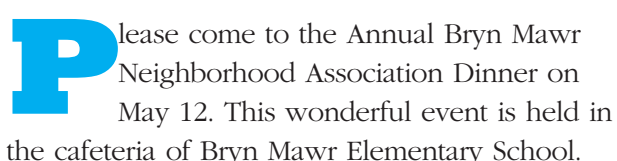




May 2010

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at Bryn Mawr School



We have invited several public officials to our event. Beginning at 7 pm, they will each be given a few minutes to speak about what is happening in their positions. The BMNA will also speak

Neighbors will vote for President, Secretary, and Area 2, 4, and 6 Representatives. The slate of candidates appears below. If you are interested in having your name added to the ballot, please contact Patty Wycoff.

- *Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator*
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BMNA Annual Meeting and Board Elections Wed., May 12, 2010

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SecretaryClaire Plank
Area Co-Representatives

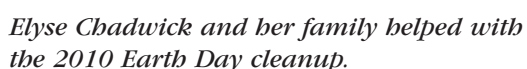
Area 2Lynda Shaheen
 George Seebach
 Susan Verrett
 Area 4Christopher Etz
 Paul Markert
 Area 6Jay Peterson
 Barry Schade

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

Please contact Nominations Committee Chair Larry Skov, at 598-0753, if you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions!

The 2010 Minneapolis Parks Earth Day cleanup was once again a great success! Dozens of neighbors came out to our neighborhood parks on a beautiful spring morning on April 17 to help pick up the winter debris. Thanks to everyone for your contribution!

- Karen Soderberg, Area 7



*Some sales also open May 2nd. Maps available at registered sales or www.BMNA.org.



BMNA Reporter

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 14, 2010 – Bryn Mawr Elementary

Call to Order and Introductions
7:02p.m.

Present:
Marlin Possehl, President; Larry Skov, Vice President; Claire Plank, Secretary; Dave Holets, Area 1; Greg Froehle, Area 1; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Barry Schade, Area 6; Stephen Harvey, Area 7; Andrew Kraling, Area 7; JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle editor/Community Schools Liaison; Scott McLaughlin, NRP chair

Guests in attendance:
George Seebach, Area 2; Golam Sayeed, MCA President; Masaoood Yunus, MCA Vice President; Ashley Robertson, CEE; Kara Thate, SolarFlow Energy; Gerardo Ruiz SolarFlow Energy; Lisa Goodman, City Council Rep

Approval of Consent Agenda – Including:
Minutes of last month’s meeting – approved
Today’s agenda – approved
Acceptance of this month’s financial report - approved

City Updates – Council Member Lisa Goodman
Free Raking for Seniors Program

Lunch with Lisa in April – Tour of 911 Emergency Call Center
Doug Kress will be leaving Lisa’s office early July

Cricket Association requested presentation - Nan
Website with Community Programs: www.minnesotacricket.com
- Playing in Bryn Mawr Meadows for over 30 years
- Invites everyone to come watch a game!

CEE Energy Program – Ashley Robertson, Scott McLaughlin
Energy Efficient Cities Leading The Way
- Free educational workshops, home visits, materials and more focused on reducing energy bills
- Informational Meeting: Thursday, May 6 at 6:30pm at the Elementary Cafeteria
- BMNA will pay \$30 co-pay to first 100 attendees

SolarFlow requested presentation – Gerardo Ruiz, Andrew Kraling
SolarFlow Energy brings solar paneling to the public through Purchasing and monthly Leasing.
BMNA supports the investigation and development of solar energy initiatives involving the leasing or purchasing of solar panels. This program may be available for homeowners or business owners and involves the use of \$40,800 in NRP expenditures subsequent to a plan modification.

The funding source will be the Bryn Mawr NRP plan, utilizing the Environment Strategy, 16.1.1: Improving Neighborhood Environment. The Bryn Mawr NRP Plan will require modification for this program to begin. A 21-day notice will be printed in the May, 2010 Bugle. The modification will result in a direct transfer of funds from the Housing Strategy, 10.1.2: Affordable, Senior, Multi-Unit Housing Planning/Education.
Website: www.solarflowenergy.com

Garage Sale update
- No brat stand this year
- Meeting to discuss 2011 sale after May

NRP report/discussion – Scott McLaughlin
Possible Future Projects: Rainguard, Solar Speed Sign, Solar Panels

BMNA Website – Dave Holets
- Bryn M awr Bugle Review Committee to become Bryn Mawr Communications Committee
- Over 200 visits to site each week
- Site to be reviewed by Neighborhood Coordinator and Chairs

Nominations report – Larry Skov
- Larry granted Association Membership
- Up for election: President, Secretary, Even Numbered Area Chairs

Update on BMNA projects
- Scott: Downtown BM Kiosk delayed while city reviews lighting policy

- Jessica: Ash Borer Committee working on handout with solutions/suggestions

Standing Committee Reports
Redistricting Committee - Barry
Key points to bring to city: 1) Don’t break up neighborhoods 2) Consistency 3) Don’t put neighborhoods in multiple wards 4) Don’t give special interest groups special positions

Schools Committee
Anwatin planning a community event, May 15th which will include a tree planting.

Treasurer’s report – Ben Horn/Adam Maki
- OK’d second mailing to boost new members and renewals
- \$3,000 contingency fund with consent agenda approval up to \$99 for incidental expenses - approved

Adjourn
8:50pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 6th after CEE informational meeting, Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria (6:30 CEE Workshop, 7:30 Board Meeting)

BMNA Annual Dinner and Board Elections - Wed. May 12th.



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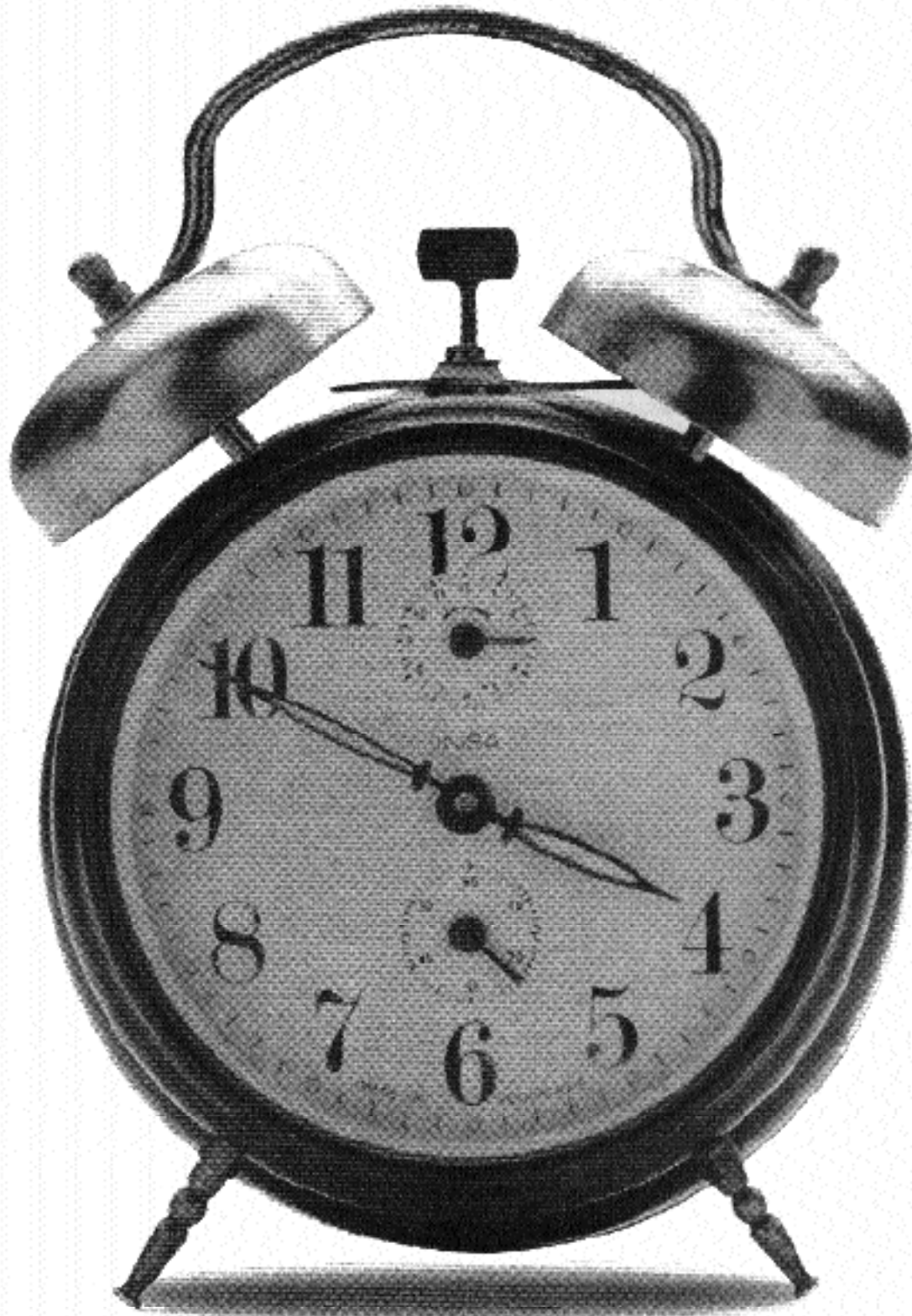
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From the Editor

