meeting articulating the purpose of the LUC. Some of the major points discussed included that although the city does not need an LUC endorsement for variances, the LUC encourages neighbors to present to them because the neighbors benefit from the expertise of the committee.

Questions raised included: What is the role of the BMNA board? Can we promote the LUC as a positive entity in the neighborhood, in more of a consultative role, to review and give guidance? What is our role in shaping the kind of community we live in from an advisory standpoint? It was suggested that the LUC have two separate processes for residential and commercial variances.

David Klaila, 704 Cedar Lake Road, read a prepared statement advocating that the BMNA LUC continue to play a strong role in the variance process, to serve as a process guide and educator.

Jay and Kevin will make a recommendation for the October board meeting articulating the main purpose of the LUC and the process that will be followed.

### HourCar - Scott McLaughlin

Space to park the Hour Car has been secured. Funding to have an Hour Car in the neighborhood for two years is \$24,000 with \$12,000 coming from the Wilder Foundation. It was proposed that \$10,000 come from NRP funding and \$2000 from fundraising. The BMNA Business Association is willing to commit to some dollars and a neighborhood realtor has stepped forward to help with funding. The Bugle will promote the car with a byline of who is providing funding. Moved by Jay to make available up to \$12,000 from NRP funds to support the Hour Car, and strongly seek fundraising to offset a portion of that through October 1, 2009. Seconded by Rick. This motion allows NRP dollars to be moved from Penn Avenue Traffic calming to the Hour Car proposal.

### BMNA Capital Projects

- 1) The Energy Challenge—Participants continue to receive reports on energy consumption.
- 2) The downtown improvement project kiosk continues to be explored.
- 3) The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Committee requested funds up to \$500 to support the informational meeting and the mapping project. Barry moved and Dave seconded.

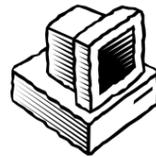


## Recycling

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

### Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
Area 1	October 5 October 19	
Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7	October 12 October 26	
Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		October 13 October 27
<b>Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without. Recycle.</b>		



## From the Editor

What an exhilarating, exhausting, frustrating and rewarding month this has been. The Minneapolis Public Schools Board of Education met less than a week ago to adopt a plan to overhaul the school choice and transportation systems. I have been deeply entrenched in a passionate group advocating for neighborhood families and the local schools.

Throughout this process, I definitely saw the best and the worst in people. A person's true character is often revealed when they are backed into a corner which is exactly where this community was.

Some people took the position that nothing was more important than their own personal impact, but most people were fighting for quality school options for all Minneapolis children and the important role the schools and children in Bryn Mawr can play in making that possible.

When you work really hard on something leading up to a decision, you kind of expect that when the vote happens, you should know if you have "won" or not. Even though many aspects of the revised CSO plan (Bryn Mawr K-5 with and IB Middle School and a choice between Southwest and Henry High Schools) were good things, there is still a lot of work to be done to make sure the plan actually succeeds.

The Bryn Mawr PTA has worked very hard to promote of the local schools to neighborhood families. Their efforts have been quite successful and now they need to be redoubled because even though there are changes, the options are not diminished. Continued investment and support from neighborhood families will be essential to the quality of the programs.

So many times during conversations about these proposed changes, people invoked history. Earlier this week I went to the schools campus to take a photo of the entry sign for the front page of the Bugle. I took a moment to look at the names and reflect on the changes yet to come.

As I was looking, I noticed that the names of the schools were just applied on the surface of the stone marker. It had never before occurred to me to think of these schools as anything but permanent. When the reality is the only words actually engraved in the stone are "Welcome" and "Bryn Mawr Community Center".

I was truly struck by this observation. I think this speaks volumes about this neighborhood. The schools may come and go, evolve and change, but Bryn Mawr will be there to welcome and support the children, families and staff.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmma.org

### and Adam Maki

Discussed strategies for funding the neighborhood coordinator in the future. Treasurers will come back in a month with a recommendation.

### Bugle Report- Marlin Possehl

Note the article in September Bugle clarifying and soliciting advertising.

### Reports from BMNA Reps to

### Affiliated groups

- LRT will decide in the next month which route.

### Discussion Items and Announcements

Adjourned at 8:40  
Moved by Scott, seconded by Sue.

Submitted by Jessica Wiley, interim secretary

# more CounterTalk

by Dave Logsdon



*"I quote others only to better express myself"*

--Michel de Montaigne-

On September 20th I attended the dedication celebration of the Peace Garden Bridge at the Lyndale Park Peace Garden. It was a deeply emotional day as I reflected on my own mother's birthday, how appropriate it was to honor her memory in this special place, at this special time.

## "Impact" Painting

Julian McFarlane's Impact Painting has been a longtime advertiser in the classified ad section of the Bugle. Along with other advertisers like Ed Erickson, Ron Wagner and Tom Hatch, whom I would not hesitate to recommend, have served this community well. When a senior citizen on their Sheridan block needed his house painted, Julian's neighbor, Martin Wolfe, along with others decided to help. With Julian, the painter and neighbor lending his equipment and expertise, they got to work. Now Julian would like to extend his equipment and advice to other neighbors who would endeavor to help someone one's their block. If you know a senior or someone who use a little help painting their house, you can contact Julian. This is a great story of people helping people that I wish I could give more attention to, and just another example of why we live here.

## Market Goes Organic!

Maybe it's been my experience digging carrots and onions at the Burning River CSA this summer, but I get excited when the "organic" food movement grows. The tidal wave of interest has washed up on the shore of the Bryn Mawr Market! Yes my friends, the Market is now selling

organic meat and will add vegetables this winter. The Market is still struggling to survive in these troubling times, so please continue to support them if you can. The Market also has a bad plastic bag habit I wish they could break this habit and with your help, they can. They listen a lot better to customer complaints than to whiny, tree hugger employees like myself, so when you shop remind the clerk that these same plastic bags are choking marine life in the Gulf of Mexico. Bring your own bags or request paper. Someday, we will ban these things in Minneapolis as San Francisco has!

## Random Thoughts

There is some exciting news from Park Board Commissioner Annie Young. Erika Allen, whose father Will Allen started the amazingly successful Growing Power program, is in talks with Annie and the Park Board about expanding the J.D.Rivers project into a large self-sustaining organic farming operation based on the model they built in inner-city Milwaukee. The Milwaukee program, now expanding to Chicago, has achieved its' goal of bringing organic food cheaply to large numbers of low income people while sustaining itself. I would suggest googling "Growing Power" to find out more. The movie "Fresh" features Will Allen and will be shown at the Ritz theatre on October 7th at 7:00pm.

