



# BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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## Bryn Mawr Named a “Best Place to Live”

By JoEllyn Jolstad

In its special real estate issue published April 2010, *Minnesota Monthly* magazine named Bryn Mawr one of the best places to live in the Twin Cities. 15 Twin Cities neighborhoods were deemed to “have what it takes to be livable, walkable, and generally outstanding” and Bryn Mawr was at the top of the list!

Our “Neighborhood Within a Park” was commended for its natural amenities and proximity to downtown. While agree that we are indeed fortunate for the unique geography which gives the neighborhood some of its charm, the article did a very nice job of highlighting some of the people-driven qualities which make Bryn Mawr special.

The article praises our well-maintained homes, tidy yards and gardens. It mentions that *Cottage*

*Living* magazine recently named Bryn Mawr one of the top 10 “cottage communities” nationwide.

Our “downtown Bryn Mawr” business district was mentioned with special praise going to Nola Home and Cockadoodle Doo.

The “activist Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association” got a shout out for all its hard work to build community. “Bisected by Interstate 394, the area still manages to hold onto a small-town esprit de corps that’s as unexpected as it is appealing.” Ironically, it is that very I-394 divide that was the inspiration for the founding of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association and its monthly newsletter, the Bugle!

Both the upcoming Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales and Blooming Bryn Mawr Garden Tour were mentioned and our neighborhood festival to residents ratio was noted at 1:543.

All these amazing qualities are a credit to the neighbors who work so hard to maintain our quality of life here. Even the parks, trails, and lakes are tended to and supported by people in Bryn Mawr. Congratulations to this outstanding community!



## Help Wanted for Earth Day Cleanup on April 17th, 9:30am-12noon at Three Neighborhood Locations

We all know that Bryn Mawr has great parks, but after a long winter they need a good cleaning. I’m looking for some volunteers to come out on April 17 and help with this project.

### You can help in three easy steps:

- Show up at one of these sites listed below on Saturday, April 17, anytime between 9:30 and noon.
- Check in, grab a bag & gloves.
- Walk around and pick up trash.

### Cleanup sites:

- Bassett’s Creek cleanup site, based at the J.D. Rivers picnic area (Glenwood and Washburn Aves.)
- Wirth Lake Beach, based in the beach parking lot (Glenwood Ave between Xerxes Ave and Wirth Pkwy.)
- Cedar Lake, based at the parking lot at West 25th Street and Cedar Lake Pkwy.

This effort is part of a bigger Minneapolis Park & Rec Board Earth Day project to clean

up many of the city’s parks. Bryn Mawr and Harrison neighborhoods are participating for the 15th consecutive by adopting the efforts at Bassett’s Creek, Wirth Lake, and Cedar Lake. More info is at [www.minneapolisearthday.com](http://www.minneapolisearthday.com).

Please dress appropriately for the weather, including boots and good gloves (water repellent types are best). Children are encouraged to participate (with appropriate supervision).

Thanks in advance for helping out. If you have any questions about our specific cleanup efforts, please me at 612-374-3613 or [karen@brynmawrsoap.com](mailto:karen@brynmawrsoap.com).

- Karen Soderberg, Area 7

## SAVE THE DATE: Wed., May 12, 2010 BMNA Annual Meeting and Board Elections

### BMNA Board Nominees

President . . . . .Marlin Possehl  
Secretary . . . . .Claire Plank  
Area Co-Representatives  
Area 2 . . . . .Lynda Shaheen  
. . . . .George Seebach  
. . . . .Susan Verrett  
Area 4 . . . . .Christopher Etz  
. . . . .Paul Markert  
Area 6 . . . . .Jay Peterson  
. . . . .Barry Schade

### Nominees for Land Use Committee

Area 2 . . . . .Curt MacKenzie  
Area 4 . . . . .Kevin Johnson  
Area 6 . . . . .Michael Martens

Please contact Nominations Committee Chair Larry Skov, at 598-0753, if you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions! The full slate of candidates will be published in the May Bugle.

**On Page 9 of this Bugle:**  
**Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales Registration**  
Garage Sale Weekend is May 1-2. Get on the Map!



# BMNA Reporter

BMNAMeeting Minutes  
March 10, 2010

**Call to order and introductions**  
7:03pm

**Present:**

Marlin Possehl, President; Larry Skov, Vice President; Ben Horn, Co-Treasurer; Adam Maki, Co-Treasurer; Claire Plank, Secretary; Greg Froehle, Area 1; Susan Verrett, Area 2; Lynda Shaheen, Area 2; Rick Carter, Area 3; Paul Markert, Area 4; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Andrew Kraling, Area 7; Steve Harvey, Area 7; JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle editor/Community Schools Liaison; Scott McLaughlin, NRP chair; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator.

**Guests in attendance:**

George Seebach, Area 2; Lisa Goodman, City Council Rep; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal; Beth Grosen, City of Minneapolis, CPED.

**Approval of Consent of Agenda –**

- a. Minutes of last month’s meeting - approved
- b. Today’s agenda - approved
- c. Acceptance of this month’s financial report - approved

**Election of Claire Plank, Secretary**

- a. approved

**City Updates – Council Member Lisa Goodman**

- a. The new Department of Neighborhood and Community Relations

- i. March 23, 12-1pm Virtual Open House
- ii. March 25, 3:30pm-7:30pm at TriTec Center
- 1. Open positions on: Animal Care, Heritage Preservation, Minneapolis Workforce Council, Public Health Community, among others
- b. Park Board and representative for new beach area in Theo Worth Park.
- i. Karen Soderberg will serve as representative – Marlin will contact Lisa
- c. Ward 7 E-news
- i. March is Census Month. April will host a contest between neighborhoods in Ward 7 to increase census participation. Story will be in Bugle.

**Beth Crosen, CPED - HC Rail Yards in East Linden**

**Bassett Creek Valley Plan Implementation Update**

- i. Public Works Department is open to future changes/suggestions
- 1. Long-term vehicles held in different location
- ii. Low need for housing, sell property as demand called
- 1. 1st phase – West Lot, 2nd phase – East Lot, 3rd phase – Impound Lot
- iii. Still committed to Master Plan
- 1. Current recommendations to the City Council:
- a. Grant Ryan Companies exclusive development rights to Linden Yards West through 2015.
- b. If Linden Yard East is selected as the preferred site for a rail layover facility, direct City staff to work with Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority.
- c. Modify the date that Ryan’s good faith deposit will be refundable
- d. Direct staff to continue to work with Ryan and come back to Council with development proposals
- iv. Van White Memorial Bridge construction could begin this year.

**Patty Wycoff, NC Activity Report**

- a. Cricket Association would like to be involved in the neighborhood
- i. Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale and/or Cricket Clinic
- b. City Meetings:
- i. Tuesday March 16 - Replacement Project
- ii. Tuesday, March 26 - Schools
- c. BMNA PayPal Account - set-up to collect Membership Dues
- d. Minnesota State Horticulture Society – renewed \$50 membership
- e. Neighborhood Garage Sale - Patty and JoEllyn NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

**NRP Report – Scott**

- a. Total Funding Available \$162,361
- b. Downtown Lighting Project
- i. 10% of funds for project need to come from the neighborhood
- ii. Letter approved to send to city supporting lighting project and use of NRP funds
- c. Center for Energy and Environment (CEE): Energy Effective Cities Leading The Way
- i. Bryn Mawr is part of the 2nd tier group for project
- 1. Neighborhood Workshops for people to sign up for in-home visits, free products, free energy tracking
- ii. CEE will present at April meeting (30 minutes)

**Treasurer’s Report**

- a. 2010 Budget - approved
- a. Marlin: recommended \$3,000 be set aside for smaller items (up to \$100) in contingency fund; Ben and Marlin will return to next meeting with formal proposal
- i. Who: committee members work with Ben, Treasurer
- ii. What: non-budgeted (non-line) items needed for the ordinary course of business
- iii. Report: available every month on QuickBooks
- iv. MUST HAVE RECEIPT!
- b. Bugle
- i. \$2500 loss in 2009 (NRP helped with covering some of that loss)
- ii. Ideal Goal – Bugle to take care of itself
- 1. track donated space
- c. Membership Dues
- i. Memberships are being entered and soon will have list of non-renewals

**Nominations Report**

- a. Need to find a Co-VP interested in president position
- i. Possible article in Bugle

**Update on BMNA Projects:**

- a. Downtown BM kiosk - Rick
- i. Earmark money for “Downtown Lighting Project” related expenses- approved
- b. Ash Borer Project – Jay
- i. Bringing closure to the project with info for what to do in certain situations
- ii. Pest found in Prospect Park

**Standing Committee Reports**

- a. Land Use Committee Report – Michael Martens has resigned as chair
- b. Schools Committee
- March 23: Neighborhood wide meeting on school updates
- Questions and answers to be posted in the Bugle
- ii. March 19: Family Fun Night at Bryn Mawr Elementary School.
- iii. Expansions:
- 1. 2 new classrooms to Bryn Mawr Elementary
- 2. Anwatin attendance has grown
- 3. New French Immersion School for north side
- c. Bugle Committee – JoEllyn
- i. April theme: Earth Day
- ii. Discussed Bugle Contractor Scope of Services
- iii. Editor Roles - Advertising, Content, Distribution
- iv. BMNA Board’s role:
- 1. Connections with local retailers for ads
- 2. Feedback from community
- 3. Write articles/editorials
- v. Advertising: 16 page breaks even in advertising; 12 page does not
- vi. Website showing good feedback
- vii. Distribution Questions – contact Jay or JoEllyn
- viii. Letter to the Editor policy – need to clarify and print
- ix. Carolyn Jenson – interested in proofing the Bugle?
- d. BFR Committee – see membership drive above
- e. Traffic Committee – no report
- f. Parks & Rec Committee – no report

**Odds and Ends**

Paul Markert – opportunity to showcase Bryn Mawr in Homes Show.