I have a great appreciation for all the amazing things people do to improve their homes and I love it when I get to sneak a peek inside. I also like to escape the messy hodge podge of half completed projects around my own house.

Last weekend was the Minneapolis-St. Paul Home Tour. We ran an article about it in the April Bugle because some of our Bryn Mawr neighbors were participating. After reading about it, I thought it would be fun to go.

Of course, it always sounds fun, but in practice I often skip things like this as they just create one more scheduling issue for me. It rained on Saturday and I was working on the Bugle all weekend and my motivation was low.

But, I had set space aside for a Bugle feature and I didn't have anything else to put in, so I decide to go. I got a late start on Sunday - only allowing myself enough time to get to the three properties in Bryn Mawr.

It was great! I spent much more time at each house than I had planned. When I left the third home I actually considered the possibility that I might have time to dash off to another nearby property.

I visited with each of the homeowners and they all seemed to be having a great time. You would think that it was both a lot of hassle and a huge imposition, but the three families seemed glad to be part of it and proud to share their insights and accomplishments.

Read the article on page 7 of this issue and pay special attention to how to nominate your renovation for next year's tour. You don't even have to wait until your project is done. Kristin and Paul Markert signed up before they were finished, but they had great faith in their designer/builder (DiGiacomo). I am hoping that Jeannie and Rick Carter will have their B & B restoration on a future tour.

I remember having a conversation a couple years back with someone on the Blooming Bryn Mawr Garden Tour about how fun it would be to have a tour of Bryn Mawr homes. The Blooming Bryn Mawr Garden Tour is held on alternate years with Kenwood (they in odd years, we in even.)

This July our neighborhood is scheduled to hold another tour. If you are wondering why you have not heard anything about it yet, it is because, sadly no one has come forward to organize it. There is lots of interest, expertise and experience, but as of yet, no leadership.

Hopefully someone will come forward to bring it all together and keep this great tradition alive.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org

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by Dave Logsdon,
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"You ask what is the ultimate answer?
It is the song of a fisherman sailing back to shore."
-Wang Wei, Chinese poet

What a glorious, warm April we have enjoyed! Of course the Minnesotan in me never fully celebrates these gifts from nature, thinking about when the next shoe will drop. Let's forget about all that negativity stuff and dance naked in the moonlight!

Higher Angel?...Really?

My writing process goes something like this, gathering little bits and pieces of information from walkabouts in the neighborhood, a lot of ear to the ground stuff with various connected people, scribbling on backs of envelopes, and then when the 20th of each month comes around, I freak out. On the day I sit down to write, I suddenly have a lot of chores to do, anything to avoid actually sitting in front of the laptop and writing this thing.

Finally, I have to do it. I walk up to Cuppa Java to get my whole milk latte and check to see if I sold any magnets. I run into Jim Jacoby, resident Buddhist, sitting (in a chair) in front of the coffee shop on gorgeous day.

After a casual chat about my wanting to blow up a Hummer parked across the street, we got into a philosophical conversation about finding your center and channeling your anger. I realized that destroying the Hummer was probably counter productive to building peace in the

world (I kind of already knew that). Yet I was grateful to run into this particular Buddha at this particular time to inspire me in my writing.

One Penny at Time

Last month I wrote about the "Pennies for Peace" project that the Bryn Mawr Elementary is involved in. We have a jar at the Market for people to put their loose change to add our two cents worth to this project that helps build elementary schools in Afghanistan.. I would like to fill that jar, so while I was talking to Sara Miele, the Park View Montessori teacher that initiated the project, she told me a neat story that sparked an idea. The big pot of change for the project is in her 3rd grade classroom, but a kindergartner wanted to put a penny in it. Sara sent one of her third grades down to escort the kindergartner with her penny to the classroom. The kindergarten teacher, wanting the whole class to have a chance to participate, dug in her purse for pennies so they all could make the 'field trip' to the third grade classroom to donate, each with their very own penny.

What a teachable moment! Wouldn't it be cool if children in our community brought their pennies, nickels, or dimes to the Bryn Mawr Market and showed us adults how to fill up a jar! What a terrific way for children to connect to children in other cultures in a giving way. After all, the future is theirs and their participation in it is an important lesson.

Just Do It...

Having a happy, healthy, vibrant community is not a lucky happenstance, it takes participation. Oh boy, you're saying, here goes another patented Counter Talk rant about

getting involved in the process of community building. Well, even though that's true, this ain't about all that. My "higher angels", the ones that are on break when I eat a chocolate donut in the morning at the Market, my "higher angels" want me to take you higher! I wish to merely hold up as example a couple of fellers who have taken the initiative to do something to make Bryn Mawr a better place. Area 7 co-representative, Andrew Kraling and NRP Chair, Scott McLaughlin are two such people.

Andrew investigated a solar program that partners with neighborhoods to access affordable solar energy for residents. There will be more information available shortly about this program that includes a leasing component and contributions from our NRP funds.

Speaking of NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program), with Scott at the helm, we are seeing a lot of creativity and energy towards the use of these funds. Partnering with CEE (Center for Energy and Environment), some qualified homes in the neighborhood may be eligible for free \$400 dollar energy audit. Scott is also working with Andrew on the solar proposal and with me on a partnership with Metro Blooms on developing a rain garden program for Bryn Mawr.

There are opportunities for everyone to contribute to make this community a vibrant, creative place and Scott and Andrew are just a couple of examples of people creating opportunities and I tip my hat off to them.

Before I go..

You may or may not get this issue of the Bugle before the annual Festival of Garage Sales held every year on the first weekend in May. It, of course, is a great way to get out and about in our community and buy each others' junk... I mean treasures.

On May 12th be sure to come on down to Bryn Mawr Elementary for our Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting and Board Elections. It's a potluck, so bring your own pot...of food to share with your neighbors. It's a great chance to get to know a lot of the movers and shakers around these parts. There will be door prizes and it's very family friendly.