Neighborhood Republicans will have a candidate to vote for in the upcoming city council race in Micheal Katch, who has garnered their endorsement. It is healthy to have choices in a democracy!

Aaron Holmes, a quiet man and dedicated gardener, passed away recently. He was a key factor in the creation of the Bryn Mawr Garden Club and did so much work to create the Upton avenue garden that we all enjoy today. The garden will serve as a lasting memorial for this longtime neighbor.

For not having a lot to say, I guess I said a lot! Until we meet again, don't forget to vote, to volunteer, and not rake your leaves into the streets!



## Bugle Notes

### Area 4 News

#### Local Musician

Bryn Mawr's very own Lizzy Rain will be having a CD release party for her new CD "Gypsy Heart" on November 6th at The Ritz Theater in Northeast Minneapolis. Checkout <http://www.myspace.com/lizzyrain> for more info.

(see article on next page)



#### Welcome to the Neighborhood

Lindsey and Andrew Kepper of Mount View Ave. announce the arrival of area 4's newest resident. Fischer Frances was born on Aug 4th, 6lbs 10 oz. Congratulations to the Kepper family.



#### Taking it to Another Level

Adam Jensen, life-long Bryn Mawr resident, received a prestigious honor. Congratulations from proud

mother Carolyn Bastick to 17-year old son Adam on receiving his third degree black belt in karate on September 19, 2009.

### Area 7 News

#### A Neighbor Remembered

Long time Bryn Mawr neighbor and Bryn Mawr Garden Club founding member, Aaron Holme died September 13, 2009 after a prolonged illness. The funeral was held September 17 at the Church of the Open Door in Maple Grove. He is survived by his wife Marilyn and their two sons.

(see Garden Club tribute on page 13)

**If you have news from your area and would like it mentioned in the paper, please contact your area representative or the Bugle.**



## HourCar Update

Scott McLaughlin, NRP Co-Chair of our very own BMNA reports that much progress has been made in acquiring an HOUR Car for the Bryn Mawr neighborhood as soon as this autumn. Bryn Mawr resident Claudia Engelhoff has been leading the effort along with many others to make this transit opportunity a reality for all Bryn Mawr residents. Look for a full announcement in next month's Bugle!

## BMNA Secretary Needed

**The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Board is seeking a volunteer to serve as the secretary. The secretary is a member of the BMNA Executive Board and is responsible for taking minutes at the monthly meetings which are held the second Wednesday each month. If you are interested, contact BMNA President, Marlin Possehl at 612-377-5662.**

## Come Show Your Wares At The Fair!

\*\*\* Anwatin Arts & Crafts Fair \*\*\*

The annual Anwatin Arts & Crafts Fair, sponsored by Anwatin Middle School and the Anwatin Community School Council, will be held on Thursday, December 3rd. The Anwatin Music Department will hold a concert and there will be an "Empty Bowls" community service project that evening. If you are interested in having a table at the fair, call Mary Duffy at 612-926-5547. Leave a message and a registration form will be mailed to you.

**See You There!**

## Ash Borer Informational Meeting- Advice from the Park Board

Minnesota has a lot of ash trees. Minnesota has more ash trees than Wisconsin and Ohio combined. Minnesota probably has more ash trees than any state except Maine. And the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is looking for our ash trees.

We are learning from the experience of Michigan and Ohio where the EAB disease has been the worst. Michigan tried the strategy of removing all ash trees within a certain distance from a confirmed infected area. But this did not slow the spread and perhaps hastened the spread of EAB beetles. Most ash trees in Michigan are already gone, all within five years of the first appearance of the EAB beetles.

Current advice from the Park Board, at our September 15 Ash Borer Informational Meeting, is to leave ash trees alone during the summer—don't prune ash trees, cut off limbs, remove the trees or do any other maintenance work on ash trees because that will cause the EAB beetles to move on to other trees not yet infected. However, EAB do not lay eggs in dead wood or cut trees. They prefer to lay eggs in live trees.

There is no evidence that EAB disease has made it into Minneapolis. The Park Board will start this fall to examine trees on the eastern border of Minneapolis, looking for signs of EAB. When they find infected trees, the current strategy of the Minneapolis Park Board will be to identify

and remove infected trees (in the fall and winter) and plant new trees of a variety of species.

If an owner removes ash trees on private property, they must dispose of wood properly and legally. Minneapolis and St. Paul are currently under quarantine. No tree wood is to be moved out of the counties. An owner should call the Park Board for instruction on proper disposal. There is also a pamphlet available with the details.

Ralph Sievert from the Minneapolis Park Board believes there is an effective pesticide to treat EAB. The best pesticide is under the brand name, "Triage", which is applied by injecting into the tree. This should be done every two years. The pesticide kills larvae and beetles in the tree. He believes the cost is \$10-\$15 per one-inch diameter of the tree.

The Milwaukee Park Board is planning to inject thousands of trees to slow the spread of EAB. Sievert feels it is worth the effort to treat ash trees even if other ash trees nearby are not treated. The treated ones will survive, although treatment has to continue, perhaps indefinitely.

Owners can inject ash trees on their boulevard at their own expense if they choose. Owners should use a licensed contractor because the Park Board has a process in place to grant a permit to a contractor and thus the Park Board will know the location of trees being treated.

Some ash trees are probably not worth saving because of their small size, poor condition, poor health, so some judgment has to be made about whether it is worth spending the money to inject poor quality trees.



We can all hope there will be advancements in the science to improve treatment and make it cheaper, but no one knows.

The Park Board has a map showing ash trees growing on boulevards in Minneapolis. Sievert distributed copies of this map. The ash tree survey conducted in Bryn Mawr on September 26 will focus on trees on private residential property.

The BMNA Ash Borer committee will be putting out an options matrix to help neighbors decide what actions they may wish to take with regard to their ash trees.

Kathy Ripke has drafted some alternative actions to deal with EAB:

1. Do nothing at the present. Watch and look for signs of EAB disease.
2. Treat ash trees with pesticides, weigh the cost against the value to the homeowner, also considering the cost of removal of the tree.

