



BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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Bryn Mawr's Saturnalia December 11, 2010

Sponsored by the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Business Association

This Annual Bryn Mawr Tradition Will Be Just One Afternoon, So Don't Miss Out!

The schedule will be (all times approximate):

4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

- Drum Corp will rock the 'hood

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- s'mores and hot cocoa (while supplies last)

4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

- Santa drops in to visit with the children

4:45 to 6:00 p.m.

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

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

- Caroling to raise funds for St. Anne's Women's Shelter in North Minneapolis (bring some spare change to donate for this great effort!) Walk- on singers are welcome, or call Mindy at 377-0866 for more details.

8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

- Party hearty at Cuppa Java (adults only), featuring live music. Drinks may be purchased on site, and you are welcome to bring your own bottle.

Bryn Mawr Carolers Raise Money for the Homeless



Make the season more meaningful - join the Project Starfish Carolers for Saturnalia, on Sat. Dec 12th at 5:30pm in front of Cuppa Java. Sing with us and/or bring a cash donation. Donations will go to St. Anne's Place, a shelter in North Mpls. for homeless women and children

Look for a collection box on Cuppa Java's counter during the month of December, for those who aren't attending Saturnalia.

I hope you can join us!

- Mindy Macy, Area 6
377-0866

Saturnalia has been a great event in the past, with hundreds of neighbors joining the fun. I hope you'll take time off from your holiday preparations, gather your family and friends, and come and enjoy Saturnalia together in Downtown Bryn Mawr.

These events are free and open to the public, and are brought to you by the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Business Association. Volunteers are needed (for short shifts) - watch your e-mail for a notice or call or email Patty Wycoff to volunteer. 612-377-4565 or pwycoff@comcast.net

Saturnalia Wagon Rides & Road Closure

Saturday, December 11 is Saturnalia 2010 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 PM to 6:30 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!
BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Please Note: NO BUGLE IN JANUARY.
Next issue is February 2011.

Photo Feature: Turkeys for Turkey Day

Thanks to Amanda Sommerfeld, Area 6, for sending this fun picture!





BMNA Reporter

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association
November 10, 2010
DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order and Introductions:

Present: Marlin Possehl, President; Ted Kiesselbach, Co-Vice President; Claire Plank, Secretary; Ben Horn, Co-Treasurer; Greg Forehle, Area 1; Dave Holets, Area 1; George Seebach, Area 2; Susan Verrett, Area 2; Lynda Shaheen, Area 2; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Chris Etz, Area 4; Claudia Egelhoff, Area 4; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Barry Schade, Area 6; Andrew Kraling, Area 7; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator; Scott McLaughlin, NRP Chair

Guests in attendance: Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal; Lisa Goodman, City Councilmember; Neil Trembley, Area 3

Approval of Consent Agenda: Approved

Minutes of last month's meeting
Today's Agenda

Acceptance of this month's Financial Report (available online)

City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman

Area had greatest improvement in census turnout!
Lunch with Lisa is over for the season. Instead she's hosting her annual holiday social at the Nomandy Inn: Thursday, December 9, 5pm-7:30pm.

HourCar update: Claudia Egelhoff

After year 1 of Bryn Mawr HourCar - 13 members with 20 unique users. 2-3 hours per day. 50% of 2-year goal. Reach out to bus users. Move parking location.

Request by Cedar Lake Parks consortium to participate/lend support to LRT planning: Neil Trembley

"The BMNA will contribute \$1,000 towards the LRT charrette to be held on the 14th of November, 2010 at the Kenwood Community Center. This contribution is contingent upon approval of this expenditure by NRP, utilizing the account 12.1.1: Improving Downtown Bryn Mawr." -Motion Passed

NC Activity Report: Patty Wycoff

Harvest Dinner had 22 vegetarian entrées!

Update on proposal to add NiceRide bike kiosk to downtown: Ben Horn

"The Bryn Mawr will write up a proposal to support the NiceRide bike kiosk proposal for Bryn Mawr in the amount of \$2,000 per year for the next 3 years, utilizing NRP account 12.1.1: Improving Downtown Bryn Mawr." -Motion Passed

NRP report/discussion - Scott McLaughlin

- CEE Energy project: Two coupons redeemed in Nov., 15 left available.
- Downtown project (lighting & striping): Waiting for light filaments and hoods to be installed. Banners under discussion with working group.
- Downtown project (kiosk): Functioning. Posted by Jeffrey outside Studio 411. Dave Logsdon and Jay Peterson to discuss guidelines for posting announcements and to lock or not to lock.
- Community Solar Power project: Programs have been extended into next year. \$19,000 of funds available (6 more households).

Capstone LRT project:

Progress continuing. Good group of Bryn Mawr residents are participating.

Garden project developments -

Dave Logsdon

Next meeting - January 2011
Gardening has begun near Bryn Mawr Gas Station

Neighborhood Coordinator position contract revisions: Ted Kiesselbach

Board input to be sought regarding revisions to more specifically articulate coordinator duties.

Update from website review committee - Dave Holets

Create directory of Bryn Mawr businesses and phone numbers as helpful reference for residents.