You can still get a 50% discount on a new membership in the HOURCAR rent-a-car program by picking up a Blue Sky Guide book and using a coupon inside. The Blue Sky Guide is a community coupon book available at Cuppa Java or during the Garage Sale at the Vets for Peace canoe raffle in the Mill City Dental parking lot.

And what Counter Talk would be complete without a shameless plug? Yes, I will be selling my hip collage magnets at the 331 Club during Art-A-Whirl where they have free music in their parking lot. Come on down and meet the clown!



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Bugle Notes

Percolating on a Friday Night

Just wanted to give a shout out to the Percolators Band who do their thing the second Friday of the month over at the Golden Valley Legion Club down in the dell off Glenwood and Highway 100. We stopped by the Club this month to check them out, were served a tasty steak dinner and salad for a recession-resistant \$9.00 per person, had some very reasonably priced drinks, did a few pull tabs (someone won \$500 that night!) and then spent a couple of hours dancing off


our supper. Bryn Mawr's Hans Gasterland and the lads play assorted tunes ranging from old rock to soulful ballads, there is a great homey atmosphere, very casual, no need to be shy about shaking the middle aged booty. It really was a fun evening and we will definitely be going back. You can check out the Percolators' ad in this issue of the Bugle to find out more about the band and their schedule.

- Carolyn Bastick, Area 4




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Three Bryn Mawr Houses Featured in 2010 Home Tour

By JoEllyn Jolstad

During the last weekend in April, green and yellow signs around the city directed people to the homes of this year's Minneapolis-St. Paul Home Tour. Three addresses in Bryn Mawr were among the participants.

In Area 1, Sonya Nederloe & Brian Allar's sleek new open plan includes a kitchen with many innovative, modern conveniences. There is a coffee/cappuccino bar with a mug warming tray and a pull-out granite-topped prep cart. The stainless vent over the cooktop on the new center island can be raised up when not in use. The homeowners appreciated that Jones Design Build moved their old appliances and created a working kitchen in the basement prior to beginning the project.

In Area 4, Kristin & Paul Markert worked with DiGiacomo Homes & Renovation first to renovate their basement and more recently to "update" their kitchen. The remodel restored their kitchen to its original Craftsman splendor with marble counters and a deep farmhouse sink while adding state of the art energy efficient appliances and clever storage to take advantage of every inch of space.

David & Julia Sollien's home, also in Area 4, has doubled in living

space over the past 12 years of renovation and transformed from a quaint one-story country charmer with tiny bedrooms, to a spacious contemporary will abundant light. A custom built open staircase with suspended treads and cable railing leads to the modern sleeping suites in the second story addition. David and Julia are glad they now have a space that meets their needs and suits their style without having to leave behind the neighborhood they adore.

You can find more information, including photos and comments from the homeowners at <http://msphometour.com>

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Regional transit system ranks high in efficiency

By Peter Bell

Over the last seven years, the Metropolitan Council has had considerable success in expanding our regional transit system and growing ridership.

We've opened our first light rail line in the Hiawatha corridor and begun work on our second in the Central corridor. We've started service on our first commuter rail line in the Northstar corridor. And we've completed the first phase of bus rapid transit improvements in the I-35W and Cedar Avenue corridors.

However, we've also worked very hard to ensure that our system is as efficient and cost-effective as possible.

Our transit system compares very well with peer systems around the country, as shown by a new report compiled by our transportation staff. The performance evaluation report, required by state law, compares our transit system with 11 others – including Baltimore, Dallas, Denver, Milwaukee, Portland, Seattle and St. Louis.

Here are a few key findings:

- The ridership of our system grew by 17 percent during the period 2005 to 2008, compared with 8.5 percent for our 11 peers.
- Our system's operating costs, adjusted for inflation, increased by 7.4 percent during this period, compared with 12.1 percent for our peers.
- Our farebox recovery rate – the percentage of operating costs covered by fares – ranked third

- highest in 2008 among the 12 systems examined.
- Our subsidy per passenger in 2008 averaged \$2.61, compared with \$3.24 for our peers.

In other words, our ridership is growing faster, our service is more efficient and it requires a lower subsidy per passenger than most of our peers.

One place where we lag a little is in the amount of transit service we offer. Our system provides 19.9 miles of transit service per capita, putting us in sixth place among the 12 regions studied and just below the peer average (20.7).

However, we hope to improve in this area as we continue to expand our bus system, and develop our network of rail and bus transitways.

On May 26, the Council will be acting on a recommendation from Hennepin County that we move forward with our third light rail line in the Southwest Corridor between downtown Minneapolis and Eden Prairie. The 14-mile line would connect with our other rail lines at the inter-modal station near Target Field.

When this rail line is completed, we will have nearly 130 miles of transitways providing fast, hassle-free service in some of our most heavily traveled corridors.

Overall, the new report is a tribute to the outstanding performance of our staff at Metro Transit, Metro Mobility and our entire transportation services division.

(Peter Bell is chair of the Metropolitan Council, a 17-member body that oversees regional planning, transit, wastewater services, and regional parks and trails.)

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Battle the Borer

Ready or not, here they come! The Emerald Ash Borer beetle invasion is approaching Bryn Mawr and our ash trees are in peril. Many of us remember how heartbreaking it was to see street after street of our elms decimated by Dutch Elm disease. I know I still grieve the way that blight left holes in the landscape of Minnesota, and I often reflect on how much I miss those century-old trees that used to shade our walks around Bryn Mawr. Our neighborhood will again be ravaged by an insidious pest, but this time we can be better prepared.

The Forestry Division of the Minneapolis Park Board is responsible for tree assignments on boulevards and they adhere to a Master Planting Plan philosophy so that in residential areas the streets have a “symmetrical” or “uniform” look. This practice also makes efficient timing of street sweeping possible. They purposely stagger tree species throughout the city to avoid a monoculture or over-dependence on any one species. Only the Director of Forestry, Ralph Sievert, can approve deviations from the Master Planting Plan. It is possible for you to go ahead and plant a tree on your boulevard rather than wait for the city to get around to it, but you must get permission from the Park Board Forestry Division. There is helpful information about tree placement criteria and size guidelines on the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board website at <http://www.minneapolis-parks.org>

Confirmed by a team of twenty neighbors who surveyed all seven areas of the neighborhood, Bryn Mawr has a significant number of ash trees within it. Although they are distributed unevenly throughout the neighborhood, the loss of these trees will be felt by everyone. The summary printed below will help neighbors think about how their area may be affected. Area 1 has the fewest ash; Area 3 has the most.

With the discovery of the emerald ash borer in Prospect Park, neighbors are facing some difficult decisions. Three choices face those with ash trees on their property: 1) do nothing, 2) treat the trees, or 3) remove the trees. There are pros and cons associated with each choice, and a multitude of factors to consider. It is the hope of the members of the ash borer committee that neighbors take the time to think about their options and make an informed decision about how they will go forward. Ash borer committee members will be providing a decision-making matrix to help neighbors think through the choices they have. We are also investigating options for the treatment of trees. Look for information about options and treatment in the June Bugle. Meanwhile, one strong recommendation that the committee has for our community is to take down small ash trees and replant replacement trees of an alternate species now.

Tally of Ash Trees in Bryn Mawr

	Number of Addresses	Ash Count by Area						
		Total	Front	Back	Boulevard	Small	Medium	Large
Area 1	124	21	18	2	1	6	9	6
Area 2	198	233	53	38	142	44	131	58
Area 3	155	315	107	82	126	39	135	141
Area 4	99	51	14	22	15	8	23	20
Area 5	133	123	17	16	90	31	32	60
Area 6	70	23	2	18	3	3	12	8
Area 7	139	87	8	30	49	10	43	34
TOTALS	918	853	219	208	426	141	385	327

under Reforestation/Tree Planting. The Forestry Division phone number is 612-313-7710.

