



BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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2010 BMNA ICE CREAM SCOOP-OFF



Photos by Patricia Wycoff



It's downtown Bryn Mawr after a hot, muggy summer day. After sweaty construction workers have torn up the blistering streets and the asbestos abatement crew steps out of the renovation project at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian, others from the neighborhood begin to converge on the block. First, volunteers and musicians. Then, a strange thing happens. The street becomes laden with tubs of ice cream. An oasis of frozen confection. And the evening becomes cool. F.R.E.E.Z.I.N.G, even! Neighbors sway to the classic rock sounds of The Percolators. Conversations fill the air. And the evening becomes special. The summer's harmonic convergence. A vortex of neighborly chats. And then, people, neighbors, return to their homes. Refreshed. Refilled. Renewed. And appreciative of this summer night.

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making this event a summer touchstone for 500 neighbors. Thanks also to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian for its perennial hosting of the event, Bryn Mawr Market for its ice and cooler space. A special nod to the volunteer support from Crossroads and to all of you who came to make the evening our premiere social event of the year.

Each year, since the Scoop-Off began, those who attend are asked to vote for their favorite flavor. The perennial favorite, Ben & Jerry's, landed another Golden Scoop award for its "Lemonade Sorbet". Finishing strong in a three-way dead heat for runners-up were Sebastian Joe's "Nicollet Avenue Pothole", Edy's Grand's "Amaretto Almond Crunch" and Adele's "Pistachio Frozen Custard". Edy's Grand walked away with the Creamery Prize with several flavors collectively gathering over 100 votes.

If you missed this year's event, too bad. If you made it, anticipation satisfied for another year, good for you. Either way, you have to wait another whole year for the next Scoop-Off. I can feel the anticipation building already.

- Marlin Possehl, BMNA President

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Coordinator Contract Up for Renewal Process open to new applicants

Neighborhood Coordinator Hiring Process

Approximately two years ago, the BMNA Board agreed to write its staffing contracts for two years and stagger them so that one position renews each year. The board also decided to open the selection process to include outside candidates, besides those currently serving in the positions. This decision was based on a spirit of openness and in the interest of retaining the best people suited to our contract needs.

Our current contract with the Neighborhood Coordinator expires in December and the board will begin its process of accepting resumes this summer. This does not reflect any favor nor disfavor toward the person currently

filling the position, presuming she becomes a candidate. Weighing the value of incumbency will be the responsibility of the selection committee.

This summer the board will review its scope of services to be provided under this contract, define our selection process and announce when we are prepared to accept letters of interest and resumes. Our intent is to have the contract position filled for 2011-2012 by the winter holidays.

**Contact Marlin Possehl
(president@bmna.com) if you're interested
in further details as they develop.**

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Lemonade Sorbet



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BMNA Reporter

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association
Minutes - July 14, 2010
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

1. Call or Order and Introductions:

Present: Marlin Possehl, President; Larry Skov, Vice President; Claire Plank, Secretary; Ben Horn, Co-Treasurer; Dave Holets, Area 1; Greg Froehle, Area 1; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Rick Carter, Area 3; Christopher Etz, Area 4; Paul Markert, Area 4; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Barry Schade, Area 6; Andrew Kraling, Area 7; JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle editor/Community Schools Liaison; Scott McLaughlin, NRP Chair; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator
Guests in attendance: Jamie Borell, Saint Paul; JP Mason, Area 4; Lisa Goodman, Council Member; Matt Stark, Area 4; Ted Kiesselbach, Area 6, and Tim Hammett, MPD.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Approved:
• Minutes of last month's meeting

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

3. City Updates – Council Member Lisa Goodman

• City Bike-Ride Share program has doubled its ridership. Program was created with grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield. There are around 1,000 bikes in the program.