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**Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule**

	Monday	Tuesday
Area 1	April 5 April 19	
Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7	April 12 April 26	
Areas		April 13 April 27

Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without. Recycle.

**Hennepin County Household Hazardous Waste Collections**

It's that time of year when we all do spring cleaning, and you are wondering where to get rid of your unwanted items.

**Dates:**  
Independence – April 29th to May 1st  
Minnetonka – May 20th to May 22nd  
St. Louis Park – June 10th – 12th

You can always take Hazardous Waste to the Hennepin County Transfer Stations which is open year around. For information or directions, please call 612-348-3777.

*Recycle your stuff!*  
**Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales**  
**May 1-2, 2010**  
Registration on page 9.



**From the Editor**

Bryn Mawr Named a “Best Place to Live” I had to feature this exciting story on the cover this month. Of course doing so would leave me without a topic, if there were not several other aspects of life in Bryn Mawr that I think are worth praising. So, the intro to my editorial this month is on page 1 and here is the rest.

Regular Bugle readers know where my loyalties lie, so it will not be a surprise that I see our quality schools as a huge asset to the community. The schools are growing in popularity because of the the outstanding academic and world education. The kindergarten students at Bryn Mawr Elementary had the highest reading gains in the entire MPS district and the fully authorized International Baccalaureate middle school at Anwatin is developing a program where Spanish Dual Immersion students can also take part in a global education.

About our “diminutive business district”, Minnesota Monthly readers may be intrigued by our two “quirkily outstanding home-accessories shops” but if you live here, you also love our three eateries, three mind-body centers, the tailor, upholstery shop, dentist and the one and only Market, not to mention the many non-storefront local businesses.

None of what is great about this neighborhood would be worth much without the people. Every community has inspirational neighbors. There’s that popular musician with a CD coming out, the woman with the impressive stage and screen credits, the Olympic athlete in training, the author, and the elected official. Even the weather guy has to live somewhere.

But the neighbors who inspire me are those who give of their time, talent and treasure, Yes, we have amazing parks, trails and lakes. But they are made so by wonderful neighbors who care for and protect them.

Then there is the Bugle. How could they not mention the Bugle? Clearly they are either unaware of its existence or have no idea how rare it is to have a neighbor-sustained monthly publication.

My bias is that without the Bugle, so many other things would not happen or would be diminished. It is a vehicle for news and information and a catalyst for change and activism (to borrow another word from the MN Monthly story.)

But even the Bugle, comes back to the people - not only the contributors and volunteers, but the BMNA Board and committee members, who do so much work on behalf of all of us and without whom there would be no news, no festivals, and little sense of community.

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



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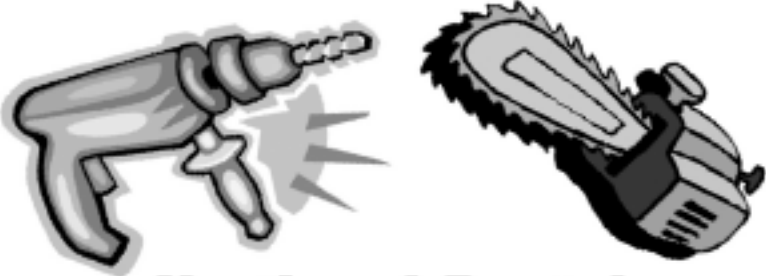


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# more CounterTalk

by Dave Logsdon



*"It's not easy being green,  
dressed up in the colors of the spring"*

-Kermit D Frog

No, it is not easy, I'll admit, but it's getting better every day. Spring hath sprung, bye-bye snow, hello sunshine and blue skies! When environmentalists look at Bryn Mawr, they will be "Green" with envy.

## Ash Boring.....hardly

If you live on Newton Avenue in Area 3, this very tiny ash borer character has got your heart rate jumping! Up and down Newton, one of the prettiest blocks in Bryn Mawr, are lovely, statuesque ash trees. This is also a beggar's banquet for the borer.

In a recent addition of the Southwest Journal, the paper's Bryn Mawr beat writer, Dylan Thomas, wrote a nice article about the little borer. Featured in the cover story was a nice shot of Area 6 Master Gardener, Kathy Ripke, leaning against an ash tree. The article went on to talk about our pro-active approach to the "Invasion of the borer". Ripke and BMNA board member, Jessica Wiley, who lives on Newton, talked about how a group of community members got together and inventoried every Ash in Bryn Mawr! It may take a few years for an infected tree to actually die so part of the alternate plan is to plant a new tree now to replace the dying one. There are preventative treatments, but the treatments are expensive and are not guaranteed to work. Thanks again to the Neighborhood Association

## WEEKLY MEETINGS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

All interested people are  
invited to attend.

Board for staying out in front of another issue that would greatly affect the quality of life in Bryn Mawr!

## Rain Gardens keep falling on my head...

This is the "green" addition of the Bryn Mawr Bugle so I'd like to talk a little rain garden talk with you folks. Some of you have already taken the plunge and have some very ambitious rain gardens. There is so much potential in creating these things. The savings for the resident and the savings for our lakes are enormous. Wouldn't it be great to have "green commandos" putting in rain gardens all over Bryn Mawr! As a kid growing up in Chicago watching Hamm's beer commercials singing, "from the land of sky blue waters, Hamm's the beer refreshing", my image of Minnesota was one of pine trees and crystal clean blue waters, not algae overgrown green ones. If you want to know about this wonderful program run by Metro Blooms, you can contact them at [metroblooms.org](http://metroblooms.org). They have a bunch of very interesting beginning programs scheduled for May, so check them out.

## Ain't nothing but a little ol' penny...

Some grade schoolers at Parkview Montessori are learning that a penny can do a lot. Especially, if there is a whole bunch of them! The wonderful book, "Three Cups of Tea", that outline the amazing journey of Greg Mortenson, has led to the creation of a program called "Pennies for Peace". The program partners American school kids collecting pennies with Afghanistan school children in need of a school. Mr. Mortenson has been raising money to schools in remote regions for over ten years,

but the Pennies for Peace program is specifically designed to establish a link between children of very different circumstances. They got a bank to lend a counting machine and the kids love pouring the pennies in. You can join in the fun by bringing your pennies down to the Bryn Mawr Market. The kids have hand painted a big plastic jar! Let's fill that sucker up!

## Follow the bouncing Bugle!

Ever wonder how this newspaper magically shows up at your door each month. Well it ain't magic, baby. Once a month the Bugle goes to press, the ads, the news copy gets pulled together by the editor. The editor sends it off to the printer, the printer prints it up, and then off goes the finish papers to seven Bryn Mawr drop sights (one for each area). Each distributor has a platoon of delivery people who are assigned certain routes. Often times the distributor has a bunch of papers he must deliver himself (I deliver close to a hundred myself). Delivery, as one might imagine, can be an uneven process. For example, I might be out-of-town, so I distribute to my carriers a few days late. The carriers themselves might be ultra busy with their lives and don't get around to delivering for a few days. Most of the times doing these chores is no problem, but...sometimes it can be a pain in the backside. If you see these quiet heroes out there bringing the Bugle to your door, thank them. For without them this thing would never get off the ground!

## And in conclusion.....

Area 4's Marcela Lorca life was a little shaky lately. You she was visiting family in her native land of Chile when things started rocking. Fortunately, the place where she was staying suffered only a few broken dishes. Others in her country were not so lucky. Lorca, whose talented family of dancers fled Auguste Pinochets horrific reign of terror years ago. She now is one of the Twin Cities best choreographers, working on many of

the Guthrie Theatre's productions (currently MacBeth). Safely home she suggested donating money for earthquake relief to "Un Techo Para Chile" which is an organization that encourages young people to build and rebuild house for those in need. Just google them and follow the link.

The March 22nd edition of the Southwest Journal also had a very nice interview with Area 5's Doug Derham. Doug is the current manager of Twin Cities Vintage store legend, Tatters. Doug has been with them for thirty years and if you ever see him around the neighborhood, he is one nattily dressed fellow. A walking billboard for his store, for sure!