Recommended Trees for Bryn Mawr

The University of Minnesota Extension Service lists trees that are recommended for our area. Here are some that are labeled as appropriate for “street” use: Alder, Coffeetree, Corktree, Elm (cultivars ‘Cathedral’, ‘Patriot’, ‘New Horizon’ are resistant to Dutch Elm disease), Hawthorn, Honeylocust, Hornbeam, Linden, Maple, Bur Oak, and Serviceberry.

For more specific information, including height, width, shape, fall color, and shade tolerance, go to <http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/natural-resources/DD6574>.

Start thinking and talking with your neighbors about what kind of trees would be good replacement choices. Bryn Mawr is a community with a track record of working together and getting things done. Lets roll up our sleeves and keep our neighborhood green.

- Ruth Lindb, Bryn Mawr Ash Borer Committee

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - May 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
<div>The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association</div> <div>Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner & Board Elections -</div> <div>6:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at Bryn Mawr School</div>						Festival of Garage Sales, BMNA Benefit Sale at 257 Thomas Ave. S. 1
Festival of Garage Sales 2	3	4	Land Use Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, RM 136 Bryn Mawr Elementary 5	6pm Presentation by Center for Energy and the Environment 7:30pm BMNA May Board Meeting, Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria 6	7	8
9	10	11	6pm BMNA Annual Meeting, Pot Luck Dinner and Board Elections, Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria 12	13	14	15
16	17	ROC Committee, Ripley Gardens, 6:30pm 18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	Schools Committee Meeting 7pm , RM 136 Bryn Mawr Elementary, Guest speaker, Pam Costain, MPS Board of Education Director 27	28	29
30	31					

Sustainable Bryn Mawr – Results

Congratulations Neighbors! 88% of participants reduced the annual cost of powering their home after signing-up for the competition. Our top winners received prizes on Earth Day from our generous locally-owned business sponsors. As you review the graph you will notice that we are still higher than the Minnesota average: Consider that a personal challenge to keep doing your part!

Neighborhood Fun Facts show we truly got greener!

Average Gas Use reduction: 3.70%
Average Electricity Use reduction: 3.63%
Average annual utility bill reduction: \$113

All participants received their personalized final results during the month of April. If you have questions, please contact: John Kracum at the Center for Energy and Environment (612.335.5858 or jkracum@mncee.org)

Although the official competition has come to a close, remember:
“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”
- Margaret Mead

It’s been a privilege to be a part of this neighborhood initiative. Thank you for giving us the opportunity. -Tracy Cook & Bekah Padilla, Coordinators

Top Five Energy Savers (total reduction normalized by home size):

1. Dan and Carol Grabow
2. Greg Lecker
3. Erik and Iliana Wilson
4. Roger and Sandi Clarke
5. Erica Moore and Carol Anderson

Top Five Energy Savers (total reduction):

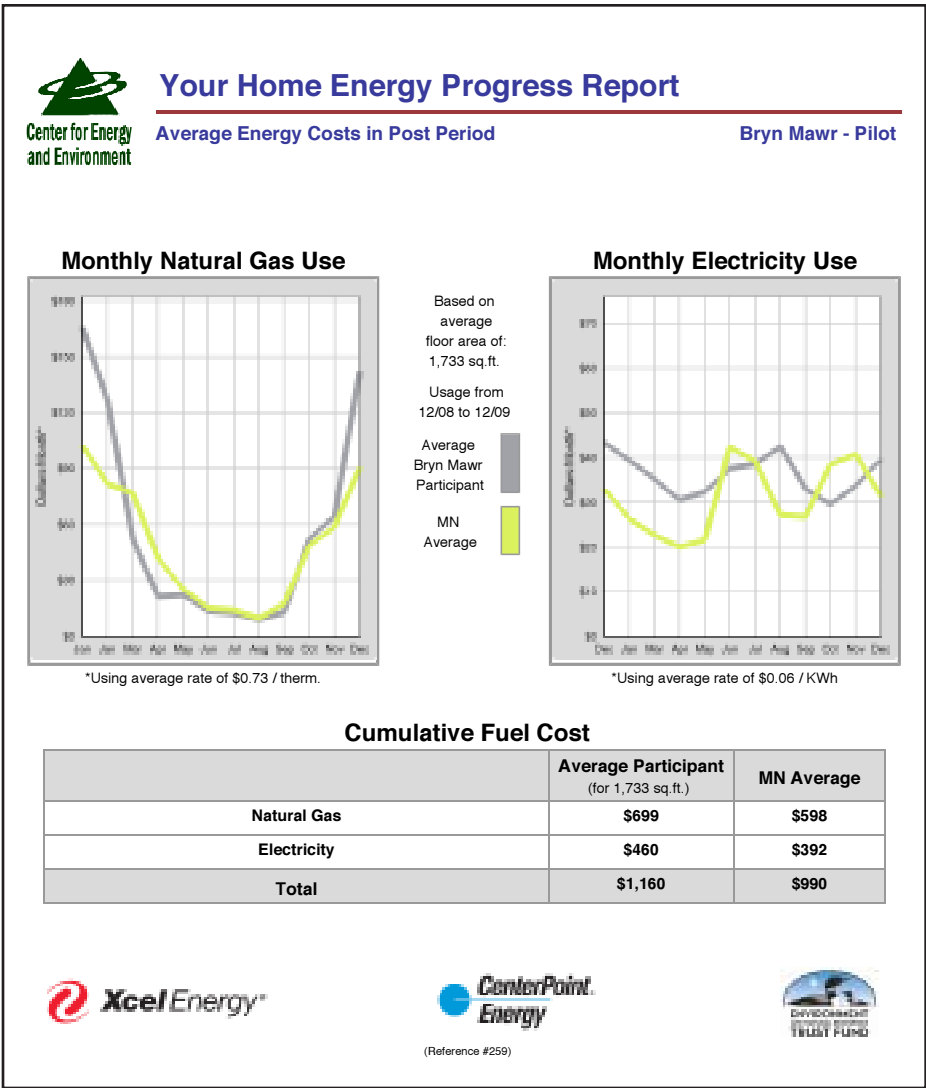
1. James Groettum
2. Deryck and JoEllyn Jolstad
3. Greg Lecker
4. Dan and Carol Grabow
5. Erik and Iliana Wilson

Top Five Energy Savers (% reduction):

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3. Deryck and JoEllyn Jolstad
4. Scott McLaughlin
5. Amy Sheldon

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Upton Garden Update

By Cathy Skalicky

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped clean up the Upton Garden last month. We had enough volunteers at our scheduled clean up to get the work done in one hour. Special thanks to our Junior Volunteers - Elliot, Olivia, Ajay, Graham, Zack, Chloe, Callie & Reggie for helping keep Bryn Mawr beautiful.

Remember the community gardens in Bryn Mawr belong to all of us. Feel free to pull a few weeds as you are walking by and enjoying the gardens. Every little bit helps.

The Upton Garden is located at the intersection of Cedar Lake Road South and Upton

Avenue South. The garden is divided into small plots so that volunteers can easily maintain their section. If you have questions about the garden or are interested in adopting a plot contact Cathy Skalicky at 612-378-2987 or c_skalicky@earthlink.net



Bryn Mawr Elementary PTA Plant Sale 2010!

Don't Forget to Pick up your Plants on Tuesday, May 18th! Orders will be ready for pick-up in the parking lot of the school 2:30-6:30.

Last Chance Sale Wed. May 19 Remaining plants will be sold on Wednesday May 19, 2-8 p.m. (inside the school)

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We Dig Anwatin! And You Will Too.