Standing Committee Reports

Schools Committee - Lynda Shaheen
Looking to connect the Community Education Advisory Council and the BMNA Schools Committee - what is everyone's role.

Treasurer's report- Ben Horn

Collecting 2010 dues. Dues only valid for each calendar year according to by-laws.

Adjourn 7:55 pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wed, Dec 8th
7:00 p.m., BM Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Saturnalia Winter Festival
Sat, December 11

NO BUGLE IN JANUARY

THE BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Copy deadline for the February issue is January 20!

Display Ads are due January 20 Ads must be pre-paid & camera ready.
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Area 7 Bugle Distributor Needed

Area 7 Bugle distributor (since January of 2002) is looking for a replacement. Bugle delivery is a team effort (thanks to volunteers who help deliver and have also put in many years of service)!

Here's what's involved:

The distributor receives the papers (usually on the Friday before the 1st of each month). He/she divides them up and deliver to 3 delivery people (one each on Vincent, Washburn, and Xerxes) who deliver to individual homes. Distributor also covers the individual home deliveries on Glenwood Av.

If you can help, please contact deb@i-get-around.com or call 612.374.1484

Don't live in Area 7, but this sounds like something you could do in your Area? Volunteering to distribute or deliver the Bugle is a great way to contribute to the neighborhood. Think about doing it in your own area (and/or having your kids help)!

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✠
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2010

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Happy Hanukkah.

Happy Househunting.

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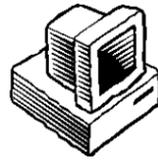


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Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
Area 1	December 13 December 27 January 10 January 24	
Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7	December 6 December 20 January 3 January 17 January 31	
Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		December 7 December 21 January 4 January 18
Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without. Recycle.		



From the Editor

I have been reflecting on my 11th year as editor of the Bryn Mawr Bugle and because it is Thanksgiving, it is time for my annual chorus of thank you's. In 2004, I wrote a column about "magic" happening around the neighborhood. I really like what I wrote, so I am including some of it here.

"Modern day magic is not limited to mysterious or technically sophisticated things that we cannot explain because of limitations in our education or experience. If you look with wonder and awe, magic can be found in simple everyday things we take for granted.

"Ever wonder how your Bugle magically appears on your doorstep each month? It is not brought by the Bugle Fairy, it is the consistent, dependable work of regular folks, like you, that brings your monthly neighborhood news to you."

Then and now, there are many people behind the scenes, making the "magic" that is the Bugle, happen. As I have often said, the Bugle is the largest volunteer effort in Bryn Mawr. So, it is with great appreciation that I would like to acknowledge and thank some of those Bugle heroes.

Thanks to our seven Area Distributors. (I would mention them by name, but they honestly do not like the publicity.) Many have been circulating Bugles to the Block Distrib-

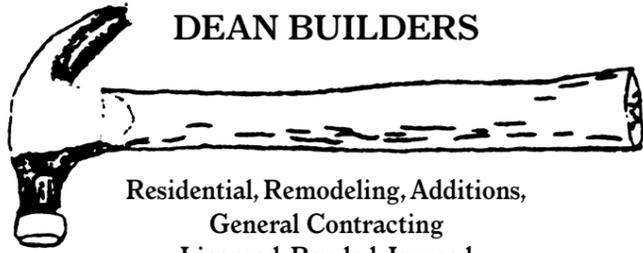
utors in their areas since before I became editor in 1999. Special thanks to Deb Miner of Area 7 who is currently seeking her replacement after six years of service. The Block Distributors are another group of rarely-thanked volunteers, who deliver the Bugles to individual homes. Without their contribution, everyone else's work on the Bugle would be for nothing.

A huge thank you to our long-time regular contributors: Carolyn Bastick, Dave Logsdon, Dick Adair, Deryck Jolstad, Kevina Munnich, Greg Lecker, Patty Wycoff, the advertisers and all the members of the BMNA Board. If you are thinking, "Hey, my name should be here!" You are right. The readers also play a huge role in this information collaboration.

This year there is a new Bugle hero to thank. Dave Holets, BMNA co-rep. from Area 1, has taken on the management of the BMNA website. He promptly posts the Bugle for our online readers and has made many other improvements to BMNA communications.

Finally, I could not do my part without my family, co-workers, and friends, including the many generations of Bryn Mawr moms who inspire and support me. I sincerely hope you all have a magical holiday season!

-JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org



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by Dave Logsdon



Save on Gas...Shop Local

Continuing with the shop local theme, it is amazing how many, goods and services are available right here in beautiful downtown Bryn Mawr. The deterioration of a neighborhood very often begins with a highly visible core business area. Customers from outside the community are important, but given the scarcity of parking, local walk-in traffic is essential to keeping our businesses vibrant.

This holiday season and any season discover all the cool stuff right here in our little corner of the world. Let's follow Mister and Mizz or Mister and Mister, or Mizz and Mizz Bryn Mawr on an imaginary day of shopping!