Marlin Possehl who has been the quiet leader of our neighborhood as the President of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association for the last couple of years, will stay on for awhile longer. It strikes me as a little unfair and ironic that someone who sits by his computer for a few hours each month (me) is easily recognized on the streets and yet most folks hardly know Marlin. And let there be no mistake about it, his contributions to the respected status of our neighborhood is undeniable. If you look in the dictionary under thankless jobs you will see; President, Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association.

Meanwhile, his partner of many years, Dennis Spears, is a very busy little bee. Actually, he's a pretty big bee and talented to boot! He will star in a play opening in April about the life of Nat King Cole. This Lou Bellamy directed, Penumbra Theatre production will feature Dennis in the lead role. Me thinks there might be a little singing in this show.

Before I disappear into the night, let me remind you that if you can't give your time volunteering for this community of ours, perhaps, a check would be helpful. Membership in the Neighborhood Association helps us serve you. That's all folks, Dave out.

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## Bugle Notes



Dennis Spears, Area 3

### Dennis Spears to Record Live Performance CD

The Capri Theater's "Legends" series marks another first with "Down on Broadway," two live performances on April 17 and 18 that will be recorded for CD release. Dennis Spears, the artistic director of the Legends series, headlines the show, with Sanford Moore on piano, Jay Young on bass, Daryl Boudreaux on percussion and Steven Jennings on drums. The song

list will include hits from Funny Girl, Showboat, The Wiz, and--yes!--Rocky Horror Picture Show. The concert begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 17 and 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 18. Tickets are \$25 for the evening show and \$20 for the matinee. They can be ordered online at thecapritheater.org, or by calling OvationTix at 866-811-4111.

The live recording fulfills the idea that came to Dennis Spears during the dress rehearsal for the first concert he directed at the theater three years ago, "Classic Capri," which led to the creation of the Legends series. "I have to do a recording in this space!" Spears notes, "From day one I realized that the Capri is acoustically a performer's dream."

Spears says the theme for the performance comes from his feeling that the Capri Theater location on West Broadway is, like its Manhattan namesake, "this big, beautiful space bursting with gifts." Using the concert as the basis for his first CD in six years is also a natural. "I like the

spontaneity of a live recording," Spears says. "I'm a live performer. I'll be pushing the audience to push me."

"Down on Broadway" is the fourth of this season's five-part "Legends" series. Tickets for the last three shows sold out. "Our little baby is growing up," says Spears. The final concert, The Great American Songbook, featuring Debbie Duncan with her original trio, will be Friday, June 4 at 7 p.m.

The Capri Theater is owned and operated by Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC), a non-profit human services organization that serves north Minneapolis children and families through education, community programs and community development. For more information, visit [www.pcy-mpls.org](http://www.pcy-mpls.org)

### Bryn Mawr Neighbor to be New Principal at Ramsey International Fine Arts School

Congratulations to Sharon Engel of Area 2 who has been selected to serve as the principal of Ramsey International Fine Arts Magnet School in south Minneapolis.

Sharon Engel began her career as an elementary classroom music teacher and taught students from pre-school through university, mainly in choral and vocal music courses. While teaching choir and general music at Franklin Middle School in Minneapolis, Sharon was encouraged to consider administrative work. She earned her K-12 administrative licensure with coursework at the University of Minnesota and was an intern elementary principal at Fulton School in Minneapolis prior to being hired by the Anoka-Hennepin Schools where she has been principal of Eisenhower Elementary School for the past seventeen years.

In addition to teaching, Sharon's arts experiences include accompanying various choirs; directing adult church choirs; serving as a church organist; composing, arranging and producing youth musicals and performing as a soprano vocalist in groups such as a festival chorus.

Sharon's strong fine arts background and skills as a positive instructional leader who gets results make her an excellent choice for Ramsey International Fine Arts School.



## Letters

### More on South Wirth Trails

In the February Bugle's Parks column, Dick Adair, area 6 resident and BMNA representative to the Park Board Lake District Council, wrote a wonderful and wide-ranging piece about Wirth Park with some historical background and extensive descriptions of the many fine features that endear this vast park to many in the Bryn Mawr community. As Board president of the Friends of the Wild flower Garden, I am writing to commend his appreciative commentary and to add some additional information about South Wirth, the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary, its buffer zone and the ski racing trail known as the Loppet.

In his account Dick refers to an agreement regarding South Wirth trails between the Park Board,

BMNA, the Nordic Ski Foundation and the Friends. For the record, there were a series of meetings related to South Wirth usage and trails in 2005-6 facilitated by MPRB Planning staff, and there were 2 additional participant groups, the Minneapolis Audubon Society and the Minneapolis Off-Road Cycling Association, who had originally proposed a biking trail in the South Wirth area.

The majority of the parties to this process were strongly in support of maintaining South Wirth as a nature preserve area, where light recreational use, such as snowshoeing and traditional cross country skiing in the winter months by individuals and small groups, would be appropriate, while ski racing on wide, machine-groomed trails would not. Major concerns were access for the 'low intensity users' and loss of valuable habitat for the established bird, raptor, owl and small mammal species in the area. However, the Loppet was already present in South Wirth with a strong following and a popular presence, and the idea of moving the racing trail away from the Garden and out of its buffer zone became the best possible compromise.

In the spring of 2007 MPRB staff presented their recommendations to the Commissioners incorporating the

community process and their own research. A schematic design for South Wirth trail improvements that specified moving the Loppet, closing renegade paths, removing invasive plants and correcting erosion was the focus of the plan. The MPRB officially approved these recommendations on May 16, 2007 and instructed staff to undertake these actions, including moving the Loppet trail away from the northeastern boundary of the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary. No targeted funding was authorized, however, and this part of the trail improvement plan has yet to be accomplished.

Presently, there is some action on this commitment, and while the process has been slow and frustrating, MPRB administrative staff and key leadership at the Nordic Ski Foundation are in support of fulfilling the 2007 decision. It is possible that Lessard-Sams Legacy funds for South Wirth restoration will play a part in meeting this goal.

I hope this addendum is helpful both as background and update. The Friends welcome your comments and input, and we can also provide more detail on all of the above, if desired.

*Sincerely, J Pam Weiner, Friends Board president*

### Garage Sale for a Cause

I live at 244 Thomas Av S. I'm excited to join a group of adventurous trekkers to hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru this August. It will be a 4 day, 43 mile trek on the actual stone path built by the Incas over 600 years ago.

The trek will benefit Smile Network's medical mission to Cusco, Peru which I am honored to take part in after the trek. Smile Network was founded by my sister-in-law, Kim Valentini. It is a non-profit humanitarian organization that performs surgeries on children that were born with the debilitating birth defect of a cleft lip or cleft palate. This is one of those rare charities where virtually everyone connected to it is a volunteer. The doctors, nurses and non-medical people volunteer their time to make this happen.

Please know that I will be paying all of my own expenses on this trip but every penny I raise will go to the Cusco Mission where over 150 children will receive life-altering surgeries. Smile Network is able to repair a child's birth defect for as little as \$500! A 45-minute surgery allows a child to have a normal life instead of being publicly ostracized.

Stop by our garage during the Bryn Mawr Garage Sale on Saturday, May 1st to watch Jason Davis' award-winning piece as he joined Smile Network on a mission to Peru last year. Items sold and donations will go to Smile Network. Go to [www.smilenetwork.org](http://www.smilenetwork.org) to learn more about this amazing charity.

Feel good by doing good,  
- Debra Valentini, Area 6

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## Three Bryn Mawr Houses Featured in Home Tour - April 24 & 25

More than 50 homes; 35 in Minneapolis, 18 in Saint Paul, will be open during the 23rd annual Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour. The free, self-guided tour Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, April 25, 1-5 p.m., gives homeowners inspiration and ideas on how to improve their homes.

In this event offering “real homes, real people, real ideas,” residents open their doors to show creative and practical ideas for kitchens, bathrooms, space additions and more. Talk directly with homeowners, and in many cases, their contractors, architects, and other trades people.

Three homes in Bryn Mawr are on the tour. In Area 4, Paul and Kristin Markert's house at 625 Cedar Lake Road S., David and Julia Sollien's just around the corner from them at 628 Upton Ave. S. In Area 1, 1925 Drew Ave. S., the home of Sonya Nederloe and Brian Allar.

Markerts remodeled their basement and now have their design-builder DiGiacomo working on their kitchen. Solliens put a whole new second story on a previously nondescript one-level home. They worked with local design/builders Davis & Davis (Joe & Jane of Area 6.) Nederloe and Allar are finishing parts of their basement and doing a wonderful open kitchen plan with Jones Design Build.

Visit the MSPHomeTour.com website for the workshop schedule and more information to help plan your tour. You can also pick up a copy of the Home Tour Guides with maps, descriptions of all the homes and special features at local libraries.

The Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour is coordinated by Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) with the City of Saint Paul Planning and Economic Development department, and other corporate and non-profit sponsors. For information, call 612-673-5103.

- *Margo Ashmore, Coordinator Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour*

### Home Tour FAQ

#### What is the home tour?

The Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour is an annual event that promotes city living. The tour brings thousands of home enthusiasts together for a weekend of sharing home remodeling ideas. The Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) sponsors the home tour in cooperation with the Planning and Economic Development departments of both cities, local financial institutions, developers, contractors and other businesses. The home tour's most important partners, of course, are the homeowners who volunteer to open their homes.