You are invited to join the new principal of Anwatin Middle School, VaNita Miller to celebrate the coming together of the International Baccalaureate and Spanish Dual Immersion programs at the new Anwatin.

Grab a shovel and help us plant a tree in celebration!

Saturday, May 15, 10:00 a.m. to noon

**Anwatin Middle School
256 Upton Ave. So.
Minneapolis, MN 55405-1997**

- Meet other members of the Anwatin community
- Build student community through Project Success activities
- Explore the school building and grounds
- Ask questions of the principal and other staff members
- Enjoy coffee and treats!

Questions? Please call JoEllyn, 612-668-2478 or Elizabeth, 612-668-3610 for Spanish

Everyone is welcome!



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Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden showcases a spectacular display of woodland wildflowers each spring. Visit the Garden this month to revel in the beauty of the woodlands in May. Look for wild ginger, trout lilies, and trillium as you stroll under the colorful canopy of trees, flowering and with new spring leaves unfurling. Bring your binoculars or borrow a pair of ours to spot the migratory spring songbirds fueling up before they finish their journey north. It is a magnificent time of year to enjoy what the Wildflower Garden has to offer.

****Families can inquire at the Martha Crone Visitor's Shelter for Garden Scavenger Hunts. Just ask a volunteer or naturalist to borrow one!**

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 Visitors 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 hour before sunset.

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— May 2010
Saturday, May 1st
7:30-9:00am Early Birders
9:30-10:30am Birding Basics
1-2pm Spring Ephemerals
3-4pm Spring Nature Hike

Sunday, May 2nd
1-2pm Woodland Wildflowers of Spring
3-4pm Secrets of the Spring Woods

Tuesday, May 4th
10:00am -12:00pm Gardening with Wildflowers led by Shirley Mah Kooyman*
Wednesday, May 5th
6-7pm Evening Wildflower Walk

Thursday, May 6th
10:00am-12:30pm Watercolors – Painting Nature Session 1*

Saturday, May 8th
7:30-9:00am Early Birders
9:30-10:30am Birding Basics
1-2pm Spring Wildflower Walk
3-4pm Gardening with Wildflowers

Sunday, May 9th
1-2pm Mother's Day Spring Wildflower Walk
3-4pm Spring Ephemerals

Monday, May 10th
6-7:30pm Medicinal Plants of the Garden - Introduction to Wild Medicines*

Tuesday, May 11th
10:00am -12:00pm Gardening with Wildflowers led by Shirley Mah Kooyman *

Wednesday, May 12th
6-7pm Evening Bird Watching Stroll

Thursday, May 13th
10:00am-12:30pm Watercolors – Painting Nature Session 1*
8:15-9:15pm New Moon Walk

Saturday, May 15th
7:30-9:00am Early Birders
9:30-10:30am Birding Basics
1-2pm Spring Wildflower Walk
3-4pm Secrets of the Spring Woods

Sunday, May 16th
1-2pm Woodland Wildflowers of Spring
3-4pm Binoculars and Field Guides for Families

Tuesday, May 18th
10:00am -12:00pm Gardening with Wildflowers led by Shirley Mah Kooyman *

Wednesday, May 19th
6-7pm Evening Wildflower Walk

Thursday, May 20th
10:00am-12:30pm Watercolors – Painting Nature Session 1*

Saturday, May 22nd
7:30-9:00am Early Birders
9:30-10:30am Birding Basics
1-2pm Woodland Wildflowers of Spring
3-4pm Gardening with Wildflowers

Sunday, May 23rd
1-2pm Spring Wildflower Walk
3-4pm Secrets of the Spring Woods

Monday, May 24th
6-7:30pm Medicinal Plants of the Garden - Spring Edible and Medicinal Plants*

Wednesday, May 26th
8:30-9:30pm Full Flower Moon Walk

Thursday, May 27th
10:00am-12:30pm Watercolors – Painting Nature Session 1*

Saturday, May 29th
7:30-9:00am Early Birders
9:30-10:30am Birding Basics
1-2pm Quaking Bog Tour
3-4pm Woodland Wildflowers of Spring

Sunday, May 30th
1-2pm Spring Wildflower Walk
3-4pm Secrets of the Spring Woods

Program Descriptions
Binoculars and Field Guides for Families
Venture through the Garden with your kids in search of bird life. 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 if you have them, 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 talk about where to find them. Bring binoculars and a field guide or borrow ours.

Early Birders
This program is designed for individuals who have some experience with field guides and binoculars, and wish to practice finding and identifying birds. In addition to bird identification, we will focus on birding by ear, bird behavior, and bird habitats. Bring binoculars and a field guide or borrow ours.

Evening Birding Stroll
Join us after work for an evening stroll in search of avian life! Designed for beginners but experienced birdwatchers are welcome. Discuss binoculars and field guides. Learn how to identify birds and where to find them. Bring binoculars and a field guide or borrow ours.

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 woodland trails and the wildflowers that await your arrival.

Full Flower Moon Walk
Take a twilight tour of the Garden. We'll look for bats, listen for owls and the spring song of chorus frogs. We'll set up the spotting scope and see the full moon rise. Meet at the front gate.

Gardening with 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.

Garden with Wildflowers led by Shirley Mah Kooyman
Wildflowers are valued as reliable and beautiful plants to use in formal and informal gardens. Join us for a foray into the art and science of gardening with wildflowers. Learn more about easy-to-grow wildflower species while being shown the basics of garden design and simple plant propagation techniques. Participants will have the opportunity to propagate and take home wildflowers from the teacher's garden.
Cost: \$60.00

Medicinal Plants of the Garden led by Cynthia Thomas
Learn about the simple use of plants as medicine and food and specifically the healing properties of plants growing in the Garden and your own backyard. Find out which plants are traditionally eaten in the spring for health benefits. Discover how to identify and use several favorite medicinal plant species. The Wildflower Garden is a sanctuary for native plants. Harvesting plant material from the Garden is strictly prohibited.

Cost: \$15.00 per class
New Moon Walk
Experience the Garden at nightfall. As darkness washes over the Garden an array of sounds, smells and sights greet our senses. Be on the look out for bats, nighthawks, owls, and breathe in the refreshing evening air. Meet at the front gate.

Quaking Bog Tour
The bog is home to many unique plants with interesting adaptations for survival. Discover the characteristics that make a bog habitat. Learn what is being done to preserve this special place. 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 in the Garden this time of year.

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.

Spring Wildflower Walk
Join a Garden Naturalist on a wildflower-filled tour of the Garden. As we stroll through the Garden we will look for many delightful woodland wildflowers including trilliums, woodland poppies and more.

Watercolors – Painting Nature Led by Sandy Muzzy
Learn the art of watercolor painting in a natural setting. Beginners and more experienced painters are encouraged to register. Materials for use at the Garden will be provided. Session 1: Experiment with watercolor techniques and learn about basics of working with color values and textures.

Cost per session: \$85.00 or \$150 for both Session 1 and Session 2 (coming in June)
Woodland Wildflowers of Spring
Join a Garden Naturalist on a wildflower-focused tour of the Garden. We will search for all of our spring woodland favorites including trout lilies, bluebells and more.

View From the Bridge

May 2010 – Tree Insect Pests

As someone who appreciates the contribution that trees make to our natural environment, I especially resent pests that affect trees. Four such pests are Forest Tent Caterpillar, Gypsy Moth, Sawfly, and Emerald Ash Borer.

Forest Tent Caterpillar (Malacosoma disstria)

Caterpillars are blue-black with white “footprint” spots along back. There are long black hairs on the 1” to 2” long caterpillar body.