Remove smaller ash trees and unhealthy trees now and replant with a variety of trees. Don't remove the trees in the summer to avoid encouraging the spread of EAB beetles.

- Steve Pundt, Ash Borer Committee Member

## Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - October 2009

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 (begins September 1 2009) unless otherwise noted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>BMNA Harvest Dinner!</b> Thursday, October 29, 6-8pm, Bryn Mawr School Cafeteria - Enter the hot dish competition (or bring a salad or dessert) - Grab the kids and a costume - JOIN THE FUN!						
4	5	6 Budget and Fundraising Committee, 7pm at Bryn Mawr Elementary, RM 136	7 BMNA monthly meeting, 7pm at Bryn Mawr Elementary, Cafeteria	8	9	10
11 Buckthorn Pull at Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden 1-3pm	12	13	14	15	16 Bassett Creek Valley ROC Committee, Meeting at Ripley Gardens (corner of Glenwood and Penn), 6:30pm	17
18 Buckthorn Pull at Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden 1-3pm	19 Neighborhood Policing Plan meeting 7:00 PM at Bryn Mawr Elementary	20	21 Lunch w/Lisa Goodman, 11:45am, St. Thomas	22	23	24
25 Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden Closes for the season. Re-opens April 2010	26	27 Spaghetti Dinner/ Book Fair at Bryn Mawr Elementary	28	29 Harvest Dinner, 6 pm at Bryn Mawr Elementary School in the cafeteria	30	31



## Letters

### Why We Need the Board of Estimate & Taxation

The Board of Estimate and Taxation is the most important Board that most Minneapolis residents have never heard of. The Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) has existed for more than 130 years. It was created initially as a forum where the major taxing entities within the City of Minneapolis had to sit down and coordinate their financial plans instead of each jurisdiction acting independently.

My knee jerk reaction to the proposal to eliminate the Board of Estimate was, who needs another useless board. Get rid of it! When I started reading about and talking to people about BET, I realized that it is very important to the operation of good government in the City of Minneapolis. It needs to stay.

Currently, BET has six members, the Mayor of Minneapolis, the City Council President, the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, a representative from the Park Board and two independently elected individuals. The Library Board also had a member on the Board until it became a function of Hennepin County in 2008. With six members BET can easily become dead locked.

BET sets the maximum property tax levy for Minneapolis. The City Council, Mayor and Park Board have to sit down and talk about their financial plans then set their respective budgets within this maximum.

There will be a referendum on the November 3, ballot to eliminate

BET and transfer its responsibilities and powers to the City Council. This referendum is supported by the City Council and Mayor.

Currently the Park Board has only one vote when BET sets the city's property tax levy. Its leaders fear that they would have none if the City Council assumes BET's role. They fear that a slow starvation of city parks would begin. Similar to what happened to the Minneapolis library system, when the City Council gave all the library buildings and books (the 6th largest municipal collection in the US) to Hennepin County. Minneapolis continues to pay part of the operating costs. In addition taxpayers have to pay the interest and principal on the bonds sold to build the new downtown library, even though we no longer own the downtown library. There is also the fear that the City Council would start selling park land to balance the City's budget. Some believe that the City Council

The Park Board and its supporters are so concerned about the elimination of BET that they started a petition drive. Former mayors Don Fraser and Sharon Sayles Belton led a petition drive that collected 17,086 signatures to have a ballot referendum on the November ballot to give the Park Board its own taxing authority. Unfortunately the City Council voted against putting the referendum on the ballot and the court upheld the City Council's position.

Now the Park Board and its supporters are telling voters to vote NO on the referendum to eliminate BET.

People, who have been involved in neighborhood associations etc., also support keeping the Board of Estimate & Taxation.

Bonding is used to fund large projects without large increases in property taxes. To provide a check on the mayor & city council, Bet is responsible for issuing the City's bonds. BET can focus on the City's credit rating. Whereas the mayor and city council are concerned with spending to benefit their constituents and maintaining essential city services than the city's credit rating.

The Board of Estimate & Taxation is responsible for the internal audit function for the City of Minneapolis, as a former auditor this caught my attention. Clean government does not just happen. Good internal control procedures insure that all the City's revenues and expenses are properly recorded in the correct accounts; there are procedures to track all the city's assets (see the Metro Gang Strike Force) and the risk of theft and embezzlement is minimized (no people offering to work for the City of Minneapolis for what they can steal from the city)

The only way to know if the City has, good internal control is for the City to be audited either by the State Auditor or by its own internal auditors. Having the internal audit function report to BET insures that it is independent of the mayor and city council.

Unfortunately the mayor and city council have only provided funding for one auditor. This compares to 10 auditors for Hennepin County. This lack of funding has severely limited what can be audited

(<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/taxation-reports.asp>)

### The latest report of the state auditor showed:

- Minneapolis had several serious deficiencies in its internal controls and separation of duties in the accounting and payroll departments.
- Adjustments were made to depreciation ranging from \$1.5 million to \$3.9 million.
- The Permanent Improvement Fund was increased by \$15.6 million
- Some of the December 31, 2008, bank reconciliations were not provided for the audit until May 2009
- the Federal Transit Capital Investment Grants program (CFDA #20.500) had not been included in the City's estimated federal awards
- for the Highway Planning and Construction program (CFDA #20.205) Information had
- to be obtained from the Minnesota Department of Transportation to help identify the projects and amounts reimbursed under this program during 2008 because the City had difficulty providing this information

Source: [http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/2009-meetings/20090918/Docs/2008StateAudit\\_RPT.pdf](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/2009-meetings/20090918/Docs/2008StateAudit_RPT.pdf)

If government spends money on what it thinks is important, then the mayor and city council must not think good, clean government is important.

- Michael Martens, Area 6



## Gardens

### Garden Club Remembers a Founding Member

Aaron Holme, a Bryn Mawr Garden Club member and Area 7 neighbor died after a long illness. Aaron was a long-time mail carrier in Bryn Mawr and other neighborhoods.

Along with Bryn Mawr neighbors, Kate Podobinski, and the late Anne Eichhorn, Aaron Holme founded the Bryn Mawr Garden Club around 1992 when they began the Upton Triangle garden at the corner of Cedar Lake Road and Upton Ave.