#### How is it different from other tours?

The Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour is FREE to visitors. The focus is on homeowners sharing their experiences and ideas; even where con-

tractors are present, so are the homeowners. Projects range from small to large and cover a wide range of housing eras, where other tours show just luxury or historic homes. It is not limited to specific neighborhoods (other than that they are all within the city limits of Minneapolis or Saint Paul), though there are some geographic clusters of homes. And it's just one 11-hour weekend...not to be missed!

#### When is the home tour?

Homes will be open to visitors from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2010, and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 25, 2010. The home tour will take place regardless of weather conditions.

#### What kinds of homes are featured on the tour?

The tour features a variety of homes in neighborhoods throughout Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Homes on the tour are chosen to reflect the quality and variety of city housing. By popular demand, the focus is on remodeling and expanding of existing, occupied homes...from a single room such as a kitchen or bath, to a multi-story addition or entire home renovation. Any new homes selected are examples of energy-efficient or green construction.

#### How does the home tour work?

The home tour is a free, self-guided event. The home tour Guide (a tabloid-newspaper-sized publication), which includes a description of each home and maps showing home locations, is made available through various public locations in the month before the tour, and at the homes themselves on tour days. Visitors can tour as many or as few of the homes as they wish. Multiple visits are encouraged so visitors can get a feel for the diversity of the housing stock and neighborhoods. Each home on the tour is identified with a home tour street sign and signs from major intersections. In most cases, homeowners greet visitors. Visitors can also speak informally with experts about home buying, remodeling and other topics. Visitors go on the tour to get remodeling ideas, learn about neighborhoods and schools and to appreciate the quality of city homes.

#### Why do homeowners have their homes on the tour?

Homeowners have found the tour to be a very rewarding and enjoyable experience. Many have met neighbors or other home enthusiasts as a result of having their homes on the tour. By promoting their neighborhoods and highlighting the quality of city living, owners help strengthen their neighborhoods and attract residents who help build and maintain healthy, vibrant communities. Homeowners who have lived through the dust and frustration of remodeling appreciate the positive comments offered by visitors.

## Adventures in Remodeling

If you remodel a house built over eighty years ago you'll probably find some surprises. Sometimes the surprise is a vivid (read hideous) paint color. (Our living room was once baby blue, our kitchen was once bright parrot yellow. No lie.) I've also heard tales of drywall ripped open to reveal money, live bats, and fire damage.

In the case of Area four's Janis and Jason Lajon, their 1922 bungalow yielded surprises such as old 1920s magazines, a blocked off living room closet complete with hangers, an unpaid bill for three dollars from the Minneapolis Electric Company, and an armadillo shell.

Since they moved in January of 2002, the Lajons have been improving their two-bedroom bungalow. The roof was redone; no more curling shingles and sagging areas! A badly constructed addition on the back of the house was demolished and yards of pink shag carpeting were yanked. A 1970s Harvest Gold toilet and multiple layers of linoleum and wallpaper were removed from the bathroom. The Lajons recently finished the living/dining/kitchen/bedrooms and bathroom, and let me tell you, it is beautiful. The oak and maple floors gleam. New cabinets brighten the kitchen. There

is no trace of the textured paint that once covered the ceilings and baseboards. When planning the remodel, Janis and Jason wisely tried to stay true to the era of the house. The majority of the house is It's now back to its original lay-out.

I think Janis and Jason generated some good karma when they restored their house to its original state. That would explain the map they found in a local antique store. While browsing through a stack of maps, the Lajons found a 1914 hand-colored map of the Bryn Mawr neighborhood. Their lot is on the map, but the address was one digit off from what it is today: another surprise!

The 1922 City of Minneapolis building permit and address labels on the magazines in the attic confirm the alternate address. The map also shows barns (quite a few of them) and homes (not so many of them). It is framed and hangs in the living room.

A lot of effort and planning went into the Lajon home. It looks great. It feels clean and happy. I'm glad for the Lajons that it is done, because now they can concentrate on their next surprise-filled adventure: parenthood. :)

- *Kristin Markert, Area 4*

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## BMNA

## Sustainable Bryn Mawr - Energy Competition Wrap-up

Participants will receive their individual household statistics during the month of April. We will announce the top winners in the May Bugle.

Take a moment to celebrate Earth Day this month, perhaps by participating in a local workday in the great 'out doors' or one of the many celebrations.

### Energy Tip - From Farm to Fork

Perhaps you've heard the phrase "From Farm to Fork." Given that the average meal has traveled over 2,000 miles before reaching your plate, illustrates the hidden energy costs to the transportation of our food.

With each food choice, whether at the grocery or a restaurant, you can make a difference in energy savings.

We have many Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) options to chose from.

For the past several years I've been extremely pleased with my share from the Featherstone Farm, CSA. My neighbor Rebekah Padilla & I split a box of fruit and veggies that are harvested and delivered to us each week throughout the growing season.

Consider our very own Bryn Mawr Market, which now carries locally sourced dairy & beef products and you don't need to gas up the car to shop there.

Peace Coffee is another local company that takes closing the energy loop one step further by delivering product on bicycles.

These are just a few ideas for you to consider. Remember there is power in our food choice.

- Tracy Dee Cook

## Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - April 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
<b>Volunters Needed for the I-395 Ramp Cleanup</b> <b>10:00am on Saturday, April 24.</b> Meet at the "Bryn Mawr" hedge on Penn Av. near the entrance ramp to I-394 westbound. Wear workgloves. Bags and safety vests provided.				1	2	3
4	5	Land Use Committee Meeting, 7pm, RM 136, Bryn Mawr Elementary	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	BMNA Monthly Meeting, 7pm, Bryn Mawr School Cafeteria	15	16	Earth Day Cleanup in three neighborhood locations (Cedar Lake, Wirth Beach, and Bassett's Creek) 9:30am-12noon
18	19	ROC Committee, 6:30, Ripley Gardens	21	Lunch w/Lisa Goodman at St. Thomas at noon. 10th and LaSalle, RM 257 \$10/person	23	394 Highway Clean-up, 10am at Penn Ave. exit ramp.
25	26	27	Deadline for Garage Sale Registrations	29	30	<b>Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales</b> <b>May 1-2</b>



# Neighbors Turn Out for Informational Meetings

## Paving Project and Tax Assessment Meeting Held on March 17th

The streets in Bryn Mawr north of I-394 will be resurfaced this summer. Around 30 Bryn Mawr neighbors came to a Q & A session with city officials to learn more about the project. There was also a public hearing before the Transportation and Public Works board on March 23 and the proposal is now pending City Council approval in early April. The dates that contraction will begin have not been set yet.



A March 17 meeting about street resurfacing and tax assessments.

## BMNA Schools Committee Hosts Informational Forum on March 23rd

Forty (40) Bryn Mawr neighbors and BMNA Board members came to learn more about schools and choice options in Bryn Mawr. The meeting was hosted by the BMNA Schools committee and facilitated by committee co-chair, Jessica Wiley of Area 3.

Courtney Cushing-Kiernat from the Minneapolis Public Schools "Changing School Options" transition team answered questions. Also in attendance and taking questions were Renee Montague, principal of Bryn Mawr Community School and Albert Pitt, principal of Anwatin Middle School. A complete list of the questions and answers will appear in the May Bugle.



An informational forum on March 23 about school choice options.

# May 1st - BMNA Garage Sale

The BMNA will be hosting a garage sale during the Bryn Mawr Garage Sale weekend. This will be a fundraising event with all proceeds donated to the BMNA. The garage sale consists of items donated by Bryn Mawr neighbors. Last year the event raised \$800+ and 18 households donated various items.

Start thinking about what you want to donate and hang on to it until April 30th. A volunteer will come to your home on April 30th and pick up your donations. It's that simple!

DONATION PICK UP: Thursday, April 30th. Call Patty at (612-377-4565) or e-mail pwcoordinator@comcast.net if you have items you would like picked up.

DONATION DROP OFF: at 257 Thomas Ave. S. after 9pm on Fri. April 30th or Sat. May 1st by 10am.

**We would appreciate donations from the list below:**  
Children's clothing, accessories, jewelry, housewares, pictures, select furniture (with approval), clean linens, crafts, books, CD's, DVD's, records, toys, games, small appliances in working order, antiques, collectibles, holiday decorations, handtools, office supplies.  
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Questions? Contact Neighborhood Coordinator, Patty Wycoff pwcoordinator@comcast.net or 612-377-4565.

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# Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary will open this April just in time for the arrival of the first wildflowers of the season.

Take a walk through our sometimes still soggy wetland to see the pussy willow in bloom and the very unusual skunk cabbage. Look along the sides of the woodland trails for our early bloomers like the snow trillium. Take some time to sit on a bench and listen for the first of the spring migratory songbirds making their way to their summer nesting grounds north.