Tent Caterpillars are most easily recognized by the obvious silken “tents” or mats that they construct in upper branches of their host trees. Eastern Forest Tent caterpillars construct tents are quite sophisticated. With a tent positioned where it will be warmed by morning sun, the various compartments within a “tent” allow for a variety of temperatures for growing caterpillars.

Caterpillars emerge to feed from mid-May through the first three weeks of June – and likely earlier this year, 2010, because of lack of March snowfall and early onset of spring weather; grow to 2” long! Forest Tent Caterpillar populations fluctuate on a cycle with three-to-four-year long peak periods occurring every eight to thirteen years.

Forest Tent Caterpillars feed on all broad leaf trees but red maple. Caterpillars prefer aspen, birch, basswood, ash and oaks. Besides the harm that Forest Tent Caterpillars may inflict on trees, caterpillars release green-black staining liquid when stressed.

Though falling frass (waste byproduct) causes a nuisance, it does provide some fertilizer. It is said that caterpillars may expel about half of the material that they consume, even as they eat vast amounts of leaves during their rapid growth. Forest Tent Caterpillars can benefit ecosystems by providing a food source for birds and by opening up the forest canopy to allow more sunlight and space for understory trees.

Control measures are somewhat limited. One may protect high trees by removing egg masses, using insecticide, or applying trunk band barriers. Starvation kills seventy-five to ninety percent of caterpillars. Bounded by somewhat limited mobility, caterpillars eat all available food within reach. A native parasite wasp offers some control.

Emerald Ash Borer (Agrilus planipennis Faimaire)

Emerald Ash Borers are non-native beetles that have already killed millions of ash in the United States. Almost one million acres of Minnesota ash trees are at risk! Emerald Ash Borers have been detected in St. Anthony Park (St. Paul) and Prospect Park (Minneapolis). Emerald Ash

Borer (EAB) feeds on all species of ash – Green, White, and Black.

Based on a Tree Trust boulevard tree survey in Lowry Hill, Kenwood, Bryn Mawr, and Harrison; four tree species comprise over eight percent of trees! Furthermore, Green Ash tops the list, having been planted extensively to replace American Elm trees lost to Dutch Elm Disease in the 1970’s. Here are the percentages found during the survey: Green Ash - 25%, Sugar Maple - 25%, Norway Maple - 17%, and American Elm - 15.5%.

Green Ash trees are the majority of large boulevard and yard trees across much of Bryn Mawr’s Area 3. Thus, Emerald Ash Borer has the potential to dramatically change the appearance of these blocks.

Emerald Ash Borers are iridescent green & copper beetles, about 1/4” to 1/2” long. Under its wings, body is purplish-magenta. On the bark of affected trees, 1/8” wide D-shaped exit holes mark the outlet where adult beetles chew their way out.

Beetles lay eggs on tree bark. Larvae burrow into wood, feeding and creating extensive tunnels called galleries. Galleries girdle the tree, blocking flow of water and nutrients, killing trees in 2-4 years

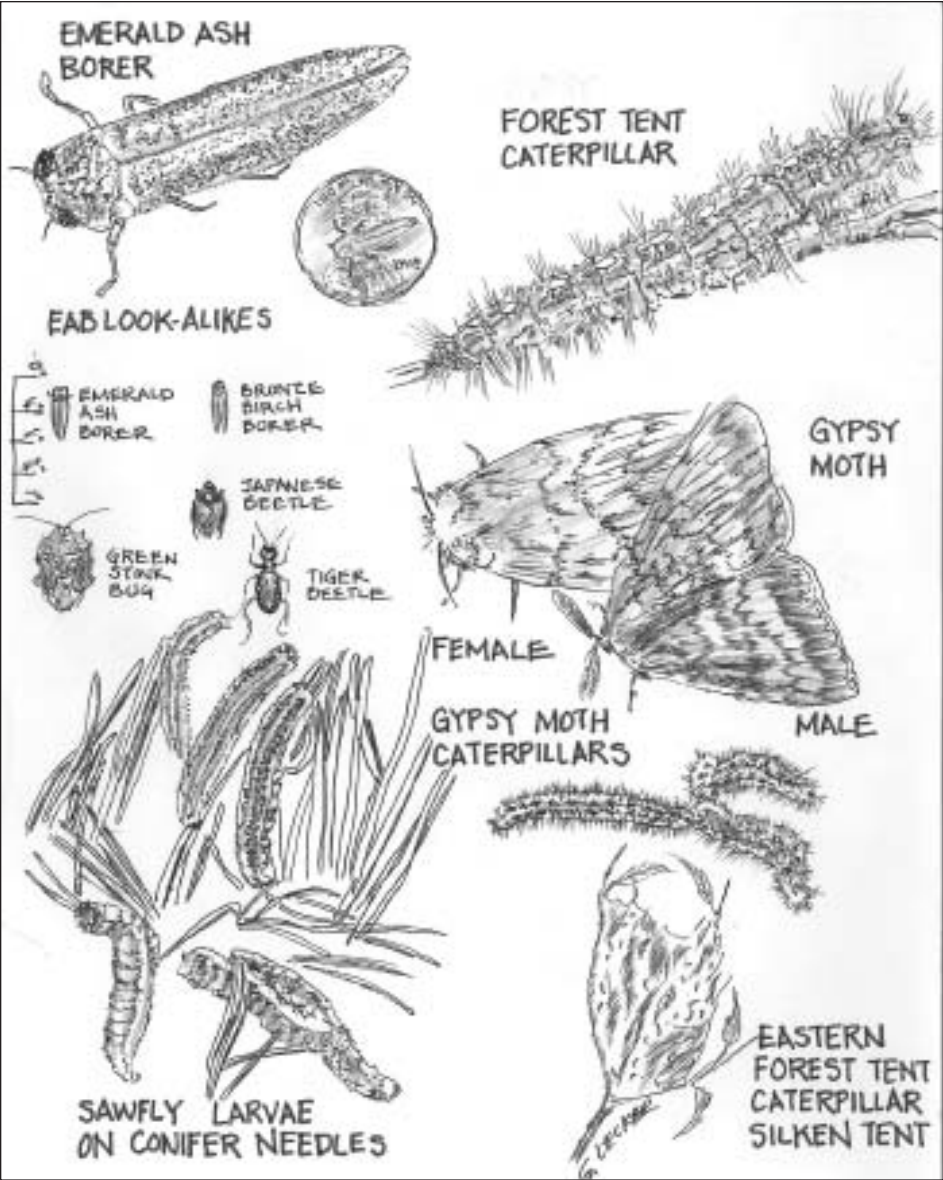
To slow the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer, county quarantines control spread by reducing movement of ash wood. Don’t give beetles a “free ride” by transporting firewood. Buy local and burn local. Systemic insecticides offer some control. In professional control measures, bark of sacrificial “trap” trees removed, attracting EAB in area to specific trees. The following year, “trap” trees are removed. Forester and citizens can assist control efforts by planting trees other than ash. Researches are collecting ash seed to assemble seed banks to preserve genetic variation for future restoration of ash.

Gypsy Moth (Lymantria dispar)

Gypsy Moth caterpillars can rapidly defoliate entire trees – seemingly overnight. Repeated outbreaks can kill trees, changing forest composition. Young larvae hang from long silken threads and can be carried on wind to adjacent trees. Defoliated trees and falling frass (feces) are nuisances and impact recreation. To control the spread of Gypsy Moth, don’t transport firewood.

Gypsy Moths lay a buff to white colored egg mass. A Gypsy Moth caterpillar has a “fuzzy” gray body with long hairs, blue and red dots on back. Caterpillars are 1-1/2” to 2-1/2” long. Moths have 1-1/2” to 2” wingspan. Males are light brown; females are white. Both have wavy wing makings.