4. Neighborhood Coordinator activity report - Patty Wycoff

• Tim Hammett, Minneapolis Police Department SAFE Officer spoke of August 12 shooting in Bryn Mawr Meadows. Unclear about direction of shots fired. Park is police jurisdiction. Jessica Wiley to contact park board for information for Bugle and Patty to contact resident in Area 3 to assist with neighborhood meeting.

5. Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad

• Deadline to submit articles and ads for the Bugle = 20th of each month. Will email reminder to the board the week prior.

6. NRP report/discussion – Scott McLaughlin

- CEE Energy project

Full-filled 85 co-pays. To fill remaining 15 co-pays, residents may attend any workshop throughout the city.

• Downtown project

Project back on! Details for proposal are being set and the budget may adjust accordingly.

• Community Solar Power project

75% of grants filled (permanent installations). Filled on a first-come, first-serve basis with the remaining 25% to be chosen by post-marked date.

7. Rain Garden project developments – Dave Logsdon

• New Community Garden Group to meet. First project, rain gardens with Metro Blooms. For more information, contact Dave.

8. Neighborhood Coordinator position offering – Larry Skov

• The open search is continuing. Committee to review 'Scope of Services' document. Current Neighborhood Coordinator is still interested in position. No other inquiries to date.

9. Update from website review committee – Dave Holets, Claire Plank

• Working on updating links on site. Add updates/links for park board and area construction.

10. Ice Cream Scoop Off – Marlin Possehl

• Looking for suggestions for additional ice cream vendor ideas for next year.

• Use 'Suggested Donation' to encourage participant donations, but not discourage attendance.

11. Requested appearance from Matt Stark, Area 4

• Urban Reforestation – wants BMNA to promote planting trees on private and public property and to revert some areas back to prairie grasses. Would be low maintenance! Project referred to new Community Garden Group.

12. Update on BMNA community projects:

- Downtown project (lighting & striping) – see NRP report
- Ash Borer project – Jessica Wiley Committee/Task Force has completed goals, will follow up with Bugle if needed.

13. Standing Committee Reports

- Redistricting Committee / Report – Barry Schade
Currently watched at the city level – will stay tuned.
- LRT
Meeting last night drew 60+ attendees; station planning underway.
- Land Use Committee Report
628 Cedar Lk Rd recommendation - No material objection

14. Adjourned

8:50 pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Wed, August 11th
7:00 p.m., Wirth Beach Park Pavilion.

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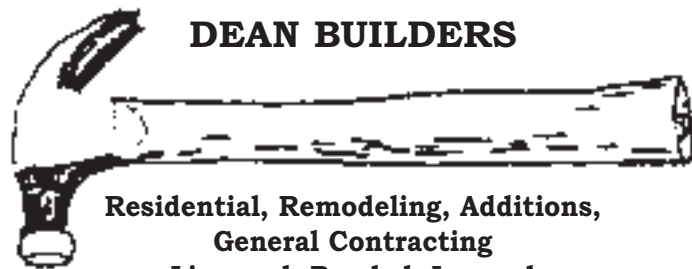
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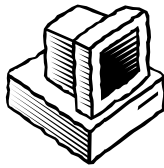
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From the Editor

At the last BMNA Board meeting, there was a lively discussion about whether or not to solicit memberships at the Ice Cream Scoop-Off. Several veteran board members said, "Don't bother, no one joins at these things."

The newer members who were more optimistic were undeterred and eventually vindicated. Not only was over \$100 in renewing memberships collected that evening, but nine additional neighbors put their names on a list to be contacted about new memberships.

This sparked another conversation about why this year was different from the past several years. One board member suggested that it is because the Association is doing so much these days, people want to support it. He commented that when he first joined the board a couple years ago, he found the meetings dull and wondered what he had gotten himself into. Now, he said, the BMNA is involved in so many things, he theorized that more people are willing to contribute because they feel their donation is being put to good use.