Every Saturday and Sunday Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary naturalists offer free interpretive programs at the Garden. April program highlights include Spring Wildflower Walks, Family Nature Hikes, and Saturday Morning Birding Walks. Join is for our annual Open House to signal the beginning of the Garden season. Several special programs will be offered this season. Take a look at the offerings below and call us or go online to [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) to register.

## Program Registration:

To register for free public programs and fee based special programs; ask Garden related questions; or to inquire about plants in bloom please stop by the Martha Crone Visitor's Shelter or call 370-4903 during Shelter hours. All programs begin at the Shelter unless otherwise noted.

## Garden Hours:

The Garden is open daily from April 1st to October 15th from 7:30am to 1/2 hour before sunset. Weather permitting the Eloise Butler Please call 612-370-4903 to verify early spring hours.

Martha Crone Visitors Shelter Hours:  
Monday to Saturday: 10:00am to 1 hour before sunset  
Sunday: Noon to 1 hour before sunset

## Directions:

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary is located 1/2 mile north of I-394 on Theodore

Wirth Parkway. Metro Transit bus route 9 stops at Glenwood Avenue and Theodore Wirth Parkway, just a two-block walk to the Garden entrance.

## Public Programs and Tours Schedule— April 2010

**Saturday, April 3rd**  
9:30-11:00am Spring Birding at the Garden  
12:00-4:00pm Garden Open House  
1:00-2:00pm Secrets of the Spring Woods  
3:00pm-4:00pm Spring Nature Hike

**Sunday, April 4th**  
1:00-2:00pm Barks, Buds, and Branches  
3:00-4:00pm Birding Basics

**Wednesday, April 7th**  
6:00-7:00pm Evening Wildflower Walk

**Saturday, April 10th**  
9:30-11:00am Spring Birding at the Garden  
1:00-2:00pm Spring Nature Hike  
3:00-4:00pm Early Spring Wildflowers

**Sunday, April 11th**  
1:00-2:00pm Secrets of the Spring Woods  
3:00-4:00pm Binoculars and Field Guides for Families

**Wednesday, April 14th**  
7:45-8:45pm New Moon Walk

**Saturday, April 17th**  
9:30-11:00am Spring Birding at the Garden  
1:00-2:00pm Spring Nature Hike  
3:00-4:00pm Spring Ephemerals

**Sunday, April 18th**  
1:00-2:00pm Gardening with Woodland Wildflowers  
3:00-4:00pm Early Spring Wildflowers

**Wednesday, April 21st**  
6:00-7:00pm Evening Wildflower Walk

**Saturday, April 24th**  
9:30-11:00am Spring Birding at the Garden  
1:00-2:00pm Quaking Bog Tour  
3:00-4:00pm Spring Nature Hike

**Sunday, April 25th**  
1:00-2:00pm Spring Ephemerals

3:00-4:00pm Secrets of the Spring Woods

**Tuesday, April 27th**  
8:00-9:00pm Full Pink Moon Walk

**Wednesday, April 28th**  
6:00-7:00pm Evening Wildflower Walk

## Program Descriptions

### Bark, Buds and Branches

A world of wonderful woody plants is awaiting you. Spring is a great time to learn how to identify trees. A Garden Naturalist will lead you on a tree identification tour using features such as bark, buds, and branches to identify trees. You will learn how to recognize many of our favorite species and may even see some in flower! Handouts will be provided.

### Binoculars and Field Guides for Families

This program is designed for beginners of all ages. We will learn to identify common birds that nest in the Garden using sight and sound. We will also learn about tools to help you and your child discover a lifetime hobby. Bring binoculars and a field guide or you can borrow ours.

### Birding Basics

If you have an interest in learning more about birds, but don't know where to start look no further. This program is designed to assist beginning birders develop techniques for successful bird watching. We will discuss binoculars and field guides, learn how to identify birds, and find out about where to find them as we meander through the Garden. Bring binoculars and a field guide or you can borrow ours.

### Early Spring Wildflower Hike

Join a Garden Naturalist on a wildflower tour of the Garden. We will search for signs of all of our early spring favorites including hepaticas, trout lilies, and more.

### Evening Wildflower Walk

Early evening is a wonderful time to enjoy the spirit of spring at the Garden. Relax and revel in the beauty of this short season as a Garden naturalist leads you on a tour of the wildflowers along the woodland trails.

### Full Pink Moon Walk

Take a twilight tour of the Garden and discover the magic of being in our Sanctuary long after the sun has set. We will look for bats, listen for owls and enjoy the spring song of

chorus frogs. Meet at the front gate. Pre-registration required.

### Gardening with Woodland Wildflowers

Join a Garden Naturalist on a wildflower tour of the Garden. This tour will focus on gardening with native woodland plants. Explore the beauty of our garden and find inspiration for creating your very own woodland wildflower garden. Handouts, including a list of native plant suppliers, will be provided.

### Open House

Join us in the Visitors Shelter and out on the trails to welcome in our 102nd season at the Wildflower Garden. Take a look at our April displays, talk to staff about the season ahead, and indulge in the warmth of a fire and a nourishing treat. Take a tour at 1 or 3 (pre-registration is suggested) with one of our naturalists to fully enjoy the start to this Wildflower Garden season.

### Quaking Bog Tour

The bog is home to many unique plants with interesting adaptations for survival. Discover the characteristics that make a bog habitat and take part in hands-on analysis of the water in the bog. Learn about what is being done to preserve this special habitat. Meet at the Quaking Bog parking lot.

### Secrets of the Spring Woods

Spring is a time to appreciate the little things in the Wildflower Garden. Take a walking tour with a Garden naturalist who can assist in your discovery of the tiny miracles happening all around you this time of year.

### Spring Birding at the Garden

Millions of birds are on their way to Minnesota for another breeding season and birders everywhere are getting ready. Join us for an overview of binoculars and field guides as well as a primer on birding by ear using recordings. Then follow our lead on a walk, weather permitting, through the Garden to see who has arrived so far this spring and who survived another Minnesota winter. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them or you can borrow ours. Meet in the upper parking lot – rain, snow or shine!

### Spring Ephemerals

Many woodland wildflowers need to flower and fruit early in the growing season. Come to the Garden to learn more about the habits of a group of plants called spring ephemerals and search for their inspired blossoms before they disappear for the season.

### Spring Nature Hike

Spring is a time to appreciate the little things in the Wildflower Garden. Take a walking tour with a Garden Naturalist who can assist in your discovery of the tiny miracles happening all around you in the Garden this time of year.



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## Revised meeting schedule for Wirth Park Citizen Advisory Committee

**The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to begin planning additional beach and picnic area improvements at Theodore Wirth Park**

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) Citizen Advisory Committee for the Phase III improvements to the lake area at Theodore Wirth Park met for the first time Thursday, March 25. The group was introduced to the park and the citizen advisory process, and discussed the various issues and opportunities related to the site.

The committee also made changes to the previously published meeting schedule.

The April 1 meeting will be a site visit at Theodore Wirth Park. An additional meeting has been added to the schedule on April 15. As with all the CAC meetings, both these meetings will be open to the public. Those attending the site visit on April 1 will meet in the Wirth Lake parking lot at 6:30 p.m. to tour the park. The April 15 meeting will be held in the board room of the MPRB headquarters building, 2117 West River Road from 6:30 to 8:30.

Visitors to Theodore Wirth Park can look forward to enhanced recreational offerings in coming months as part of the continued revitalization of one of the Twin Cities' premier regional parks. From innovative play features to trail connections, the enhancements will add to

the outstanding amenities that have made the park a popular recreation destination.

Phase III of the park's revitalization will focus on the Wirth Lake beach and picnic area located in the center of the 760-acre park. To assist the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) plan the improvements, a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) has been established to get ideas from the park's neighbors and users.

Phase III planning will update the 1980 Wirth Park Master Plan, envisioning facilities that will encourage family and group use, support youth programming, and invite park users to connect with the natural resources of the greater park. A revitalized picnic area with state-of-the-art facilities, innovative play features, water-based recreational activities, and trail connections are some of the components that will be included in the plan.

Plans will encompass the areas surrounding Wirth Lake and bounded by Theodore Wirth Parkway on the west, Highway 55 on the north, the railroad tracks on the east, and the picnic pavilion area on the south. (The picnic pavilion will not be included in the scope of this planning effort.)

Phase I Wirth improvements were completed in 2005 and included a beach house and utility replacement. Phase II, currently underway,

includes a new playground, four-court sand volleyball, a half basketball court, new trails, sidewalks, site furniture, shade shelters, plantings and themed play areas.

In its commitment to the 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan goal to focus on northside parks, the MPRB has continued to seek funding for Theodore Wirth Park improvements. In 2009, funding in the amount of \$2.19 million was awarded for the continued development of Theodore Wirth Park. This funding was made possible through bond funding from the Metropolitan Council as well as through the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment passed by Minnesota voters in 2008. The amendment increased the general sales

and use tax rate by three-eighths percent, and 14.25 % of the revenue generated by this increased sales tax is dedicated to the Parks and Trails Fund to support parks and trails of regional significance. The MPRB will continue to seek additional funding for Wirth beach improvements from the Parks and Trails Fund, as well as bond funding from the Metropolitan Council this year and in 2012.