Caterpillars feed early to mid summer, and likely earlier this year, 2010, While caterpillars prefer aspen and oak, caterpillars feed on 500 species.



Sawflies (Neodiprion spp.; Diprion spp.; Pristiphora spp., Pikonema spp.)

Sawfly larvae, not adult sawflies, damage trees. Adult wasp-like insects are named for saw-like appendages used to deposit eggs. Different sawflies will affect deciduous and coniferous trees, and even different types of coniferous trees. Damage to coniferous trees is potentially more threatening because these trees generally retain their needles for several years. Depending on the type of sawfly, sawflies feed only on previous year’s needles or on both old and new needles. Though they are the larvae of a wasp-like insect rather than a butterfly or moth, sawfly larvae resemble hairless caterpillars.

Sawfly larvae are gregarious – gathering and feeding in groups until all available needles on a branch are eaten. Larvae have been known to raise their bodies upward, as a group of larvae, as a defense mechanism against birds and even larger predators.

Conifers and especially Mugo, Red and Scotch Pines are most affected by sawflies. Especially if prior damage has occurred on your pine tree, it benefits you and your tree to begin scouting for the presence or signs of sawfly larvae before and during the time that they generally appear so that control measures may be taken.

European Pine Sawfly larvae are gray-green with a black head and legs. Light and dark green strips run lengthwise. They feed from the time that they hatch from eggs until the time that they are 3/4” to 1” long.

Control measures include mechanical means (hand removal; water spray) and/or insecticidal control. One can encourage recovery of affected trees by maintaining tree vigor by watering. Control lar-

vae before they are half-grown. Otherwise the larvae have already fed generously on the host plant, and most damage has occurred. European Pine Sawflies feed in mid-May generally (and earlier this year) and eat old needles. Redheaded Pine Sawflies feed in mid-June generally (and earlier this year) and eat both old and new needles, making these sawflies especially destructive. Some species product two generations of larvae in a single year.


Numerous University of Minnesota Extension publications promote caution regarding insecticidal control: “Read all directions carefully before buying insecticides and again before applying them. Be sure the insecticide you plan to use is labeled for the plant you are treating or if the product is generally labeled for trees and shrubs, that the label does not exclude the plant. Information on the label should be used as the final authority.”

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Trees need your help to survive and thrive ... it will be worth your effort!

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



The Environment

New Residential Energy Program Coming to Bryn Mawr!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING:
May 6, 6:30pm

C EE is hosting an important organizational meeting for an exciting energy initiative on May 6 at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria of Bryn Mawr School. With support from Xcel and Center Point Energy, they're offering \$400 in services for a \$30 fee. This fee will be underwritten for the first 100 participants via NRP funds. The BMNA board will meet following theirs at 7:30.

Learn how to reduce your energy use and save money! The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association has teamed up with the Center for Energy and Environment, CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy to offer Bryn Mawr homeowners Community Energy Services, CES, a one-stop residential energy program.

Community Energy Services Provides:

- FREE educational workshops to teach homeowners how to lower their energy use and save money in their home;
- Customized home energy visits from 2 qualified professionals who will identify additional ways for residents to save in their homes, install materials and performs a blower door test (which measures for air leaks in the home);
- Installed materials may include: low flow showerheads, a setback thermostat, compact fluorescent light bulbs, gasket seals, door

- sweeps, faucet aerators and more to help participants save now;
- Personalized energy use inventory for the last 12 months and feedback for the next 12 months to show the homeowner how these hassle-free upgrades resulted in decreased energy use;
 - Information on financing, incentives, stimulus money and rebates.
 - Over \$400 worth of services and materials for a co-pay of only \$30. However, the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association will pay for the co-pay for the first 100 homeowners who sign up, giving you a \$400 value for FREE!

Workshops are currently being scheduled for mid June, look for more information to come! With questions or to reserve your spot at a workshop contact Ashley Robertson at 612-335-5869 or arobertson@mncee.org.

By being a part of the Community Energy Services program you will be one of the first people in the state to have access to everything this program has to offer! Invite your friends, neighbors and family, all Bryn Mawr homeowners are welcome!

Funding for this project was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

- Scott McLaughlin, NRP Chair

Bike Connection Opens From Cedar Lake Trail to Target Field LRT Station

There's a new 5 block off-road bicycle connection from the Cedar Lake Trail (near Lee's on Glenwood) to the Target Field LRT station. With support from the Minnesota Twins, this route is open 24/7/365. Follow 3rd Av N to the stadium, then turn left and bike along a wide promenade to the LRT station. There are also about 500 new bike hitches for baseball fans, and for commuters who work downtown or want to lock their bikes and hop on a train. It's a great way to get to the game, 15 minutes from Bryn Mawr.



Go green! Leave your car at home! Bicycle commuting has never been easier.
- Dick Adair, Area 6

Attention Solar Panel Enthusiasts!

We are exploring the possibility of a solar panel project for Bryn Mawr property owners! The BMNA is working with local solar panel installation companies to provide our neighbors with education, tools, and possibly monetary incentives to install solar panels. This is a pilot program that is placing the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood in a unique role as a leader in community-based solar energy. While funding details remain in the approval process, the BMNA is proposing a program to offer assistance to property owners that have an interest in the purchase or lease of solar panels. New tax credits and utility company rebates have greatly reduced the pay-back period for solar panels!

Our project goal is to collaborate with contractors and property owners to install solar panel systems this summer and fall. The BMNA plans to have one community-wide workshop in late May or early June and we will notify our neighbors of that date and location. Until then more information can be found at www.energy.gov and www.eere.energy.gov and www.solar-estimate.org. One of the local contractors, Solarflow Energy, has an interactive site at www.solarflowenergy.com. The company offers a leasing option that is very attractive because there are minimal up-front costs.

- Andrew Kraling, Area 7



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| May 12, 2009 | Very windy. Picked up my order from the Bryn Mawr Elementary School PTA's annual plant sale. High quality annuals, perennials, and vegetables at market prices, and a chance to support our great neighborhood school! This year's pick up is May 18. If you forgot to order in April, many overstock items will be available outside the main entrance on Tuesday afternoon until 6:30 and Wednesday afternoon until 8:00. |
| May 13, 2000 | "Bryn Mawr" hedge planted along Penn Av. by volunteers under the direction of Steve Jensen. This was his idea. |
| May 18, 2008 | Bats flitting about in the twilight, looking for mosquitoes. There aren't any--it's been too cool and dry. |
| May 21, 2009 | High 94° with a 42 mph wind and dry fields cause a large dust storm, clouding the sky. Many farmers planted early this year but crops didn't germinate because the soil was too dry. |
| May 27, 2010 | Full moon, the Ojibwe Budding Plants moon, so named because many woodland wildflowers are in bloom. |



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Youth & Schools

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Schools Update

by Jessica Wiley, Schools Committee Co-chair

Courtney Cushing-Kiernat, Project Manager for the Changing Schools Options Transition for the Minneapolis Public Schools, presented implementation plans for the 2010 –2011 school year on March 23, 2010, at a school informational meeting. Cushing Kiernat addressed the changes occurring at both Anwatin and Bryn Mawr Elementary and answered questions from the audience of 24 community members.

Anwatin has been approved for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program, and all 544 students attending Anwatin next year will be involved in IB program expectations. Additionally, up to 166 students will participate in the Dual Immersion program as a continuation of their elementary immersion education. These students will have instruction in Spanish in three of their classes; science, language arts, and humanities. Prin-

cipal VaNita Miller has been named to lead the school.