For those who don't know or don't remember, the land was the site of a previous pedestrian bridge over Highway 12. The structure and concrete foundation had been recently demolished. The garden club approached Minnesota Department of Transportation about founding a garden on the derelict land that was largely a wasteland with a depression where the bridge once stood. Anne, Kate, and Aaron, and garden club additions Lois Schurke and Nancy Carlson transformed the site with compost and with perennial divisions from their own gardens.

With little to no funding, Aaron Holme and garden club members accepted plant donations and held

plant sales at the garden site. Aaron secured approval from MN DOT and obtained a water hydrant permit. Minnesota State Horticultural Society, through its Minnesota Green program provided unwanted plants from nurseries or private individuals. These entities provided plants rescued from garden demolition, home expansions and plants after the retail sale season ended.

Before HGTV and the internet brought easy garden instruction to the masses, the garden club offered plant sales and educational meetings featuring Master Gardener presentations, plant-themed video presentations, plant grower visits, and potluck dinners. Before the Blooming Bryn Mawr Garden Tour became a public tour that would reach far beyond the confines of Bryn Mawr, Aaron Holme and garden club members organized informal visits to regional public gardens, to members' gardens, and to neighbors' gardens.

Aaron was honored on Thursday, September 17, at the Church of the Open Door. We remember Aaron Holme and wish his wife Marilyn, their two sons, and other family members comfort in their grief.



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| October 2, 2008  | Great Lakes Water Compact finally signed into law after 10 years of effort. This international treaty prevents water diversion from these inland seas, which hold about one-fifth of the world's fresh water. Ratified by 10 state and 2 provincial legislatures and Congress, it was signed into law by President Bush.  |
| October 4, 2009  | Full moon, the Ojibwe Falling Leaves moon.  |
| October 12, 2002 | Dedication of the Bassett's Creek Bike Trail, which runs from the Cedar Lake Trail through Bryn Mawr Meadows, Bassett's Creek Park in the Harrison neighborhood, and Wirth Park. Later this was renamed a segment of the Luce Line Trail. The Golden Valley portion was completed just this summer through Wirth Park. The Luce Line continues west through Golden Valley and Plymouth past Medicine Lake, Parker's Lake, and I-694 (paved) and into central Minnesota (unpaved). It's a beautiful route and provides an off-road path for commuters from western suburbs to downtown, where it connects with the new Ballpark LRT station. |
| October 29, 1975 | First frost. Picked many red tomatoes by flashlight the evening before.   |



## Parks [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org)

### Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary

Come visit the Garden at the end of the season to enjoy the last blooms of the year and the wonderful autumn foliage. Walk our quiet paths to experience the last of the migrating birds and see our winter residents get ready for the coming winter. Spend our last warm days strolling along our woodland and prairie paths.

#### Public Programs and Tours Schedule—October 2009

\*\* Garden Scavenger Hunts are available for use on the trails at the Martha Crone Visitors Shelter. To borrow one, please ask a volunteer or naturalist. \*\*

#### Friday, October 2

6:30-7:30pm Full Hunter's Moon Walk

#### Saturday, October 3

9:30-11am Autumn Birding  
1:00-2:00pm Harvest Season Stroll  
3:00-4:00pm Berries, Drupes and Other Fruits

#### Sunday, October 4

1:00-2:00pm Fall Nature Walk  
3:00-4:00pm Magnificent Mushrooms

#### Wednesday, October 7

4:30-5:30pm Evening Wildflower Walk

#### Saturday, October 10

9:30-11am Autumn Birding  
1:00-2:00pm Quaking Bog Tour  
3:00-4:00pm Harvest Season Stroll

#### Sunday, October 11

1:00-2:00pm Walking History Tour of the Garden  
3:00-4:00pm Fall Nature Walk

#### Wednesday, October 14

4:30-5:30pm Evening Bird Watching Stroll

#### Saturday, October 17

9:30-11:00 am Autumn Birding  
1:00-2:00pm Binoculars and Field Guides for Families

3:00-4:00pm Fall Nature Walk  
6:30-7:30pm New Moon Walk  
**Sunday, October 18**  
1:00-2:00pm Magnificent Mushrooms  
3:00-4:00pm Harvest Season Stroll  
**Saturday, October 24**  
9:30-11:00 am Autumn Birding  
1:00-2:00pm Quaking Bog Tour  
3:00-4:00pm Fall Nature Walk  
**Sunday, October 25**  
1:00-2:00pm Walking History Tour of the Garden  
3:00-4:00pm Season's End Garden Tour

#### Program Descriptions

##### Autumn Birding

If you have an interest in birding and would enjoy developing techniques for successful bird watching please join us. We will learn about the migratory and resident birds of the Garden as we meander through the Garden. Bring binoculars and a field guide or borrow ours.

##### Berries, Drupes and Other Fruits of the Garden

Although many visitors come to see the spring wildflowers, it is in late summer and autumn that the flowers of spring have fully transformed into the glorious fruits of the Garden. Come to the Garden to explore fascinating fruit topics including: fruit formation, edibility of native plant fruits and uses of fruits by animals and humans!

##### Binoculars and Field Guides for Families

Binoculars, quick senses, and a good field guide are some of the essential tools naturalists and nature lovers of all ages use to explore the outdoors. Bring the kids and learn how to use these cool tools to discover the wonders of the Garden. Appropriate for children ages 8 and up.

##### Evening Bird Watching Stroll

Designed for beginners but experienced birdwatchers are welcome. Discuss binoculars and field guides; learn how to identify birds and where to find them. Bring binoculars and a field guide.

##### Evening Wildflower Walk

### Buckthorn Pulls at Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden

Long-time garden volunteer Jim Proctor and the Friends of the Wildflower Garden have organized buckthorn removal events at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden this fall:

**Sunday, Oct 11th, 1-3 and  
Sunday, Oct 18th, 1-3**

All are welcome to attend. Please bring gloves if you can; and meet at the garden visitor shelter. Please contact Jim Proctor, event organizer for more information: [jim\\_proctor@hotmail.com](mailto:jim_proctor@hotmail.com) or 612-281-4588 or the garden visitor shelter at 612-370-4903. To learn more about Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden, please visit the website, <http://www.friendsofeloise-butler.org/>.

Early evening is a wonderful time to enjoy the spirit of autumn at the Garden. Relax and revel in the beauty of this short season as a Garden Naturalist leads you on a tour of the woodland trails and the wildflowers that await your arrival.