I looked back at last August's Bugle. Only 12-pages, one BMNA project in progress (Energy Challenge) and two in planning stages (Ash Borer and HOUR CAR.) This year, there are 16-pages and six active projects! (Ash Borer, CEE

Workshops, Solar Power, Downtown Lighting, Rain Garden and Chimney Swift Tower / Education Kiosk.

I warms my heart to think that Bryn Mawr neighbors are reading in the Bugle about the BMNA projects and activities and responding by becoming members of the Association. But I also think that the Bugle is doing more than earning its keep with the BMNA by encouraging involvement and membership. The Bugle can also be a resource to residents for nearby activities.

This week, a coach from City of Lakes Nordic Ski Foundation called me to thank me for putting a notice about the Loppet Adventure Camps in the Bugle. He told me that a local family read about it and enrolled their child. Someone also came up to me at the Ice Cream Scoop-Off to tell me that she had seen the "Percolators" ad and she and her husband had gone to the Golden Valley Legion Hall to hear them play.

I hope you all go to the Wild-flower Garden and Mill City Farmers Market before they close down for the season. You could also check out Wirth Beach, the circus, J.D. Rivers Garden, the Fringe Festival, or the "Sip & Stroll." There is so much going on around here. We've come a long way from 1998 when there was no Bugle in August.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org

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Sometimes it seems like we are polishing the bright work on the Titanic, when we get involved in new projects here in lovely Bryn Mawr. In a world of such poverty and deprivation, it can sometimes seem rather trivial, but we must keep our chins up and keep on a choogling!

Time to Vote! To the Polls!

Since Bryn Mawr always leads the league in voting or, at the least, is the runner-up, we hardly need much encouragement. However, the Primary voting takes place a month earlier this year so I figure it's worth a shout out. On August 10th we will go to the polls to select a candidate for the various political parties. Exercise your privilege, your vote matters! This election year we have one of our own on the ballot for the Democratic nomination, Margaret Anderson-Kelliher. I am not endorsing anyone, but how cool is it to have a Bryn Mawrite so close to being our next Governor!

Can you dig it...

Sometimes even the most artful dodger can be maneuvered into

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.

becoming a chairperson on a committee. As this esteemed publication goes to print, the newly formed Bryn Mawr Community Garden Group will meet for the first time. As chair of the committee, I am happy that it's not called the Bryn Mawr Garden Club because I wouldn't want to be a member of any club that would have someone like me in it, let alone run it. Besides "Group" sounds like something out of the old Soviet Union. Maybe we will call each other comrade ("Give to me pitchfork, Comrade Logsdon.") Who would have thought we'd see the day when Communist Russia would be "cute" or "quaint"! Well, comrades, I will keep you updated on what develops with this exciting new "group". The next meeting for the Community Garden Group will be August 18th at 7:00pm at Cuppa Java.

You go girl...rock on!

Once upon a time, a camp for girls would be a genteel experience. Times have changed, dude! Now you can send your 9 to 13 year-old "tween" to a rock n' roll camp. (Oh my Gertie, what has this world come to?!) At Camp Tanadoona in Excelsior from August 10th to the 13th, Tween Town Girls Camp will rock on. Area 7 resident and president of Sue McLean & Associates, Sue McLean, is sponsoring this four day experience. (Are you experienced?) Accredited music professionals will be on hand and instruments will be provided or you can bring your own ax. No experience is necessary! Tween town's vision is to provide a fun, safe music driven experience for girls between nine

and thirteen years old. Please call Sue at 612-343-8662 to see if they can still get your "tween" in.

If you want to rebel, I guess you can practice your cello and apply to Julliard!

Before we go....

Sue McLean is also a music promoter, which is different from a self-promoter, that would be me. She books acts into the Minnesota Zoo Amphitheater, a wonderful, pristine venue and has done so for years. On the 27th, she has booked Roma di Luna to open for the Carolina Chocolate Drops. Roma di Luna consists of Bryn Mawr's own Alexei Moon Casselle, his talented wife

Channy and a bunch of very, very groovy musicians. Hopefully we will play something off their new CD to be released in October.