The Bryn Mawr Elementary continues to grow. A fourth grade classroom, a third kindergarten and second High Five class have been added for next school year. The Changing School Options initial plan to move Emerson Immersion program to Bryn Mawr Elementary has been postponed to allow for further study.

High school-aged students in Bryn Mawr will have bussing to the magnet programs in the city and also to Washburn, Southwest, Henry, and Edison community high schools. Every student who applied to Southwest High School by the deadline was placed there.

Q & A

Questions raised prior to the meeting were answered by Cushing-Kiernat in writing. Answers appear below.

Please describe how the new zones were created.

Attendance boundaries were drawn to balance several factors:

- Give every family a community school
- Match the number of students living in an area with the space available in the closest school
- Support district integration goals
- Minimize disruption of current students

Can you explain the rationale for moving A4 (Bryn Mawr/Harrison) from Area C to Zone 1?

- The current A4 elementary attendance area (which offers choices of north and northeast schools) remains the same except for the option of crossing the zone boundary to Kenwood, which is currently allowed for students living south of Glenwood Ave. Students living in Bryn Mawr attending south side magnets now are doing so via open enrollment and could continue in the future.

- High school students in the A4 attendance area will have the option of attending high schools in Zone 1 or Zone 3 with transportation provided. This offers Bryn Mawr students more high school choice than any other attendance area in the city. These decisions were based upon consideration of:

- Where students currently live and the schools they currently attend.

Balancing enrollment across the 3 zones

- Keeping balance between Zone 1 and Zone 3

- Integration

Bryn Mawr students attend mostly south side schools

Harrison students attend mostly north side schools

There are more students in Harrison than Bryn Mawr

Students in Harrison are almost all students of color

Students in Bryn Mawr are almost all white

- Geographic Considerations

Drawing A4 into Zone 3 (sw/s) meets the Bryn Mawr area students' desire to receive priority

and transportation to Southwest High and gain access to Anthony Middle School and Zone 3 magnets, but requires the larger number of students in the Harrison

area to lose access to their schools on the north side. It further depletes enrollment in north

side schools and negatively impacts efforts to promote

desegregation. Splitting A4 into two separate areas would have a

similar effect.

Drawing A4 into Zone 1 allows Harrison neighborhood students

to receive priority and transportation to Henry and Edison and

retain access to NE and Olson Middle Schools and Zone 1 magnets, as well as promoting

integration and equity across zones. Student may still register for

schools in other zones but will be required to provide their own

transportation.

In the past families have had choices in more than one area. Please talk about the rationale of limiting family choices to one zone.

The current choice system is a costly and complex system. In some neighborhoods, students are bussed to more than thirty different schools throughout the city. In parts of the city, students have the choice of up to nine magnet and seven community schools. The district spends \$33 million every year on transportation with 74% of MPS students bussed to school.

The district's significant dependence on transportation is unsustainable and detracts from academic programming. Moving to regional zones reduces transportation, retains choice, and allows students to attend schools closer to home.

Could you provide the details on how the school district will save \$7.5 million with the Changing School Options proposal? Please be specific.

The MPS finance department is currently evaluating CSO savings. The actual savings for fall of 2010 will be less than \$7.5 million. The finance department is taking into account program changes, projected enrollments, transportation, and CSO design changes. The long-term structural gains come from transportation (approximately 1/3) and facilities closures, which have both operational and staff cost savings.

There is discussion that Southwest High School is in need of cost-prohibitive repairs and will likely be closed in the next few years. Can you please discuss the plan for our high schools?

At this point in time, there is no plan to close Southwest High School. The facilities department is working on a master facilities plan that will evaluate all schools and their capacity.

NOTE:

Additional questions were asked at the meeting. Ms. Kiernat was able to give basic answers. The questions have been submitted in writing to the Changing School Options office which will compile detailed responses. These will be published in a future Bugle.

Strike Up the Band!



The 6th, 7th, & 8th grade band students of Anwatin Middle School have been preparing for their FULL BAND MARCH through the Bryn Mawr neighborhood! Weather permitting, the fifth annual event will be on Friday, April 30 at 3:00. This is the day before the garage sales and the hope is that neighbors who are at home setting up their sales, will come out and enjoy the music.



Calling All Graduates!

The Bugle will be running its annual tribute to graduates in the JULY issue. If you or someone you know is a recent or soon-to-be graduate, be sure to drop an announcement and a photo in the Bugle box at the Bryn Mawr Market. Include your name, school, and

phone number so we can call with questions.

Or contact us (377-8968, or email bugle@bmna.org) and we will help you write the interesting particulars of your accomplishments and plans for the future.

BMNA Schools Committee Meeting

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Schools Committee will hold their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2010. Minneapolis School Board member, Pam Costain, will join the committee to talk about the challenges facing the school district and the direction the school board is heading over the next few years.

Kids on Campus

On April 28, 55 fifth-grade students from Bryn Mawr Community School visited the University of Minnesota Minneapolis campus to experience college life. The trip was intended to prepare and encourage students to pursue higher learning.

The students observed a college class and participated in their own mock-class activity. They visited with advisors at student support programs including Martin Luther King Jr. and the Multi Cultural Center for Academic Excellence.

Current University of Minnesota students answered questions about college life and gave the fifth-graders a walking tour of the campus. They capped the visit off with



lunch on the plaza at Coffman Student Union.

This event was designed in partnership between the Minneapolis Public Schools and the University of Minnesota Department of African American and African Studies.



Anwatin Middle School and
Project SUCCESS present:



Friday, June 4, 7:00 pm
Saturday, June 5, 7:00 pm

Anwatin Middle School
256 Upton Ave S, Minneapolis

Starring the 6th, 7th, & 8th grade actors and technicians of Anwatin Middle School.



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JUN 18 FRI LARRY GRAHAM MINT CONDITION	JUN 19 SAT GEAR DADDIES <small>ALISON SCOLL</small>	JUN 24 THURS DARK STAR ORCHESTRA <small>AN EVENING WITH</small>
JUN 25 FRI THE WAITLERS THE ROCKAFELLAS	JUN 26 SAT EDWIN MCCAIN PAT MCGEE BAND	JUN 30 WEDS BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO CHERRY POPPIN' DADDIES
JUL 3 SAT DEVO	JUL 6 TUES LEVON HELM BAND JOHN HIATT + THE COMBO	JUL 7 WEDS MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER <small>CAR PINEO</small>
JUL 8 THURS TROMBONE SHORTY TROMBONE SHORTY	JUL 9 FRI GREG BROWN <small>NO RANGEV</small>	JUL 10 SAT TAJ MAHAL <small>SPECIAL GUEST</small>
JUL 12 MON MOE.	JUL 13 TUES JOAN BAEZ	JUL 14 WED • JUL 15 THURS LOS LOBOS
JUL 16 FRI DAVE KOZ & JONATHAN BUTLER	JUL 18 SUN LOS LONELY BOYS THE BRIDGE	JUL 22 THURS SQUEEZE + ENGLISH BEAT
JUL 31 SAT JASON ISBELL & THE 400 UNIT	AUG 6 FRI MARC COHN <small>KITCHEN TRAIN</small>	AUG 7 SAT JIMMY CLIFF <small>SPECIAL GUEST</small>
AUG 10 TUES HANSON REUNITED	AUG 12 THURS GAELIC STORM	AUG 15 SUN THE BLACK CROWES <small>"See Goodnight To The Bad Guys" 2010 Tour</small>
AUG 17 TUES GEORGE THOROGOOD & THE DESTROYERS <small>SPECIAL GUEST</small>	AUG 20 FRI DAVID SANBORN <small>PATRICK PELANDRON & FRIENDS</small>	AUG 21 SAT JERRY JEFF WALKER <small>THE DOBBY VANCELL BAND</small>
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