The first thing they would do would be to hop into Clear to do a little yoga in their basement studio. Getting that Qi (life force) going is the first order of business, also making a mental note to use Qi as great scrabble word. They need a bite to eat and tea or coffee before they start their busy day. Grab a doughnut at the Market, perhaps, but I think they need something a little more substantial. They opt for a yummy breakfast sandwich at Bryn Mawr Coffee down the block. After their breakfast, they split up to get their hair done, one at Ray and Dre's near the coffee shop and the other at Rolayne's. Rolayne has been here for over twenty years and they really want to support her and she is running a 10% off all product sale. All spiffed up, let's shop! They need cards so they check out the Market first and then across the street (look both ways now) to Cock-a-Doodle-Do, to get one of the cool cards he's got there or maybe a gift card for some of the cool stuff there. They think, where else could we get gift cards? Let's think about it over a slice of pizza and some of Jeanine's (aka "The Soup Lady") wonderful state of the art soups.

"In every winter's heart there is a quivering spring, and behind the veil of each night there is a smiling dawn"

-Kahlil Gibran-

There won't be a Bugle in January, so, hopefully I can serve up some stick-to-the-ribs savory linguistic food to last you until February. So savor every little morsel of "Counter Squawk's" witticisms and insights, that is, if there actually is any.

Au Naturel at the Market?

Hopefully, I didn't put the thought of Paul or Larry naked in your heads! What I meant to say is the Market is completing a switch to a hybrid store where you can purchase your "normal" convenience store fare (Lotto, Cigs, Red Bull, etc.) plus organic produce, meat, dairy (the organic milk is the same price as the Wedge Co-op). I remember a year or so ago, making an appeal to the community to do some of their weekly shopping at the store. I had people confide in me that they tried to find things they would normally buy at the Wedge, but couldn't find anything!

Well, if you haven't been to the Market in a while, check them out. Support YOUR community store, shop local and keep this wonderful neighborhood strong and vibrant!

They struck the mother load with that gift card idea! Most of the businesses in Bryn Mawr have them. Even the Bryn Mawr Deli where we are sitting has them. Oh my, all that food may have popped a button on his shirt, no problem, he/she can stop at the tailors next door later on, where they do wonderful alterations and sewing. While your at it you may as well drop off that suit or dress to be dry cleaned.

Picking up that button one of our shoppers threw their back out, but fortunately Dr. Joe's Bryn Mawr Chiropractic was open so they got a quick adjustment and away they went! They were next door to Nola home so they went in to check out that antique store for possible gift ideas, then back around the corner to studio 411 for a pedicure and to pick up a special spa package gift certificate.

What a day this has been! After a quick chair massage at Clear, time to hop in the car, gas up at the Bryn Mawr Mobil and head home for a little nap. After their nap it's time for dinner. Maybe we can just order a Fast Freddie Pizza from the Deli, but we want a little sit down dinner and a bottle of wine. Cuppa Java is the perfect way to end this big day of local shopping. And while there enjoying their wine (try the Covey Run), their eyes fall on a board filled with MAGNETS! What a terrific way to top off your adventure in downtown Bryn Mawr.

Odds and ends and out...

For many years a staple of my column and then of Duke the dog's entertainment column, was the monthly announcement of community members involvement in art, music, and other entertainment activities.

The Front Porch Swinging Liquor Pigs featuring Bryn Mawr's favorite piano tuner, Jim Tollefsrud, were regulars. They played every Friday on the West Bank at the Viking Bar. When the Viking Bar went fishing for good a few years ago, there went the gig. I am pleased to report, they're back! Still on the West Bank every Friday night at another legendary bar, Palmers'.

You can go back to the West Bank to view another column regu-

lar, Roma di Luna (featuring Bryn Mawr's Alxei Moon Casselle and his talented wife Channy). They will be performing their annual Christmas show on the 19th of December at the Cedar. They will have a matinee for their younger fans. If Santa makes an appearance, he might bear a striking resemblance to a certain crazy dancing local columnist!

Jenna Papke, born and raised in Bryn Mawr, will be directing Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at the Cedar-Riverside People's Center (third floor). The show will run December 2-5 and 8-11.

Before I head off to save the world, a quick note about the possibility of the Nice Ride bike rental coming to Bryn Mawr. It is a definite possibility, details like where to put it etcetera need to be worked out. While the Bugle is on hiatus in January you can check out events at the new kiosk in downtown Bryn Mawr on the brick wall/divider between Studio 411 and Cock-A-Doodle-Do.

Have a merry and a happy, I'm out of here!

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BMNA

**Volunteer Spotlight:
Paul Markert**

BMNA Area 4 Rep. & Co-Treasurer

A series profiling outstanding BMNA volunteers.

1. How long have you been a Bryn Mawr resident?

We bought our house in 1995. It was a two bedroom and one bath. Over the years, it has grown to a four bedroom and three bath home. We have no plans to move.

2. What do you like most about living here?

I cannot answer this in one sentence as Bryn Mawr provides me with many benefits. Bryn Mawr is surrounded by parks which are great for walking and skiing, and provide easy access to both

Cedar and Wirth Lake as well as bike trails in all directions. My kids are thriving in the public schools which are within walking distance. Bryn Mawr also has a top-notch dentist and a thriving business district. My family and I have made many friends in the neighborhood. It's a great place to raise kids as it feels like a small town within the city.