For further information about the Wirth Lake planning, check out the park project page at <http://www.minneapolis-parks.org/default.asp?PageID=1150>.

- *Jennifer Ringold, Manager Public Engagement & Citywide Planning*

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Freshwater Mussels  
April 2010

When this column began in October 2003, the name "View From the Bridge" was selected because of the neighborhood bridges from which nature could be viewed — particularly the Bassett Creek Park area of restoration that Bryn Mawr Neighborhood has committed time and resources for many years. This month, the column focuses on a life form found in waterways like those which are part of the annual Earth Day Cleanup — this year scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2010. This cleanup precedes the fortieth anniversary of Earth Day, April 22, 2010.

Bassett Creek and the river into which it flows, the mighty Mississippi River, are home to freshwater mussels. April is an appropriate time to study mussels not only because of Earth Day but also because open water begins showing on lakes and rivers in early spring; and open water means boating! And, boating means that it's time to be on the lookout for invasive species like Zebra Mussels!

Forty-eight different species are native to Minnesota. In addition, two non-native mussel species, including the Zebra Mussels, live and breed in Minnesota. Zebra Mussels were transported from the Caspian Sea of Eastern Europe to the Great Lakes in ballast water of ships.

Mussels may live for decades and even over one hundred years! Freshwater mussels are relatives of snails and slugs. Creeks and rivers offer more varied conditions than lakes. Consequently creeks and rivers typically harbor a more diverse collection of mussel species.

The reproductive cycle of mussels is quite complicated. Male mussels release sperm into water. The sperm then fertilize the eggs which mature into small larvae within the female mussel's gills. The larvae are then expelled into the water where they complete their next stage of development as parasites on a host fish. To attract fish near oneself to provide a host fish, the female mussel may employ decoy extensions and behaviors that resemble prey fish. Not only are some female mussels endowed by this camouflage, but they may actively operate these extensions to better resemble a prey fish. Once mature, the larvae fall off their host fish and hold themselves within the sediment at the waterway.

Often mussels are only seen as the shells remaining on the edges of waterways... Mussels have two shells bound together by a hinge. Identification of mussels relies on the use of a field guide, like the

Field Guide to Freshwater Mussels of Minnesota, by Bernard E Sietman. Clues to mussel identification include shell shape, texture, color, size, as well as the type of waterway and geographic region where the mussel was found. Names are fairly descriptive and often amusing: Heelsplitter, Wartyback, Elephantear, Pigtoe, Washboard, Pistolgrip, Mapleleaf, Pimpleback, Monkeyface, Fragile Papershell, Mussel shells are typically rough and ridged on the outside and smooth and shiny on the inside. Radial rays may be layered over growth ridges. The exterior of the shell may be black, brown, purplish-brown, yellow-brown, or greenish-brown. The interior of mussel shells may be shiny white, pink, purple, orange, or a combination. Size ranges from ?" long (Fingernail Clams or Pea Clams) to 8" long.

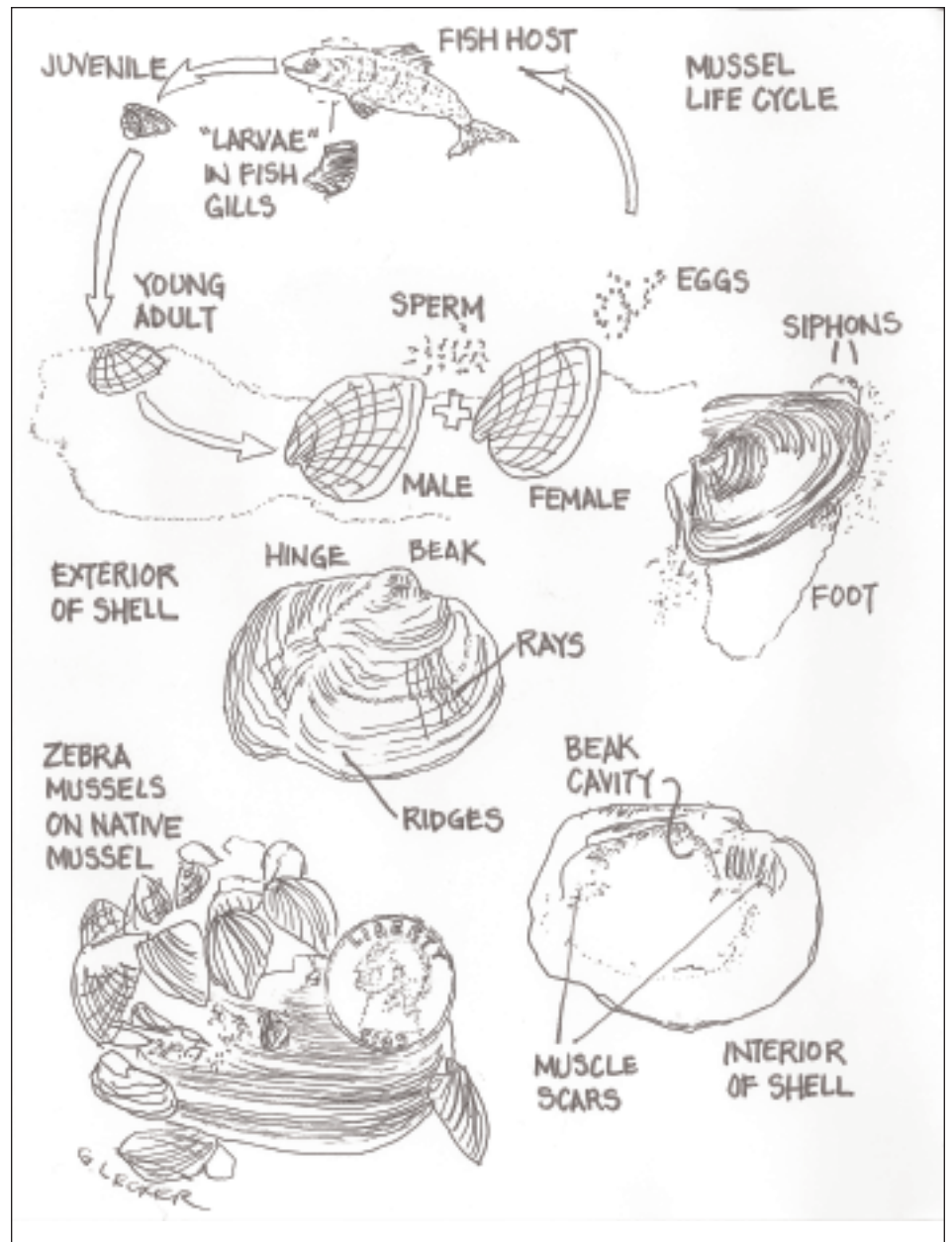
Though mussels typically live in a stationary position, they can move themselves by using their "foot" to pull itself across the bottom of a water body.

Mussels play an important role in ecosystems. By eating micro-organisms and other organic material out of water, mussels can help to clarify the water. Their digestive system consists of a siphon to draw in water, gills to remove food and oxygen, and another siphon to expel water. Besides filtering water, mussels contribute to the ecosystem by serving as food for muskrats, raccoons, and several fish. Mussel shells remain to stabilize river bottoms and to serve as egg laying sites for other animals.

Humans have used mussel shells for tools, as sites from which to harvest natural pearls, and as source material to make pearl buttons. "After the Minnesota Territory was opened to settlement in 1849, Lake Pepin saw a brisk commercial traffic generated by lumbering and agriculture. Huge rafts of logs, some 1,200 feet long and 300 feet wide, were towed down the river. Steamboats brought in thousands of new settlers and carried out the wheat and flour produced on the rich land. The lake itself provided resources for commercial fishermen and for clambers, who sold the clam shells to be used in button making."<sup>1</sup>

Mussels suffer greatly from waterway pollution and sedimentation from dam impoundments. In the past, overharvesting of mussels was a source of their decline.

Examples of sedimentation and pollution abound in the various pools impounded by man-made dams on the Mississippi River. Even a natural dam such as the one that forms Lake Pepin may lead to some sedimentation. Sediment settles from the slowing river. This sediment originates as soil erosion from cropland or building and high-



way construction; as well as leaves and grass clippings on streets or sand used to improve winter traction. In a rare act of serendipity, sedimentation has helped to bury some of the pollutants that once flowed from the Twin Cities, including vast raw sewage sludge deposited before and even after the formation of the sewage treatment plants in the metropolitan area.

With female Zebra Mussels producing 100,000 to 500,000 eggs per year, Zebra Mussels threaten native mussels. Because they reproduce many times more quickly than native mussels, Zebra Mussels can literally cover the bottom of waterways as well as the shells of native mussels. Hairlike fibers extending out from the shell opening anchor Zebra Mussels to native mussels, waterway bottoms, and to boats and docks. Zebra Mussels grow up to 2" long. Their shell is marked by distinctive dark stripes on a field of cream or light brown.