##### Fall Nature Walk

Join a naturalist for a stroll through the Garden in autumn. Enjoy the color and form of prairie wildflowers and grasses. We'll be on the lookout for birds and other wildlife as well as insects of all shapes and sizes.

##### Full Hunter's Moon Walk

Take a twilight tour of the Garden. We'll look for bats, and listen for owls and nighthawks. At the end of our evening amble we'll set up the spotting scope on the prairie and watch the full moon rise. Meet at the front gate.

##### Harvest Season Stroll

Enjoy the splendor of fall in the Wildflower Garden. Take a Naturalist led tour while enjoying the brilliant autumn colors found here and the last remain blossoms of the season. Learn the names of a few Garden trees and some fun facts about why this colorful phenomenon happens every year in the forests and woodlands of the Midwest.

##### Magnificent Mushrooms

Behind the scenes of the Wildflower Garden, hosts of mushroom species are hard at work recycling nutrients

and helping plants grow. You will learn the basic structure of mushrooms and how to identify some species. Please bring a pair of binoculars or borrow ours.

##### New Moon Walk

Take a twilight tour of the Garden. We'll look for bats, and listen for owls and nighthawks. To finish this evening amble we'll set up the spotting scope on the prairie and watch the full moon rise. Meet at the front gate.

##### Quaking Bog Trot

The Quaking Bog is home to many unique plants with interesting adaptations for survival. Discover the characteristics that make a bog habitat what it is while you enjoy the fall colors starting to reveal themselves in this majestic habitat. Meet at the Quaking Bog parking lot.

##### Season's End Garden Tour

Join a Garden Naturalist for the year's final stroll through the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary. Enjoy the colors of autumn and the sights and smells of this magnificent place before the gates close on this glorious season.

##### Walking History Tour of the Wildflower Garden

Join a Garden Naturalist for a tour full of fantastic tales about the Garden's history and the visionary heroine, Eloise Butler, who founded it and became the Garden's first curator at the turn of the last century.

### Southwest Technical Advisory Committee Recommends LRT Route Through Bryn Mawr

The Southwest Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended on September 10 that the proposed light rail transit (LRT) project follow a route that goes along the Kenilworth corridor through Bryn Mawr. This is the route supported by the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association.

The Southwest LRT is a proposed 14-mile LRT line connecting downtown Minneapolis to high growth areas in the southwest suburbs. The LRT line will increase transportation system capacity in an area of high travel demand created by existing and planned residential and employment

growth. The LRT line has the potential to serve transit dependent populations seeking employment in the suburbs. The Southwest LRT will be an expansion of the region's transitway system made up of the Hiawatha LRT line, the Northstar commuter Rail, the Central Corridor LRT line and proposed Bottineau Corridor.

The TAC is made up of planning and engineering staff from each city along the LRT line. It also includes representatives from the Metropolitan Council and local agencies.

The TAC recommended the LRT 3A alternative that follows the Kenilworth Corridor through Minneapolis, continues on Hennepin County-owned right-of-way through St. Louis Park and Hopkins, and runs on new right-of-way through the commercial centers of Minnetonka and Eden Prairie.

The various routes studied provide an assortment of benefits. The selection of alternative 3A by the TAC was based largely on cost and com-

patibility with applicable land use and transportation plans along the corridor.

The TAC recommendation is now passed on to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC is expected to make a decision on the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) at their October 14 meeting. The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority will likely take action on the route on November 3. Once the LPA is chosen and approved, the next step is the preparation of the environmental impact statement for that selected alternative.

While there is broad support for an LRT line, the selection of the route is very controversial. Individuals interested in more information can go to: [www.southwesttransitway.org](http://www.southwesttransitway.org). Questions can also be addressed to Bruce Monson or Barry Schade, Bryn Mawr representatives on the LRT Community Advisory Committee.

## View From the Bridge



Autumn in Minnesota and at the North Shore  
October 2009

**D**rifts of leaves cover the forest floor and its paths....  
- like orange shag carpet,  
- like crunchy cornflakes,  
- like locks shorn from a flaming redhead or strawberry blonde in a beauty parlor chair,  
- like candy wrappers scattered below a broken piñata,  
- like wrapping paper discarded after gifts are opened, after the brilliant gift of autumn, foliage is opened,  
- like decorations and favors blowing around after nature's party of autumn is enjoyed.

**B**est conditions for spectacular fall color are a warm wet spring, a mild summer; and a fall with plenty of warm, sunny days and cool nights without severe frost. In an average year, there is some predictability in arrival of peak fall color:

- Southern Minnesota sees peak color in late September to mid-October.
- Central Minnesota sees peak color between late September and early October.
- Northern Minnesota sees peak color in mid-September to early October. However, Lake Superior's warming effect delays autumn color along the north shore by roughly one week compared with inland northern Minnesota.

Leaf color comes from pigments. Leaf color is the outward sign of natural chemical compounds produced by leaf cells:

- chlorophyll - green
- carotenoid and xanthophyll - orange, yellow
- anthocyanin - red, purple
- tannin - browns

### CHLOROPHYLL

To understand green-pigmented chlorophyll, one must also understand photosynthesis. Photosynthesis is the process by which plants use chlorophyll to convert sunlight (absorbed by leaves), carbon dioxide (absorbed from air by leaves), and water (transferred from soil by plant roots) into sugars with oxygen as a byproduct. While sugar (glucose) is being made, chlorophyll turns bright green. In response to sunlight, plants produce chlorophyll. As autumn approaches and daylight hours decline, less chlorophyll is produced; and leaves appear less green. Normally present in amounts several times that of other pigments, chlorophyll usually masks carotenoid and xanthophyll. As chlorophyll breaks down and fades, carotenoid and xanthophyll dominates with colors orange and yellow.

### CAROTENOIDS & XANTHOPHYLL

Trees respond to decreasing day length by producing less and less chlorophyll and then stop producing chlorophyll altogether. Then, carotenoids and xanthophylls layered over a varying brown background of tannin pigment produce yellow and orange fall leaves. Carotenoids are the yellow and orange pigments found in common foods such as carrots, corn, bananas, egg yolks, and butter. Another example of yellow carotenoid pigment is yellow grass that one finds when turning over a board or tarp left in place over formerly green grass for several days, or yellow leaves that emerging perennials produce under leaf litter or mulch in spring. Because they are more durable than fragile chlorophyll, carotenoids protect the light gathering chlorophyll system from overexposure to light.