3. What do you wish you could change about the neighborhood?

I wish every household would become members of the BMNA. Even if each household only contributed \$1 a month, it would go a long way towards maintaining and bolstering the strength of our unique community. I still miss Bloomsbury Market. My wife wishes there were a good bakery in the business district; my son wishes there were a laser tag facility.

4. In what ways do you volunteer in Bryn Mawr?

I deliver the Bugle. Along with Chris Etz, I am the co-rep of Area 4. With Ben Horn doing most of the work Ben and I are the co-treasurers of the BMNA. I help Cathy Skalicky with the Upton Garden. I also help the Bryn Mawr PTA with various events.

5. Why do you volunteer?

I like to feel I am part of a strong community. Volunteering keeps me in touch with other residents and community issues.

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - December 2010

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
Saturnalia Festival Elves and Sprites and Holiday Lights! Saturday, December 11, 2010			Land Use Committee 1 Meeting, 7pm at Bryn Mawr Elementary, RM 136	A Taste of Anwatin 2 Community Night and Arts & Crafts Fair, 4:30-9:00 pm	3	4
5	6	7	BMNA monthly Board meeting, 7pm at Bryn Mawr Elementary, Cafeteria 8	Later with Lisa Goodman at The Normandy Inn, 5:00-7:30pm 9	10	Saturnalia Festival, 11 4-7pm on Cedar Lake Road
12	13	14	Community Garden 15 Group meeting, 7PM, Cuppa Java basement	16	17	18
19	Minneapolis Public Schools WINTER BREAK December 20-31 (No meetings at school) 20	ROC Committee, Ripley Gardens, 6:30pm 21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	January 1, 2011 New Year's Day

Bryn Mawr Community Solar Project

Grant Money & Program Extended Through 2011!



Power Output
7835 Kwh



Panels Installed
= 113

Thanks to all of our neighbors that applied for, considered, called about, and participated in the Bryn Mawr Community Solar Power program in 2010. Bryn Mawr residents are contributing to a greener and renewable future. In a few short months our neighbors have already produced over 7,835 Kwh of energy with 113 panels installed!

Over 50% of the program money was awarded in 2010 to eight property owners. Due to the initial success, the short time-frame allotted this past summer, and the number of interested residents the remaining program funds will be available to residents and business owners throughout 2011!

The program has \$19,000 available for property owners in the form of grants that have ranged from \$1,000-\$3,000. A project update including tax credit changes will be provided next year in the February or March edition of the Bugle.

Those interested in a system installation in 2011 could spend a few nights of the cold winter months and learn more about solar power. Visit sites such as www.eere.energy.gov or www.solar-estimate.org and www.doe.gov. For a jump start in the application you may contact Xcel Energy to request your last 12 months of energy usage and/or call a solar panel contractor to schedule an assessment.



Remember there are no income limits and only one grant is allowed per property. Eligible properties include single family houses, businesses, owner-occupied multi-unit homes, condos, and town homes. If you have any questions regarding this program please contact one of the Community Solar Program Committee Members.

-Andrew Kraling 612 226 6249
BMNA Area 7 Co-Representative and Community Solar Program Project Member

-Ben Horn 612 382 7982
BMNA Co-Treasurer, Area 7 Resident, and Community Solar Program Project Member

-Scott McLaughlin 612 374 9494
NRP Chair, Area 5 Resident, and Community Solar Program Project Member

Spots available for CEE workshops and free home visits...

The BMNA continues to hold on to 15 free workshop slots related to the Minnesota Energy Challenge. Over \$400 worth of home materials are available with this offer, not to mention a free home visit from energy experts with the Center for Energy and Environment.

The best part, it is FREE to Bryn Mawr residents!

The BMNA will continue to cover the \$30 fee for these services and products for 100 of our fellow

neighbors. As of this writing 80 Bryn Mawr residents have taken advantage of the program, meaning only 15 spots remain.

The date and locations of upcoming workshops are:

12/2/2010 6:30PM
Linden Hills Recreation Center
3100 41st Street West

12/9/2010 6:30PM
Burroughs Community School
1601 50th Street West

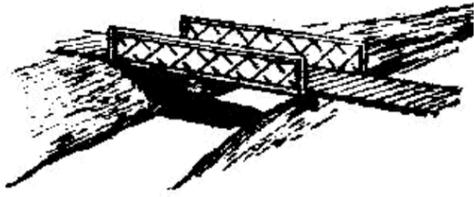
Childcare will be provided and treats! Contact Ashley Robertson with CEE at 612-335-5869 to reserve one of the remaining slots. You can also check out www.mnenergychallenge.org for further details.

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16	17	ROC Committee, Ripley Gardens, 6:30pm 18	Community Garden Group meeting, 7PM, Cuppa Java basement 19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

View From the Bridge



Fort Snelling State Park
December 2010

Wildlife and people use resources of river flood plains in different ways.

Few travelers racing to and from their flights at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport realize that adjacent to the airport lies land that played a most important role in Minnesota history.

Introduced in the previous column, the glacial river valley landform of the Minnesota and Minneapolis River valleys forms the basis of animal and human ecology, the subject of this column. The surrounding land has been home to animals and humans for much of the time since retreat of the last ice age 10,000 years ago.