Speaking of Zoo concerts, at the George Thorogood concert (August 17th) be sure to say hello to George's longtime "Merch" man "How Boutcha" Mikey who has lived in area 7 for years. Mikey is one of my favorite Bryn Mawr characters and never fails to make me smile. Also, while you are there you might want to give a little chuck on the arm to the self-promoting clown selling magnets. Rock on dudes, see you next month!

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Bugle Notes

Long-time Bryn Mawr Resident Exhibits Her Late Husband's Artwork

Artwork by the late Jack Johnson is on display at the EXIT Realty Metro Office at One Groveland Terrace (next to the Walker) Minneapolis.

Jack was an award winning Twin City illustrator with a vast variety of paintings, mostly watercolors. He captured the true spirit of landscapes and wildlife with his keen appreciation of nature's moods and expressions of beauty. Known mostly for his work as an illustrator at Daytons, General Mills, Target and for the Minnesota Twins, his talent for detail led many to think of the art as photography rather than painting.

Jack moved from Golden Valley to Bryn Mawr with his wife Peggy in 1993. He died in 2002 but his widow still lives in Area 2.



Pictured here is Jack's Widow, Peggy in front of some of the art on display. The exhibition will be at the EXIT Realty Metro Offices until August 9th at which time it will be replaced with another local artist's work.

Party at the Bus Stop – It's Why We Live Here

Ron Schmidt, long time resident of Area 4, recently retired from his downtown office job. A group of friends who have ridden the #9 bus with him almost every day for the past 10 (or maybe fewer) years, threw a surprise retirement party for him on June 24 at the bus stop on the corner of Upton Avenue and South Cedar Lake Road. Ron routinely caught the bus at that community garden bus stop where he had

stationed a lawn chair so he could bird-watch and bus-wait in comfort. On June 24, he was also able to wait there in style, as his friends had decorated his chair before he got there, and even had some coffee cake waiting for the surprise party.

There were a dozen or so partyers, and some of them weren't even working that day. One brought her dog to the festivities, and one who was on family leave, brought her 10-month old baby. This is the sort of things Bryn Mawr residents do for one another. It's why we live here.

- Roberta Jordan, Area 4



Some of the participants (left to right): Baby Daphne, Scott Lien, Area 4, Jan Young, Area 2, Joanne Michalec with dog Honey, Area 4, Julie Kiple, Area 6, Bill Ward, Area 6, Diane Ashby, Area 3, and Ron (seated.)

Local Artist Weaves a Wacky Web of Dance Dramas at the Minnesota Fringe Festival

Christine Maginnis (Area 1), a 25-year veteran of Zenon Dance Company will debut "Femme de la Swashbuckle Box", a series of dance dramas at the 2010 Minnesota Fringe Festival. Maginnis incorporates multi-media with theatrical vignettes along with a musical mix of classical, rock, folk, rap as well as an original score by Bush and McKnight award composer Matthew Smith (Area 3).

Christine is joined by Zenon dancers, Stephen Schroeder and Greg Waletski, Sage Award recipient, Jane Shockley, TU Dance's Debra McGee and prolific freelancer, Rachel Barnes.

"I am thrilled to be a part of this year's Fringe", said Maginnis. "This is the perfect venue to showcase cutting-edge material so I'm pulling out all the stops."

Maginnis draws upon her extensive repertoire of dance performances and choreography to create a collage of dream-logical stories of love and death journeys that investigate dysfunction, addiction, sensuality and salvation strung together by a mysterious treasure chest serving as a vessel.

Performances will be held August 6th @ 5:30 pm, August 8th @ 4:00 pm, August 11th @ 8:30 pm, August 13th @ 10:00 pm and August 14 @ 1:00 pm at the Ritz Theater Proscenium, 345 13th Ave. NE, Mpls, MN. To purchase tickets contact fringefestival.org or call (866) 811-4111. For additional information on "Femme de la Swashbuckle Box" contact christinemaginnis@yahoo.com.