Zebra Mussels are present in many waterways in Minnesota — from Lake Superior and the rest of the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River from the mouth of the Pine River in Crow Wing County to the Minnesota Iowa River. In the St. Croix River, the High Bridge and the St. Croix Boomsite Recreation Area mount the north-south division between infestation and virgin waters. For this reason, the DNR prohibits upstream boat travel on the St. Croix north of this point.

Recently, discussions between the DNR and lake home owners are considering the possibility of not adding public boat landings where none currently exist. The reason is to reduce the likelihood of zebra

mussels or other non-native invasive species being transported from an infested lake to a non-infested lake.

**The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds boaters to...**

- Remove visible zebra mussels and aquatic plants and drain water before transporting boats and equipment from one water body to another.
- Report suspected new infestations to the MN DNR (651/259-5100).

Also coming in April is the opening of Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden. Free naturalist programs are offered on Saturdays and Sundays at 1 PM and 3 PM. Birding walks are offered Saturday mornings forming at 9:30 AM in the parking lot of the garden. Some weekday programs are offered as well. Opening day is planned for April 3, 2010. Visit [www.minneapolisiparks.org](http://www.minneapolisiparks.org) or call 612-370-4903 to learn more. Do please call to make reservations for these programs.

## Sources:

<sup>1</sup> Historic quotation on Lake Pepin overlook sign erected by Minnesota Historical Society, 1985  
Field Guide to Freshwater Mussels of Minnesota, Bernard E Sietman, 2003, State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources.

Take note of the wee life in our waterways...it will be worth your effort!

- Greg Lecker, Area 3  
U of M Extension Service Master  
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## The Environment

### Dear Neighbors,

I recently attended Building Dreams, a one-hour information session and tour about Aeon, a non-profit that is committed to creating quality affordable homes for families and individuals in our community. I was so impressed by their work that I want to invite you to learn more as well! Please consider attending Building Dreams yourself. This is a great opportunity to tour Aeon's property, Ripley Gardens (301 Penn Ave N. at Glenwood), which is just north our neighborhood, and see how quality affordable homes strengthens the lives of residents and revitalizes our community.

Each information session will only last 59 minutes (guaranteed!) and you will also have the opportunity to hear from Aeon's CEO/President Alan Arthur.

Upcoming dates and times are below and other details about Building Dreams can be found on Aeon's website at [www.aeonmn.org/bd](http://www.aeonmn.org/bd)

Monday, April 5, 6-7 p.m.

Friday, April 16, 12-1 p.m.,

Thursday, April 29, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Thank you for considering my invitation – let me know if you can attend and I'm happy to RSVP for you, or you can register with Jenny Johnson at [jjohnson@aeonmn.org](mailto:jjohnson@aeonmn.org). You can read more about Aeon and their recent award in the article below.

- Ben Horn, Area 7

### City of Minneapolis Receives National Award of Excellence for Sustainable Community Development for Ripley Gardens Redevelopment represents historic preservation, affordable housing, and sustainable construction

On December 16, the Home Depot® Foundation recognized the City of Minneapolis and their nonprofit partner Aeon with the Award of Excellence for Sustainable Community Development for Ripley Gardens, located at 301 Penn Avenue N. This national award recognizes the City's and Aeon's thoughtful construction of green affordable housing to create a sustainable community.

The site, a former maternity hospital built in the early 1900s in honor of Dr. Martha Ripley, was redeveloped to address the City's financial, social and environmental community issues through thoughtful design, land use, and building. The development preserved three historic structures and constructed three new buildings, creating 52 rental units with a range of affordability and 8 for-sale townhomes. Ripley Gardens' green building strategies revitalized a prominent corner that stood vacant and boarded for several years.

"Ripley Gardens illustrates that there's a direct relationship between community/social change and the physical environment around us. Building green affordable homes has a positive impact on our community – both now and for generations to come," said Alan Arthur, president of Aeon. "Ripley Gardens strengthens the lives of its residents, and is an asset to the broader community."

Minneapolis and Aeon's Ripley Gardens development was selected based on a number of criteria, including resource conservation, resident/pedestrian connectivity, environmental sustainability and green infrastructure, as well as how well the needs of the local community were met while maintaining affordability for the residents.

A video on the development is posted at [http://www.homedepot-foundation.org/sus\\_](http://www.homedepot-foundation.org/sus_)

"Many cities across the country are finding successful ways of dealing with financial, social and environmental issues through thoughtful design and land use, resulting in the construction of healthy, safe neighborhoods like Ripley Gardens," said Kelly Caffarelli, president of The Home Depot® Foundation. "We are excited to recognize the city of Minneapolis and Aeon for their outstanding work and hope that their public-private partnership will serve as an example to others working to find long-term solutions to the issues facing our cities."

The Home Depot® Foundation also recognized the City of Minneapolis' Comprehensive Plan, "The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth," which encourages integration of environmental, social and economic goals into decision-making processes at all levels, including sustainable design practices in the preservation, development, and maintenance of its natural and built environments. The Comprehensive Plan incorporates the city's 25 sustainability indicators which track the City's progress to minimize its ecological footprint, use of natural resources conservatively, and continue to build a healthy economy.

Key elements of the sustainability plan include: reducing the carbon footprint by 12% by 2012; cleaning up 100 brownfield sites from 2004 to 2014; ending homelessness by 2016; and increasing the percentage of people who enter the city via alternative transportation (bus, light rail, bicycle, walking, carpooling) from 55% in 2003 to 67% in 2013.

#### About Aeon

Aeon is a nonprofit developer, owner and manager of high-quality affordable apartment homes in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. Learn more at [www.aeonmn.org](http://www.aeonmn.org) or contact: [Krista.Bergert@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Krista.Bergert@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) [apfarrwalker@aeonmn.org](mailto:apfarrwalker@aeonmn.org)

## Volunteers Needed to Study Flora and Fauna

Have you ever experienced the living wonder of a wetland? Have you wanted to wade in, get your hands wet, and discover the plants and animals that live there? If so, Hennepin County and its cities have a unique volunteer opportunity – the Wetland Health Evaluation Program (WHEP).

Adult volunteers — who do not need a science background or previous experience — work under the direction of a team leader and receive training on wetland monitoring protocols,

including both plant and insect identification. They wade through wetlands to collect and identify dragonflies, snails, cattails and more. The total time commitment is 20 to 40 hours throughout the months of May, June and July. All equipment is provided. Participating cities use the collected data to help determine the health of water resources and assist with natural resource management. For more information on WHEP or to become a volunteer, call Mary Karius at 612-596-9129 or visit the program website at [www.mnwhep.org](http://www.mnwhep.org).

Look for more news on the Hennepin County website – [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us)



- April 1, 1993 First robin of the season, warbling his sweet song high in a tree at Hawthorne and Queen. Some other signs of spring:
- April 4, 1983 Ice out, Wirth Lake. Also in 1983, 1986, 1991. Technically this is the first date when there is open water from shore to shore across the longest diameter of the lake, according to the MPCA, whose volunteers monitor hundreds of lakes in Minnesota.
- April 7, 2001 Red wing blackbirds in the cat tails along Wirth Lake.
- April 12, 2010 Opening Day at Target Field, bringing outdoor baseball to downtown. The new stadium anchors a major transportation hub that connects light rail, commuter rail, the Cedar Lake Bike Trail, and I-394. Bike it from Bryn Mawr! There's an easy connection to the stadium, and to the new light rail station via the stadium's west concourse.
- April 28, 2010 Full moon, the Ojibwe Maple Sugar moon.



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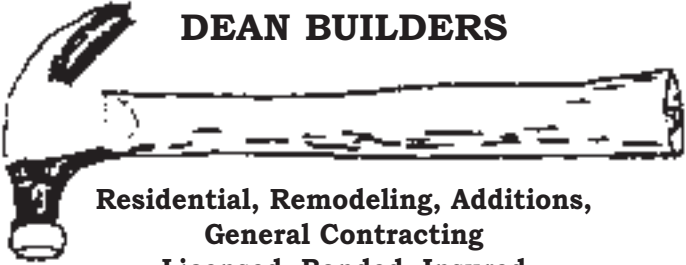
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# Youth & Schools

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Neighborhood Preschool Option

Do you have a preschooler? Do you know about the High Five program at Bryn Mawr school? High Five is a Minneapolis Public School pre-K program. It meets Monday to Friday for a half day in either the morning or afternoon. It is a great way to transition and prepare your child for kindergarten. Students also get to take advantage of all the programs Bryn Mawr School offers such as Minneapolis Kids childcare, after school Foreign language programs, and specialist instruction in art, music, media, and physical education. More information and registration at <http://schoolchoice.mpls.k12.mn.us/> or call 668-2500.

Our Local Schools Are Growing!

Bryn Mawr School is expanding to 3 kindergartens next year because of the large number of school choice cards that requested Bryn Mawr. They are also adding a classroom in the upper grades to accommodate more students expected because of the closing of Park View and other changes to school options. Anwatin will have about 120 more students next fall as the middle grades programs at Windom and Emerson Spanish Dual Immersion schools relocate to the IB Programme at the school. Great news!

Bryn Mawr PTA Plant Sale Is Back!