Fort Snelling State Park showcases the confluence of two great rivers, the Minnesota and the Mississippi. Most of the park is on the Minnesota River floodplain. The riverine environment hosts large cottonwood, silver maple, ash, and willow trees along braided channels of the Minnesota River. Silver Maple and Cottonwood trees tolerate wet “feet” & grow in river flood plains; Bur Oak trees grow on drier uplands above.

Forested river bottoms, marshes and wet meadows support a variety of wildlife including white-tailed deer, fox, woodchucks, badgers, beavers, and skunks. Red-winged blackbirds, coots, and many ducks can be found on and near lakes and rivers. Snapping, soft-shelled and painted turtles bask in the sun along the river or lakes. Visitors might also come across a fox snake which is almost identical in appearance to a rattle snake, but is not poisonous. Painted, soft-shelled and snapping turtles enjoy sunning themselves on logs at Sergeant’s Lake. Beavers sometimes make their home on the edge of the lake as well as on river banks. They harvest young growth trees for food and for shelter. Beavers burrow into the river bank instead of building a dome type lodge that you might see on many lakes and ponds. Thus beavers can adjust to the changing river. While crossing the footbridge to Pike Island, look for animal tracks in the mud next to the footbridge.

American Indians occupied the Upper Mississippi River Valley for at least several thousand years before Europeans appeared. By the 1600’s, the Dakota settled most of the region, living in villages along the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers. The Mde-wa-kan-ton-wan Dakota, the “Dwellers by Mystic Lake”, considered the river confluence as their origin and center of the earth, naming it “junction of two rivers” or HA-HA MDO-TE,

from which the town of Mendota got its name.

Before highways or railways existed, early European settlers used rivers for trade, exploration and settlement. To cross these rivers, settlers employed boats at first, then organized ferry crossings. Later, rail and roadway bridges were built on the same alignment as the ferries since settlement often developed outward from ferry landings. Today, barges, riverboats, motorboats, and kayaks sail on the rivers for the purposes of commerce and recreation.

In the late 1700s, visiting Europeans inadvertently introduced smallpox that wiped out entire American Indian villages along the Mississippi and throughout the Midwest. The American Fur Company and its manager Henry Sibley (Minnesota’s first governor) traded with the Dakota for beaver pelts to satisfy European fur fashions. Based in Mendota, the American Fur Company traded with the Dakota from 1825 to 1853.

In 1805, at the west end of the island bearing his name, Lieutenant Zebulon Montgomery Pike signed the first treaty west of the Mississippi River, ceding control of land from the Dakota to the United States. He purchased 155,520 acres of land and water for presents, whiskey, and promises amounting to about a dollar and a quarter per acre. That this treaty between Pike and Little Crow was or was not upheld would become the basis of the US-Dakota Conflict of 1862.

In the early 1820’s, as Pike suggested, Fort Snelling was built on the bluff above the two rivers to control trade, exploration, and settlement on the waterways. American soldiers surveyed river travel from Fort Snelling, perched high above on the river bluff. Soldiers tended gardens on and below the bluff, and grew hay on Pike Island. Over the years much of Pike Island has been farmed with both private and public gardens.

Soldiers grew hay and vegetables on less fertile rocky river bluffs but more importantly on rich river bottom lands. Mendota Bridge pilings were driven to a depth of three-hundred-feet without reaching bedrock, documenting that rivers built up much sediment over time. Between 1820’s and 1850’s, Fort Snelling Gardens comprised up to 400 acres which is now the area beneath the Mendota Bridge. Staples such as corn, bean, and squash sustained both soldiers at Fort Snelling and Native Americans living in the river flood plain below. The root cellars were built into the bluff underneath the road leading up to the fort. That road is also the first road Americans established in Minnesota.



Crop failure, heavy winter snows, and starvation led to unrest among the Native American Dakota in 1862. The U.S. Indian Agency ignored treaties that earlier ensured food and money, though U.S. managed storehouses were full. During the resulting five-week-long conflict, many settlers and Dakota were killed.

Following the US – Dakota conflict of 1862, sixteen-hundred Dakota, mostly women and children, were held captive during the winter of 1862-63 in the Dakota Internment Camp. Many people died here (estimated 300). The remaining individuals were then loaded on steamboats at the nearby steamboat landing and sent to Crow Creek, South Dakota. A memorial tribute ceremony held in October 1987 was the first time the State of Minnesota officially acknowledged this site and event. Built near the Fort Snelling State Park visitor center, a sculptural tribute, “Wokiksuye K’a Woyuonihan” – “Remembrance and Recognition”, memorializes the American Indians who died while held here following the U.S.-Dakota Conflict.

As the Fort Snelling complex expanded westward, portions of historic Fort Snelling fell into disuse and were recycled as stone foundations for later buildings. By the 1940s portions of the former officers gardens on the rich river flood plain were turned into a waste dump for concrete rubble, asbestos, contaminated soil and railroad ties, as well as noninfectious medical wastes such as hospital glassware, syringes, & tubing.