ABOUT CHRISTINE MAGINNIS

As a recipient of the McKnight Fellowship for Dancers, Maginnis has performed works by internationally acclaimed choreographers. Her performances and choreography have premiered throughout the United States as well as Aruba, Hungary, Italy, Micronesia, Russia, and Switzerland. As a guest artist with Shapiro and Smith Dance, she performed in a six-week tour throughout the U.S., Uzbekistan and Italy. She also performed in Ruth MacKenzie's widely heralded musical theater piece, "Kalevala-Dream of the Salmon Maiden". Highlights of her choreography include a presentation of works for Red Eye Theatre's Collaboration Series, and a piece for Decadence Production's "My Name is Vincent" aired on Minneapolis Television Network.

Maginnis grew up in the Kenwood neighborhood and has lived in Bryn Mawr for 10 years. She was recently seen in Penelope Freeh's encore performance of the quartet "We Will Survive if We Don't Protect Ourselves" at the Southern Theater. In a culmination of her 25-year dance history with Zenon, Maginnis performed two hours of solid dancing to sold-out, audiences at the Guthrie Theater.

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DANCE DREAMS BY CHRISTINE MAGINNIS

FEMME DE LA SWASHBUCKLE BOX

Christine Maginnis weaves a wacky web of disquieting and visceral vignettes splashed with multi-media and oddball theatrics as a girl delves deep into the abyss of life's bottomless box, dreaming up a seamy assortment of characters, including sailors as saviors, servants as voyeurs, stalkers as lovers and lovers as murder suspects only to plunge up to her own psychosexual salvation.

With a musical mosaic of folkies, rappers and beerhall bands plus a haunting original score by Matthew Smith, the dance delves into a haunted mission of a wandering soul. Christine is joined by the awesome talents of Steven Schroeder, Greg Waletski, Rachel Barnes, Debra McGee and Jane Shockley.

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Crime & Safety

Neighbors Respond to Incident in Bryn Mawr Meadows

Gunshots were heard coming from the Bryn Mawr Meadows on Monday night, July 12. Fortunately, neighbors quickly called 911 and the Minneapolis police responded along with the Minneapolis Park Police. According to Crime Prevention Specialist, Tim Hammett, witnesses said they saw someone shooting in the air. Six to eight shell casings were found in the area. Hammett reported at the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association board meeting on July 14 that police will spend more time in the area over the next few weeks. He also encouraged neighbors to call 911 whenever they hear gunshots.

The Minneapolis Park Police have primary responsibility for all parks. If neighbors feel there is irresponsible, rowdy, or illegal behavior occurring in the park, the Park Police should be notified. Their non-emergency number is 612-348-2345.

Patty Wycoff, Bryn Mawr neighborhood coordinator, is talking with neighbors who live near the Bryn Mawr Meadows about actions that can be taken when there are problems in the park. They are considering hosting a meeting for those who are concerned and wondering what they can do. Hammett suggested that neighbors call their Park Board rep if they feel park

issues need to be addressed. Anita Tabb represents Bryn Mawr as park commissioner for District 4. Her email is atabb@minneapolisparcs.org and her phone is 612-230-6443.

Park Rules

- The posted hours for the Bryn Mawr Meadows are 6:00 am to 10:00 pm.
- Tobacco use is prohibited within 100 feet of a playground or wading pool effective June 30, 2010.
- According to MPRB Ordinance PB2-17. "No person shall take, use, or have in or upon any park or parkway, any intoxicating liquor except as specifically authorized" in select Park Board locations. No kegs are allowed. However, 3.2 beer is not considered "intoxicating" liquor as it pertains to the ordinance. It is allowed for private consumption (cans only) in controlled designated areas in the regional park system, such as those reserved by the public for picnics. A permit is not required. No 3.2 beer is allowed in recreation centers.
- No alcohol can be given away or sold to the general public without a permit, fenced-in area, City license, insurance and at a minimum two Park Police officers.