### ANTHOCYANIN

Anthocyanin produces the colors orange-red, red, blue, purple, or pink. Anthocyanins color flowers such as violets and hyacinths and fruits such as cherries, cranberries, apples, beets, grapes, blueberries and plums. Anthocyanin also colors new growth in many trees such as oak.

High sugar content in some maples, oaks, and sumacs results in brilliant red pigments. A chemical reaction with sugar produces anthocyanin. Cycles of warm sunny days and cold nights trigger a chemical reaction with sugar that produces anthocyanin. Cloudy weather and drought produces less sugar and thus less anthocyanin and less brilliant fall colors.

Some plant species naturally produce more anthocyanins than others and also produce anthocyanin during summer. Plant cultivars such as Crimson King Norway Maple, Diablo Ninebark, and Palace Purple Heuchera (Coral Bells) feature anthocyanin-rich, bronze, burgundy or purple foliage.

### TANNIN

Tannin, a waste product of plants, produces light, medium and dark brown colors. Tannin lends bitter and astringent taste to tea and wine, and brown tint to some pond, lake, and river water. The bitter taste of tannin discourages animals from eating some plants --- forming a natural defense. As color pigments disintegrate and the leaf dies, it turns brown. In fact, an early, hard freeze can kill the leaves before any color develops. When this happens, the leaves turn from green to brown, allowing no yellow, orange, or red to form. Because their foliage changes color so late in autumn, Ginkgo and Norway Maple are trees that may drop green or greenish-brown leaves.

Deciduous trees lose leaves in autumn to conserve moisture. In addition, decreased sunlight produces reduced photosynthesis rates. As temperatures fall, photosynthesis slows, and as days shorten, less light is available to enable photosynthesis. Plants form a partition (abscission layer) between twig and leaf stem. The barrier seals off the flow of nutrients and water; and trapped sugars are used to produce anthocyanin. Leaf attachments weaken, leaves fall. Remaining tannin pigment provides the somber tan to brown color of leaves that are raked and bagged. If not collected, fallen leaves form humus and nutrients are recycled. Leaves break down and provide natural mulch. Some trees, such as red oak and blue beech, retain their brown leaves until spring. Evergreen trees retain their leaves because their form of photosynthesis can occur on mild winter days. Evergreen leaves have a thick waxy skin that retains moisture better than deciduous leaves.

Places to see autumn colors include: Mississippi River Gorge, Theodore Wirth Park, and Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden, Mississippi River from Frontenac to Winona, bicycle trails, Luce Line, Root River Trail, your favorite park, trail or cabin, and Minnesota State Parks. For fall color updates for your next trip, visit [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fall\\_colors/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fall_colors/index.html).

The North Shore of Lake Superior offers an exceptional backdrop and vantage point to view autumn leaves. The Superior Hiking Trail, a volunteer-built hiking trail, parallels Highway 61 for 200 miles from Two Harbors to Grand Portage near the Minnesota - Canada border. Superior Hiking Trail Shuttle provides van shuttle service



for hikers wishing to enable a day-hike or a through-hike. Visit [www.shta.org](http://www.shta.org) or [www.superiorshuttle.com](http://www.superiorshuttle.com) for more information. On the Superior Hiking Trail, sugar maples thrive on eastern slopes where Lake Superior moderates the climate, making the winter temperatures milder and the summer temperatures cooler. Aspen and birch grow on west facing slopes.

Sumac shrubs and Virginia Creeper vines, and Hackberry provide early fall color change. On some vines and shrubs, colored foliage acts as a signal to mark fruit for wildlife since some fruit rots quickly. Next, Ash, Basswood, and Sugar Maple changes color. Elm trees generally change color after Ash trees. Aspen and Birch generally turn yellow one or two weeks after Sugar Maples. Yellow Birch leaves turn bright yellow; Gray and Paper Birch leaves turn pale yellow. Quaking Aspen foliage turns a pale to deep yellow. Oaks are generally late to show color, with Red Oaks especially showing some dark colors in late fall. Ginkgo and Norway Maple both require late frost dates as they are very late to turn yellow, if they change color at all. Tamarack is usually the last deciduous tree to turn color (yellow) and drop leaves.

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Take in all that fall has to offer in Minnesota...it will be worth your effort!

- Greg Lecker, U of M Extension Service Master Gardener, Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer



## Youth & Schools

### Visit the Book Fair and Support Bryn Mawr Elementary!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Bryn Mawr Elementary Oct. 27-Oct. 29. The Book Fair will be open to staff and families during the following times...

**Tuesday, October 27**  
9am-2pm and 4:30-8pm  
(Spaghetti Dinner Night)

**Wednesday, October 28**  
7:30am-12pm and 5:30-7:30pm

**Thursday, October 29**  
7:30-2pm and 4:30-8pm  
(hot dish Harvest Dinner)

Thank you for supporting our neighborhood school. Please contact Patty Wycoff if you would like to volunteer at the book fair (pwycoff@comcast.net or 612-377-4565)

### Bryn Mawr Meteorologists

Bryn Mawr Elementary school 4th and 5th graders were recently featured on Kare 11's "Stump the Weather Guy." Students pre-recorded their questions and KARE 11 meteorologist Jonathan Yuhas answered them live on the air.

**Is the answer blowin' in the wind?** We're right at peak hurricane season. One of nature's most powerful forces, hurricanes are fascinating to people of all ages. Mr. Disher's 4th graders at Bryn Mawr Elementary are among them. They asked KARE 11 to tell them how hurricanes form.

**Cool 5th graders have their heads in the clouds.** Sometimes it takes a level headed kid to point out the obvious. Something close to the sun should be warmer, than something farther away. Mr. Cole's 5th graders at Bryn Mawr Elementary in Minneapolis know there are exceptions to the rule, though. They asked Jonathan can help them

understand why it is cooler up in the clouds than down on earth, even though the clouds are closer to the sun.

You can see both videos at <http://www.kare11.com/news/local/mornings/stump/default.aspx?menuid=218&menuid=279>

- Lynda Shabeen, Area 2

### Hot Coffee and Baked Goods on Election Day

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, citizens in line to vote at Bryn Mawr Community School will be greeted by the Bryn Mawr PTA. They will be taking donations for coffee and treats to sleepy, hungry voters.