To conserve open space and wildlife in the heart of the Twin Cities, the Fort Snelling area was established as a state park in 1962. In the 1970’s the Minnesota Historical Society reconstructed the historic

fort. Perched one-half-mile uphill via a trail or staircase from Fort Snelling State Park, Historic Fort Snelling provides a view of military life in the 1820s. In late 2002, several agencies created a wetland on the site of the former waste dump located below the fort. Replacing the Pike Island homestead visitor center that was prone to flooding, the Thomas C. Savage Visitor Center opened in 1997.

Fort Snelling State Park walking surfaces include asphalt, crushed limestone, and sand; and the terrain is flat. Naturalists conduct year round programs that focus on the geology, wildlife, vegetation and water resources of the park. Interpretive exhibits and films on display in the Visitor Center give visitors a good background on the history and resources of the region.

For more information:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/fort_snelling/index.html
Fort Snelling State Park
#1 Post Road
St. Paul, MN 55111
Main Office: (612) 725-2389
Visitor Center: (612) 725-2724

Sources:

Dakota Memorial signage; Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website; the Fort Snelling State Park Management Plan – July 18, 1997; the Fort Snelling State Park Management Plan – 1987; and Minnesota Explorers Web Pages – David L. Wood (<http://dlwgraphics.com/mnpike2.htm>).

Discover the secrets of Fort Snelling State Park...it will be worth your effort!

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



U of M to Measure Traffic on Popular Minneapolis Park Trails

Runners, walkers, and bikers will soon see small utility boxes on posts next to the trails at Lake Calhoun, Lake Nokomis and Theodore Wirth Park. Inside the boxes are battery-powered infrared counters, which record passing traffic using a transmitter and receiver.

The counters work much like a television remote control, as they transmit an infrared beam across the trail. Passing users break the beam and the counter records this as an "event." The sum of "events" is the total traffic count. The counters will not interfere with daily use and maintenance of the trails, and have no effect on trail users.

The Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota is measuring trail usage to enhance existing models of bicycle and pedestrian traffic within the city of Minneapolis. Data shared with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will assist in development of future trail management plans, and is not in conflict with yearly bicycle and pedestrian counts completed in partnership with the Metropolitan Regional Parks System.

This research project is sponsored by the Center for Transportation Studies, ITS Institute at the University of Minnesota with support from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. The principal investigator for the study is Professor Greg Lindsay.

Greg Lindsey joined the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs in 2008 where he has responsibility for the Institute's academic and research operations. Since joining the Institute, he has led efforts to develop the Humphrey Insti-

tute's Master of Development Practice degree program and its award-winning Humphrey by the Numbers information management system.

Lindsey specializes in environmental planning, policy, and management. His current research involves studies of the relationship between the built environment and physical activity, specifically factors that affect use of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. With support from the University of Minnesota's Techplan Program, he is conducting a project to measure traffic on multiuse urban trails in the Twin Cities region.

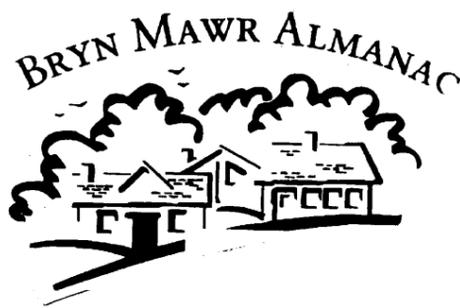
Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is accepting applications from residents for three positions on the newly restructured Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee. The MBAC functions as an advisory committee to the Mayor and City Council as well as the Park Board and serves as a liaison to bicyclists, businesses, neighborhoods, and other communities and agencies. It promotes commuter as well as recreational bicycling, advocates for bicycling infrastructure improvements, encourages safe riding, and works to involve city residents interested in bicycling issues. The three committee members will be appointed the last week in December and will begin serving Wednesday, January 5.

Deadline: 4:30 p.m., Dec. 22, 2010.

Applicants are required to be Minneapolis residents and may not hold a current election certificate. Park Board employees are not eligible.

Mail application to, or drop off at,
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board,
Attention: Jennifer Ringold,
2117 West River Road,
Minneapolis, MN 55411.
Fax: 612-230-6506
Email: jringold@minneapolisparcs.org



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| December 6, 2009 | About 250 Canada geese crowded into the unfrozen half of Wirth Lake, making quite a racket. |
| December 7, 2009 | Wirth Lake completely freezes over during a calm, clear night with rapid radiational cooling. This is quite late for this event. |
| December 10, 2006 | After two warm days, raccoons are out and foraging in the compost pile. They should be hibernating at this time of year. |
| December 12, 1999 | Watched a group of crows cooperating to get suet from a bird feeder on Xerxes Ave N. One stood watch while the others ate, taking turns. Crows are very social and intelligent birds. |
| December 21, 2010 | Full moon, the Ojibwe Descending Cold moon. Early today there will be a total lunar eclipse, the first one in three years. You'll have to stay up late the evening of December 20 to see it: the moon slowly enters the earth's shadow at 12:32 AM, is totally covered by the shadow from 1:40 AM to 2:52 AM, then gradually emerges. Eclipses can only happen when the moon is full. |

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Community School

One Family's experience with school choice

It is that time of year again... school choice time. This can be an overwhelming time for some parents. We want to share our story and hopefully this will ease some of your fears.