For more information on the ordinance call 612-230-6400.

- Jessica Wiley, Area 3 Co-Representative

Station Planning begins for SW Light Rail Transit (LRT)

Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis have begun a station area planning process for the Southwest LRT stations planned for Minneapolis. In addition to the Penn Avenue Station, the planning process will also include stations at Royalston, Van White, 21st Street and West Lake Street. Open houses have been held as part of the planning process, including one held in Bryn Mawr on July 13.

The planning process will result in a conceptual design for each station, a detailed land use plan for a half mile radius around each station, and an implementation plan for each station area. The station being considered for Penn Avenue presents a number of complex issues and will likely require the involvement of a number of government entities and possible private interests.

A Community Members' Working Group has begun meeting and will have the opportunity to raise local interests related to the stations. Anyone interested in being involved in this process or getting additional information can contact Barry Schade (377-8152) or Bruce Monson (377-6203).

- Barry Schade, Area 6



BMNA Community Garden Group Meeting

Wed., August 18th
7:00 pm at Cuppa Java

Contact David Logsdon
377-9689 or
davesmagnets@gmail.com
for more information



Councilmember Lisa Goodman
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- Bobby and Steve's Auto World-Bryn Mawr
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- Cuppa Java
- Fast Freddie's Pizza
- Joffe Medical Center
- Mill City Dental
- Nola Home
- Sofas and Chairs
- Studio 411
- Vivid Interiors

Please stop in to any/all of the above businesses on August 12 between 6 and 8 PM and enjoy a glass of wine, lemonade, music, a merchandise discount, chance to win a gift certificate or product, and other surprises.



BMNA

Spots Still Available for CEE Workshops and Free Home Visits

Back in June you may recall two workshops hosted by the Center for Energy and Environment on their new program, Energy Efficient Cities: Leading the Way. Many of our residents took advantage of this opportunity to learn a great deal about home efficiency and energy. Included in the program are 90 minutes home visits which include over \$400 worth of materials and services. The feedback we have been getting on these energy workshops and home visits has been nothing but positive.

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

The BMNA will cover the \$30 fee for these services and products for 100 of our fellow neighbors. As of this writing 68 Bryn Mawr residents have

taken advantage of the program, meaning 32 spots remain.

Although you may have missed one of our neighborhood workshops, CEE will accept Bryn Mawr residents at any of their upcoming workshops in Minneapolis. Workshops are taking place on Thursday, August 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Longfellow Community Center (3435 36th Ave. S), Thursday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Audubon Park (1320 29th Ave. NE) and Tuesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Creekview Park (5001 Humboldt Ave. N). Just tell them you are a Bryn Mawr resident when you check in to avoid the fee.

Besides saving money and energy in your home with this program, there is another incentive for your efforts. The city of Minneapolis is developing a friendly competition between neighborhoods who have partnered up with the Center for Energy and Environment. Essentially the neighborhoods with the highest percentage of participation in energy programs will win cash prizes. Bryn Mawr is in the running for one of these cash prizes, so keep going to those workshops!

- Scott McLaughlin, BMNA NRP Chair

- Ashley Robertson, CEE Community Organizer

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - August 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 (Aug. 30, 2010-June 8, 2011), unless otherwise noted.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---|--|--|---|--------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | National Night Out 3 | Land Use Committee 4 Meeting at Cuppa Java in the basement, 6:30 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | Primary Elections 10 | BMNA Meeting at Wirth Beach, 7pm (meet in the parking lot, walking tour of the renovation, BMNA meeting in park shelter afterwards) 11 | Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Business Association "Sip and Stroll" Event, 6-8pm 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | Bassett's Creek Valley 16 Redevelopment Oversight Committee (ROC) Meeting at Ripley Gardens, 6:30pm | Chimney Swift Tower 17 & Education Kiosk Celebration at J.D. Rivers Garden, 6:30-7:00 p.m. | BMNA Community 18 Garden Group Meeting, 7:00 pm at Cuppa Java | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | Lunch with Lisa 26 Goodman, 11:45am, St. Thomas University Downtown Minneapolis | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | First Day of classes 30 for Minneapolis Public Schools Grades 1-12 (First day High 5 and Kindergarten, Sept. 1) | 31 |  2010 National Night Out Against Crime Tuesday, August 3rd | | | |