#### Donate

Like to bake? Why not help out the PTA and drop off a donation. Volunteer parents will have a table set up in the hall of the school starting at 7:00 am. Homemade or store bought items are welcomed. Please bring donated baked goods to Bryn Mawr School by 9 am Nov. 3.

#### Buy and Enjoy

Come to the polls hungry. Bring a few bucks and enjoy some hot coffee, cool treats and a warm feeling of helping out our neighborhood school! Any questions? Contact Patty Wycoff @ 612-377-4565 or pwycoff@comcast.net.

### Bryn Mawr School Playground

Please help keep a neighborhood watch over the Bryn Mawr School playground. Because of its secluded location, the playground has become an easy target for vandalism and teenagers looking for a place to hang out. If you live near the school or walk your dog in the Wirth woods, please be aware of any illegal behavior and call 911 if you see anything suspicious. - Lynda Shabeen, Area 2

## BMNA Schools Committee

### REPRESENTATIVES:

Area 1 Emilie Flink  
Area 2 Lynda Shaheen, Co-chair  
Kevina Munnich  
Area 3 Jessica Wiley, Co-chair  
Area 4 Beth Boyle,  
JoEllyn Jolstad  
(at large BMNA rep.)  
Area 5 Jean Defresne  
Area 6 Elizabeth Everton  
Area 7 Gayland Hokanson

The BMNA Schools Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on September 24. The first order of business was a discussion about recent vandalism of the Bryn Mawr school playground. The group discussed using the money left in the NRP school funding line to repair and improve the playground.

Lynda will contact the school to find out how much it will cost to replace the damaged equipment.

Next the committee discussed the Minneapolis Public Schools Changing School Options (CSO) resolution. The CSO plan makes significant changes to neighborhood schools and the choices neighborhood students have in the broader district.

It will be important to monitor the transition. JoEllyn will try to attend the team meeting for the Anwatin changes.

The final discussion was how to stay engaged in district conversations regarding the schools. The committee will be scheduling meetings in the near future with school board members to talk about successful implementation of the CSO plan and any adjustments that could benefit Bryn Mawr students and the schools campus.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, School Committee

## Contact Information for Our Neighborhood Schools

### Anwatin IB Middle School

Principal Al Pitt  
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### Bryn Mawr Community School

Principal Reneé Montague  
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## — Changing School Options

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Dibble also attended the meeting. The group expressed their dismay at the lack of community input in the process, the loss of the IB program at Anwatin, and the reassignment of high school choice.

School district officials and school board directors took all of this input under consideration and modified the plan before it was presented September 22. The modifications as approved which impact Bryn Mawr are:

Bryn Mawr Elementary remains a K-5 community school with the same attendance area.

A new combined Dual Spanish Immersion-International Baccalaureate middle school program will be created at the Bryn Mawr/Anwatin site to serve community sixth through eighth graders from the Bryn Mawr and Bethune attendance areas. Students who are in sixth and seventh grade at Anwatin may continue at the school through their eighth grade year, at which time the program will be phased out. Current southern attendance area for Anwatin will be phased out (including Kenwood). New students from these areas will need to provide their own transportation. Current Anwatin students from South Minneapolis will be allowed to finish middle school at Anwatin and granted transportation. In addition the new middle school will serve the two dual Spanish immersion programs in the city, Emerson and Windom. It will be a citywide magnet for middle school Spanish immersion. Details are yet to be finalized but the school will operate as one IB school with one student body with immersion students receiving a portion of their instruction in Spanish.

Emerson Dual Immersion school grades K-5 will be relocated to the

Bryn Mawr/Anwatin campus and will be a stand alone school sharing space with Bryn Mawr/Anwatin.

Park View Montessori will close after this school year. Park View students may enroll in Bryn Mawr School if they live in the attendacen area.

Families with children enrolled in a citywide special education or English Language Learner program will continue to receive transportation across zones. Based on the state's open enrollment law, families still have the option to enroll at any school in the city provided there is space available and they provide their own transportation. Students currently attending magnet, middle or high schools outside of their home attendance area or zone will have the option of grandfathering, or being guaranteed a seat in their current school, but must provide their own transportation. Students attending a community school who live outside of their school's attendance area will be able to continue to attend if space is available, but must provide transportation.

At the meeting, Board Director Pam Costain offered an amendment to the plan regarding the A4 attendance area, which is made up of the Bryn Mawr and Harrison neighborhoods. Under the amendment, students in the Bryn Mawr and Harrison neighborhoods would have access to newly created Zone 1 schools for kindergarten through eighth grade and would have the option of attending high school programs in either Zone 1 or Zone 3. The amendment passed by a vote of 5 in favor to 2 opposed. High school choices for Bryn Mawr and Harrison are Southwest, Washburn, Patrick Henry, North and Edison.

The school committee is committed to continue working with the district to meet the needs of our neighborhood students and Minneapolis Public Schools.

More information including maps can be found at [http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/Changing\\_School\\_Options.html](http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/Changing_School_Options.html)

### Letter following September 18 meeting with School officials approved by the BMNA board president

September 18, 2009

Dear School Board Directors:

Bryn Mawr neighborhood community leaders and neighbors recently participated in the Changing School Options town hall meetings at Sheridan and Washburn schools. Here are our unresolved concerns.

#### **The loss of the IB program (to be authorized fall 2009) at Anwatin Middle School**

Dollars and time from both district staff and families have been invested in this program. A centrally located IB middle school promotes academic success for the students from Bryn Mawr, Kenwood, Whittier, Lyndale, Harrison, and Near North. The program is a valuable asset to the district that is worth supporting. Students should have access to Anwatin's IB-MYP program while the district grows IB options in other areas of the city.

#### **The reassignment of a high school community school for the Bryn Mawr neighborhood.**

We ask that changes in high school assignments be made after families have enrolled in their reassigned elementary and middle schools for the fall of 2010. At that time a clearer understanding of where students might attend high school could be determined, allowing an examination of possible high school closures. Until this analysis is complete, the Bryn Mawr neighborhood should remain in the Southwest High attendance area, or possibly in an integrated west end choice area, with both Southwest High School and Patrick Henry High School offered as choices.