My husband and I have an 8th grader at F.A.I.R. and a 3rd grader at Bryn Mawr Elementary. We began our search 10 years ago for the perfect elementary school. Our daughter was attending a preschool in Uptown where half of her class was going to Kenwood Elementary.

We toured Kenwood and were not thrilled. The 7:30 am start time was unappealing. We had a newborn in our house and the thought of waking up and getting out the door and to school by 7:30 seemed impossible. We never toured Bryn Mawr Elementary. We(I) was obsessed with test scores and at that time, Bryn Mawr Elementary had poor test scores. They also had a high rate of students that qualified for free/reduced lunch.

We(I) thought our brilliant child would never reach her full potential in a school like this. We chose a suburban school with impressive test scores, a low free/reduced lunch population and a 9:30 am start time. We knew four girls in the neighborhood who were starting kindergarten there. Only one of the four girls remained at the school

through 6th grade. Our family left in the fall of her 5th grade year.

Fast forward four years and we are struggling with where to send our brilliant second child. We were less influenced by test scores. The suburban elementary was less appealing this time around. We began talking to neighbors who had children at Bryn Mawr Elementary. Every person we talked with was thrilled with the school and how their child was doing there.

We learned there were 16 children in the neighborhood starting kindergarten at Bryn Mawr Elementary. We decided to give it a try and thought if we were not happy we would take our little genius to a different school for 1st grade.

Our son is a third grader this year. He is soaring academically and loves his school. We are more than happy at Bryn Mawr Elementary. The teachers are amazing and so committed to the kids. We have met families and built friendships with people we consider our closest and dearest friends.

We are older and wiser than we were 10 years ago. We no longer believe a school should be judged by its test scores or socio-economic levels of its population. We hope you will give your community elementary school a chance. We don't regret that we did.

- Patty Wycoff & Morris Engel, Area 5



Youth & Schools

Lynda Shabeen, BMNA Schools Committee Co-Chair

Family Open Gym Night

From now until April, the gym at Bryn Mawr Elementary School will be open for families with kids of all ages to get out some energy while playing with neighbors. The Family Open Gym hours are Tuesdays from 6-8 pm. Some balls and toys are provided. Research shows that kids who exercise learn better, so come and run around and it's a great way to meet other kids and families in the neighborhood.

Minneapolis Public Schools Pre-K-8 School Information Fair

Minneapolis Public Schools will host its annual Pre-K-8 School Information Fair on Saturday, Jan. 8, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1300 Nicollet Mall, downtown Minneapolis. Community Schools for the Bryn Mawr neighborhood are Bryn Mawr Elementary, Anwatin Middle School, Southwest, Patrick Henry and Washburn High School. Many magnet schools are available too including South High.

The School Information Fair is an important first step in choosing the right school for students. While the Minneapolis school district has moved to a new attendance zone model, there are still choice options available to families. In particular, families with children entering pre-kindergarten, kindergarten or moving on to middle school for the 2009-10 school year are strongly encouraged to attend. Teachers and staff from various schools and departments will be available to answer questions and assist families with their school choice options. Elementary and High School Request Cards are due on Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

EVENT:

Pre-K-8 School Information Fair

WHEN:

Saturday, January 9, 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHERE

Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

(Parking will be validated up to two hours at the Loring Parking Ramp.)

For more information about school choice, please call Student Placement Services at (612) 668-1840 or visit <http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us>.

Change in CSO (MPS Changing School Options Plan)

Emerson Dual Immersion Elementary School will not be moving to the Bryn Mawr/Anwatin campus as planned. They will stay in their current downtown location. This change was due in part to continued growth in enrollment at Bryn Mawr School. Bryn Mawr Elementary School will remain in their current building. Anwatin will continue to be a joint International Baccalaureate and Spanish Dual Immersion Middle School.

Election Day Bake Sale

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International Baccalaureate & IB Spanish Dual Immersion
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612-668-2454

Bryn Mawr Community School
Principal Renee Montague
252 Upton Ave. South,
Minneapolis, MN 55405
612-668-2500

Empty Bowls Project at Anwatin

Community Event Thursday, Dec. 2nd, 4:30-9:00 p.m.



For the fourth year in a row, the Anwatin Community Service Team (CST) is raising money and awareness to try and eliminate hunger locally and around the world. As part of the CST elective, eighth graders and students with developmental and cognitive delays work together on service learning projects. For Empty Bowls they assisted each other in making bowls and doing research on hunger.

The students of Anwatin invite the community to support this effort by coming to "Taste of Anwatin Community Night", Thursday, December 2nd, 2009, 4:30-9:00 p.m. at Anwatin Middle School, 256 Upton Av S. At the event, people can purchase a variety of tasty ethnic foods. Empty, student-made ceramic bowls will also be on sale alongside information about hunger to remind us of the many people who go hungry each day. The bowls make thoughtful gifts for the community-minded people on your list. Food and bowl proceeds will go to Branch 1 Food Shelf in the Phillips Neighborhood.

In the auditorium at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Student Performance by the after school theater troupe and at 6:45 there will be a Hunger Awareness presentation. Then stay for a Band and Choir concert at 7:00p.m.