Once again, the parents of the Bryn Mawr PTA are having a big plant sale. Order forms have been inserted in this April Bugle. You will also find order forms at the school and in some of the downtown businesses or email [jjolstad@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:jjolstad@mpls.k12.mn.us) and have a PDF file sent to you. **IMPORTANT CORRECTION:** Please be advised that there is an error on page four of the form inserted in this Bugle. Eggplant was inadvertently omitted in the plant descriptions causing the numbers on the strawberries and herbs to be off and not match the order form. The correct information is printed in the boxed item on page 15. There is a huge selection of annuals, perennials, and the world's most beautiful hanging baskets. Plus, there are vegetables, herbs and heir-

loom tomatoes. All plants will be delivered to the school on Tues. May 18 for you to pick up. **What makes our sale special?** Unique Selection - Even if you are a loyal supporter of another plant sale, with 150+ varieties, we know you will find something you like! High Quality Locally Grown Plants - Repeat customers know they will get full-size beautiful plants. Orders are due by April 23. Plants will be delivered in early May with an overstock sale the next day. Thank you in advance for your generosity this year and enjoy your wonderful plants!  
- Jenny Warner, Area 6 (374-5156)

Anwatin and Southwest Authorized to offer joint International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

Effective immediately, Anwatin Middle School and Southwest High School have received authorization of the first joint International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB-MYP) in Minneapolis, serving students in sixth through tenth grades. The IB Programme is an international educational program that is designed to increase all students' learning with a global perspective. Students who enroll in IB courses at Anwatin may continue their IB education during their first two years of high school at Southwest prior to entering the two-year IB Diploma Programme (DP) in eleventh grade. Through the IB-DP, students can gain an IB certificate or an IB diploma in addition to their high school diploma. Most colleges and universities award college credit for IB courses or approved IB exam scores.

"Anwatin and Southwest have not only earned the prestigious authorization as an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme school, but have also created a strong instructional program which continues across both schools to immensely benefit our students and families," said Paula Palmer, coordinator of IB programs for MPS. "This prestigious IB-MYP authorization is a particularly sweet celebration because becoming an IB World MYP School was a collaborative effort between two school communities of students, teachers and families.

City of Minneapolis Curfews

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Under 12	9:00 pm	10:00 pm
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15-17	11:00 pm	12:00 pm



# Another Year of Fun and Fund Raising!

Family Fun Night, the annual carnival at Bryn Mawr Community School was held Fri. March 19. This year there was not a silent auction, but there was food, games, and prizes. Flair Hair was a popular activity and new this year was Storytime Corner.

Thanks go out to all the PTA parents and school staff who planned the event and worked hard to make the evening a success. Thanks to all the families who volunteered, donated and attended. Special thanks to Chiang Mai Thai for the rice and to the MN Cricket Association for all their help.

- The Bryn Mawr PTA



# Bryn Mawr Third Graders go on Nobel Peace Prize Festival Field Trip

On Friday March 5th, Mrs. Tift and Ms. Bahe's classes [from Bryn Mawr School] went to the Nobel Peace Prize Festival at Augsburg College. We had lots of fun because we explored exhibits, talked about Pennies for Peace and learned about Peace Laureates. We heard speeches about peace and saw how peace makes the world go round.

Before going to the festival we learned about Shirin Ebadi. She was the first female judge in Iran and won the Peace Prize in 2003. She started helping women and children have their rights in Tehran.

At the peace festival we set up a Pennies for Peace stand, which is a good way to help people out. In America a penny is no big deal but in Pakistan a penny is worth a pencil. A lot of people donated.

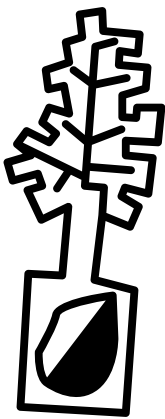
All of the entertainment was great! There was a class that did a dance and it looked like they were very young. Another class wore red, black and gold outfits and played very nice classical music. Another class did something where they made parts of their body sound like nature. That group also sang a peace song that had the same tune as the Bryn Mawr school song.



On this field trip we discovered many peace organizations. Hand in Hand is an organization to help countries in hard times. One organization was giving out famous quotes from famous peacemakers. Another organization, WAMM or Women Against Military Madness, was trying to stop war around the world.

We also got to explore the college campus and it made me feel like I was in college. It also reminded me of when people who work for the mayor came to our class to get us ready for college. The parts I liked best about the college were the library and the park. The trips we take are cool, but this one was the best.

Written by: Cyler Burch, Antoine Caradine, Graham Markert, June Roettger, Cody Christensen and Quinlin Brogden



# No Yard Left Behind!

Bryn Mawr Community School  
PTA Plant Sale 2010

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## Squash -

- Item #142 Yellow Sunburst Summer Squash
- Item #143 Zucchini, Green
- Item #144 Eggplant

## Strawberries -

- Item #145 Honeoye (June Bearing)

## Herbs -

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| Item #146 Basil, Genovese      | Item #151 Rosemary       |
| Item #147 Chives, Garlic       | Item #152 Sage           |
| Item #148 Cilantro (Coriander) | Item #153 Spearmint      |
| Item #149 Lemon Grass          | Item #154 Tarragon       |
| Item #150 Parsley, Flat Leaf   | Item #155 Thyme, English |

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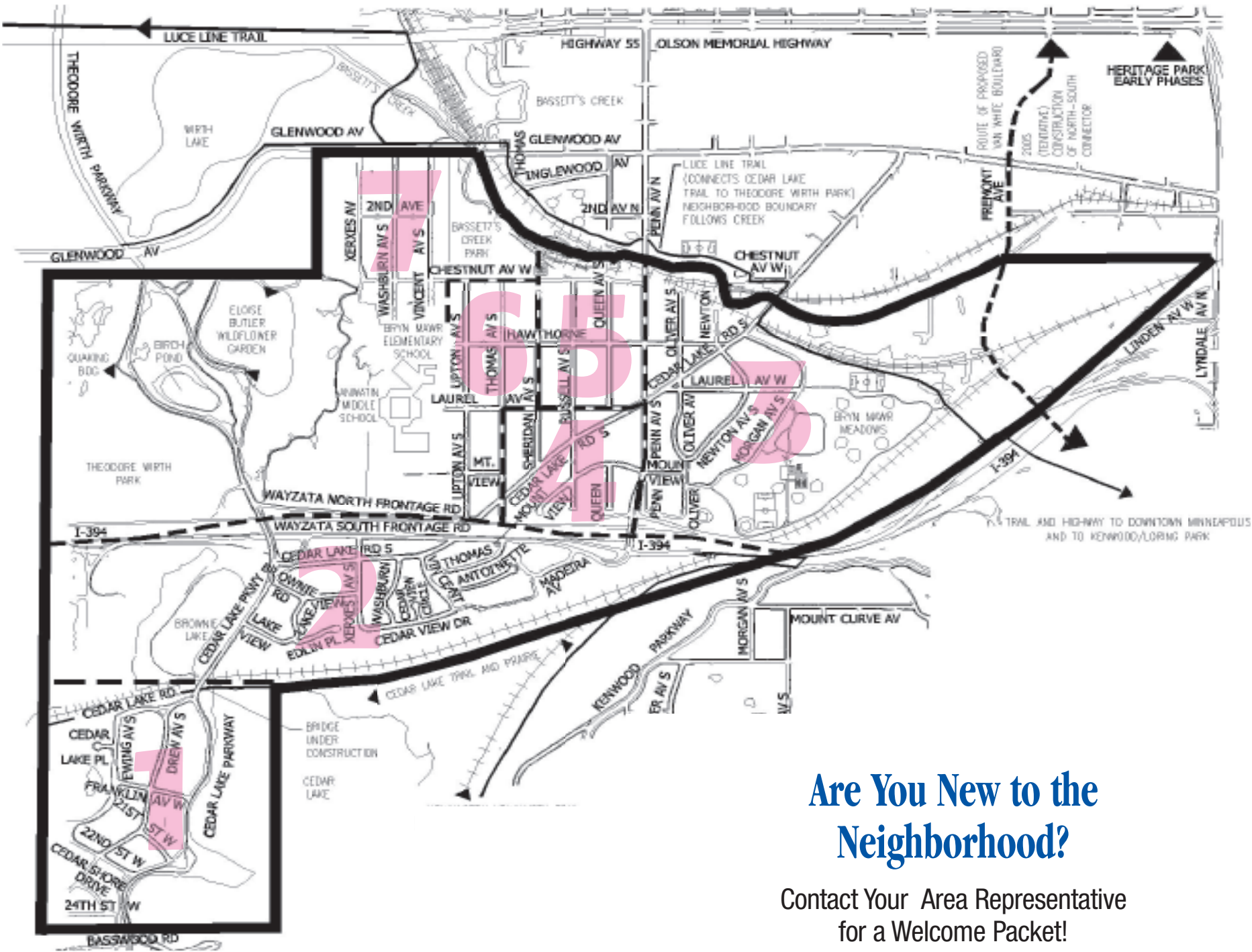
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