#### **The lack of community engagement in this process.**

As a community, we have not been involved in meaningful conversation about this plan. There are several alternatives that the Bryn Mawr/Anwatin/Emerson/Windom communities could enthusiastically embrace, as they embrace their current schools. There has not been time to discuss these alternatives.

We were pleased with the large turnout and participation of the community, administration, and school board at the town hall meetings. However, our questions were not sufficiently answered at these meetings or in the FAQs posted on the website. We heard a consistent message across school communities at these meetings urging reconsideration of locating the immersion program at the Anwatin campus and all the domino effects it triggers. We also heard a need to preserve uniquely integrated schools in Area C and maintain pathways to Southwest High School.

As community leaders, we are ready and willing to work with you over the next four days, and beyond, to ensure the success of the Minneapolis Public Schools. We feel confident that working together as families and school officials we can come up with a solution that will be in the best interests of the children of Minneapolis.

Sincerely,

*Jessica Wiley and Lynda Shabeen,  
Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association School Committee Co-Chairs*

## Local Musician Releases New Album

Indie musician, singer/songwriter Lizzy Rain has lived in the Bryn Mawr area for over two years and loves the artistic, welcoming neighborhood. She is pleased to use the Bryn Mawr Bugle to let the community know about the recent release of her second full length LP "Gypsy Heart."

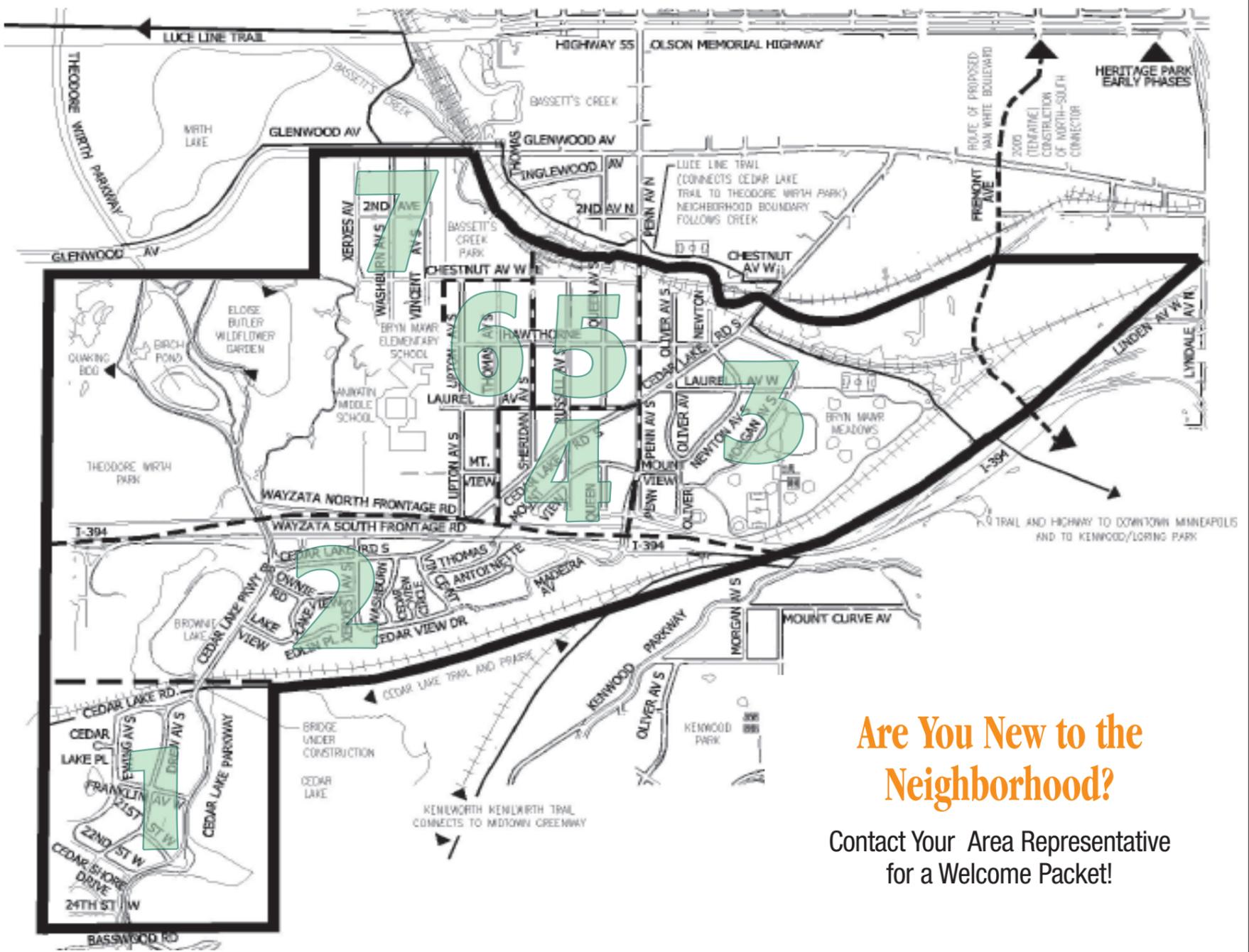
Lizzy has combined her training as a classical pianist with her love of rock and roll to form her own unique sound, which can best be described as Indie Orchestral Rock. Surrounding herself with some of the finest musicians Minneapolis has to offer, the fourteen original songs

on Gypsy Heart feature her elegant, melodic piano and unique vocal style backed by veteran guitar players Mark Knoll and Kenny Wilson, violinist Laurie Melting, and Chicago-like horn section comprised of Zack Lozier on trumpet and Gus Sandberg on sax. The terrific Cate Fierro provides a second female voice throughout the record, and bassist Nick Salisbury and drummer/percussionist Tim Zhorne round out the group as the tight, fluid (and at times quirky) rhythm section. The album was released on her own Mad Hatter Records label,

and was recorded locally at Winterland Studios.

Lizzy Rain would like to invite you to her Gypsy Heart CD Release party, which will be held at the historic Ritz Theatre in N.E. Minneapolis on Friday November 6th. The show will feature her entire lineup of musicians listed above. Doors open at 6:00. Local singer/songwriter Carol Zimmerman opens the show at 6:30. Advance tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased by calling 612-750-7090 or emailing [lizthemadhat@gmail.com](mailto:lizthemadhat@gmail.com).





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