Bryn Mawr Community Solar Project Off to a Bright Start! Grants Still Available!

Sun salutations to all on another beautiful summer day! The BMNA is happy to announce a successful start to the Community Solar Panel Project! Over \$30,000 in grant money has been awarded to nine Bryn Mawr property owners with \$10,000 still available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

What's next for the grant and project? Initial grant winners have been notified directly and the grants will be awarded after installation. It is encouraging that the project continues to receive numerous inquiries after a strong initial response. A neighborhood-wide effort to bring solar energy to our community is evident as proposed solar installations include properties in areas 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7. We are excited to see 7 different contractors participating in the project.

The BMNA is still offering grants in the range of \$1000-\$3000 to property owners for the purchase or lease of a solar panel system that provides electrical power, hot water heating, or space heating. Visit www.BMNA.org to view the project guidelines and application.

There are no income limits and only one grant is allowed per property. Eligible properties include single family houses, businesses, owner-occupied multi-unit homes, condos, and town homes. Attendance at the workshop was not a prerequisite for the grant!

Why Solar and Why Now?

Federal Income Tax Credits, Minnesota State Rebates, Excel Energy Rebates, and now the grant from the BMNA is going to greatly reduce the out-of-pocket cost as well as the pay-back period for solar panel systems! This pilot program is attempting to place the Bryn Mawr neighborhood in a unique role as a leader in community-based solar energy so spread the word and encourage your neighbors to participate!

Contractors, Systems, and Design Factors

Remember that any contractor will be accepted as long as they meet the

program guideline criteria. At a minimum, the solar panel system will need 8 hours of continuous sun exposure each day. Roof slope, roof orientation, shading, age of roof, mechanical system design and age, and solar radiance are factors the contractor will use to determine if the property is appropriate for a solar panel system.

Similar to the purchase of a house or a car, the expense can vary dramatically depending on the model and size of your system, but keep in mind that rebates and other incentives could reduce the cost by more than 50%.

A great option for those who wish to pay no money down is the leasing option. Under this option you will receive a complete solar system with no up-front cost. The property owner would pay a small monthly lease fee based on the size of the system installed. Look for those solar panels on your neighbors' roofs and expect further updates as we calculate how much green energy Bryn Mawr is producing.

To Participate in the Community Solar Program:

1. Review the Project Guidelines at www.bmna.org
2. Review the Grant Application at www.bmna.org
3. Call a solar panel contractor of your choice to schedule an appointment for a technical home assessment. Contractor lists can be found at www.eere.energy.gov or www.solar-estimate.org and www.bmna.org
4. Consult with the contractor to determine the most suitable system type and size for your property.
5. Fill out an application and submit to the BMNA.

-Andrew Kraling, BMNA Area 7 Co-Representative and Community Solar Program Project Member

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

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

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Theodore Wirth Beach and Park Improvements

The picnic and beach area at Wirth Lake, along Glenwood Avenue just east of Wirth Parkway, has undergone a number of recent improvements. An updated playground at Wirth Beach opened just prior to the Independence Day holiday weekend. In addition to the playground, the area now has new sand volleyball courts, a new terrace, shade structures and picnic tables, and a shower tower.