There will also be a Community Art and Craft Sale in the media center with a wide variety of artisans and their wares.

Hope to see you December 2nd!

- Colette Kruc, Anwatin Teacher

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The expansion of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church is right on schedule and it's looking great so far. We hope neighbors are as pleased as we are with how the new addition blends into the existing building. We also enclosed the dumpster with a more attractive fence which has improved our exte-

rior. On the inside we have added an elevator, two classrooms, and removed walls for a more open feel. Check the neighborhood email or the new information kiosk by Studio 411 for news of a neighborhood open house after completion sometime in the new year. Or stop by any Sunday at 10:30 and check out the changes. All are welcome here. It's exciting!

- Lynda Shabeen, Area 2

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Proceeds from all sales benefit Branch I food shelf in south Minneapolis.

- Purchase a student-created ceramic bowl for \$10.
- Buy popcorn and traditional ethnic foods.
- View student displays and pamphlets.
- Student Performance by Afterschool Theater Group at 6:30 pm
- Hunger awareness slideshow at 6:45 pm in the Auditorium

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Beautiful Arts & Crafts for sale 4:30-9:00 pm in the Media Center. Student work and community artists. Unique items for yourself or gifts, including yummy baked goods!

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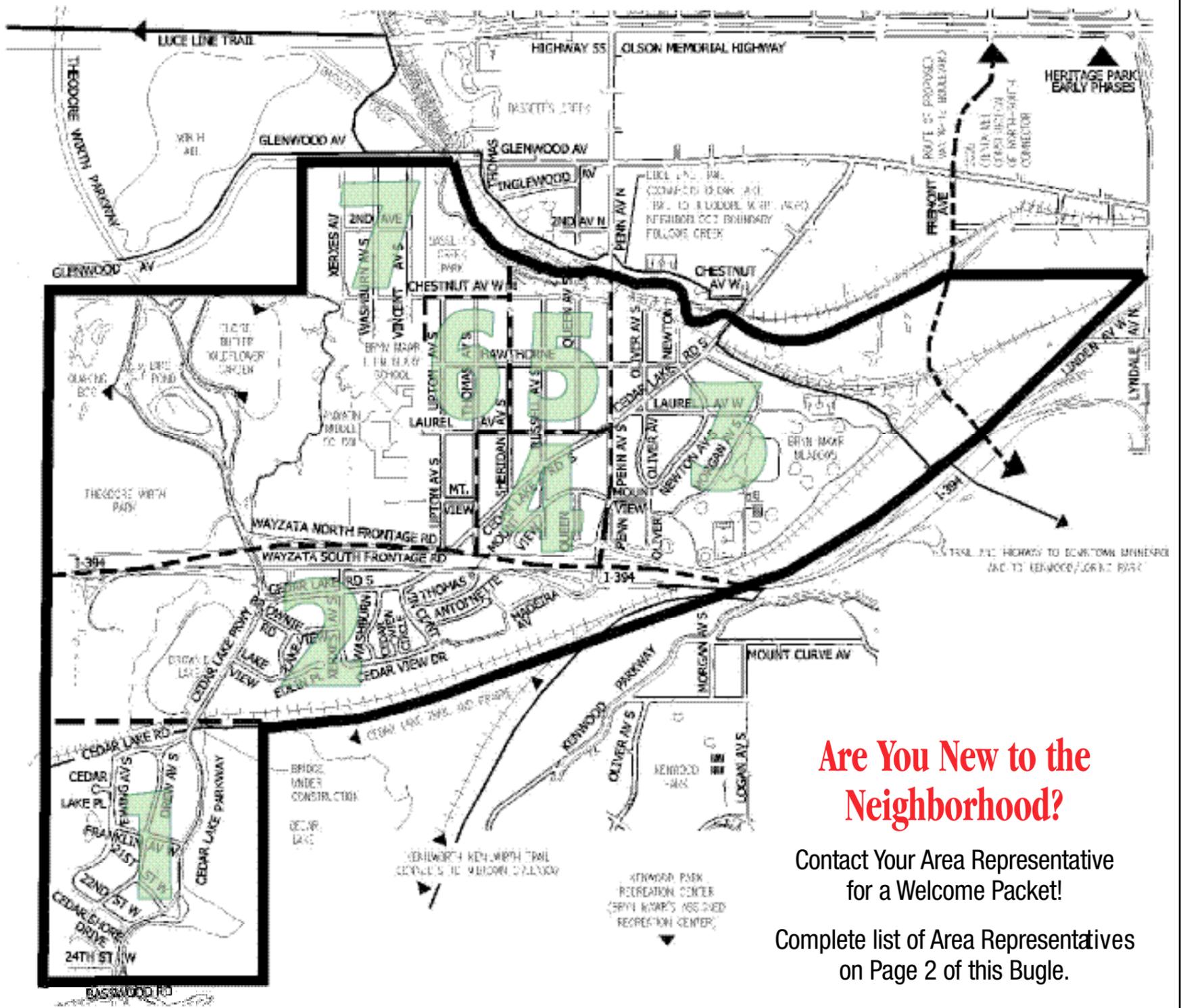
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