Concept plans for future improvements to the area have also been approved by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board planning committee during their July 7 public hearing. These plans, referred to as Phase III of the park's revitalization, are an update of the 1980 Wirth

Park Master Plan and focus on a variety of enhancements to the waterways, trails, and amenities around the lake. The full board voted to approve the plans on July 21, 2010.

The final concept plan includes trail upgrades, a trail loop around the lake (via a boardwalk along Olson Highway), vegetation management along the lakeshore and Bassett's Creek, picnic shelters and family picnic areas, as well as, ski, snowshoe, and mountain bike trails. A promenade along the east side of the lake will feature a performance area, restrooms and concessions, plus eco-friendly parking lots to accommodate visitors to the park. Much of the east and northwest



lakeshore will be left undeveloped to support wildlife habitat and natural areas.

The project information, which includes notes from the six meetings of the project's Community Advisory Committee, is available at <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=1150>. A PDF

map of the final concept plan is also available at that link. If you don't have internet access you can call 612-230-6400 and ask for information on the Wirth Park Phase III plans.

- Karen Soderberg, Area 7

Local Kids Participate in Loppet Adventure Camps in Bryn Mawr



with the kids meeting in the Picnic Pavilion at Wirth Beach.

Young athletes spend the day participating in a variety of outdoor sports including orienteering, mountain biking, roller skiing, swimming, capture the flag and Ultimate Frisbee. Theodore Wirth Park makes an excellent outdoor playground for the kids to explore throughout the week. The forested and hilly trails are perfect for running, capture the flag and orienteering, and the mountain bike trail and paved bike paths are ideal terrain for learning to bike and roller ski.

Thirteen year-old Bryn Mawr resident Jonathan Perzel participated in the second Adventure Camp, which took place July 12 - 16. Jonathan's favorite activities were capture the flag and mountain biking. He said that he likes capture the flag because "it's in the forest so you can hide from the other players." As he is from the neighborhood, Jonathan had the advantage of knowing the trails well. He said he used a shortcut

through the woods that he knew about to sneak onto the other team's side in order to look for the flag.

Jonathan had no such advantage in mountain biking because he had only been biking for a year and had never mountain biked before. According to Jonathan, mountain biking was really fun except for the first day when he fell a number of times, including when he tried to bike over a pile of rocks which "...didn't end very well." However, by the last day of camp Jonathan's bike skills had improved dramatically, which he attributed to the fact that "I had memorized the trails and so that I knew where all the trees were."

Roller skiing is another activity Jonathan had never tried before. He said that the first few days were really hard and he fell a lot, but by the end of the camp he could ski up and down hills and only fell once in the last two days. He said that the trick is to "bend your knees and ankles."

Jonathan is, however, an experienced runner. He runs track for a Minneapolis Park Board team at Kenwood Recreation center, and his track training prepared him well for the Adventure Camp's cross country running race. He ran the hilly, three-quarter mile course in 4 minutes 30 seconds, winning his heat and posting a new camp record time. He credited his success to the hill running conditioning he does at track practice and even pacing throughout the race.

Youth from across the Minneapolis area have attended the camps. A group of kids from Farview Park in North Minneapolis participated in the July camp. The Farview kids were attracted to the camp after experiencing mountain biking through the Foundation's Trips for Kids program (the Foundation has a dozen mountain bikes available for area youth - call coordinator John Swain to arrange a ride). They initially signed up because they were told they could go mountain biking but they ended up enjoying the other activities and have now signed up for the August session as well.

Loppet Adventure Camp has received positive reviews from kids and families. Said one parent, "...I have been impressed with how much my boys LOVE the camp. They come home dirty, tired and full of stories of the near-misses of the day. They are having a ball and learning lots."

The Foundation is running one more adventure camp this summer from August 9 to August 13 and there are still spots available.

For more information visit www.cityoflakesloppet.com or call Margaret Adelsman at 612-604-5332. Need based scholarships available.

- bn Swain
City of Lakes Nordic Ski Foundation

Tired of the same old day camps for your kids? Want them to learn to appreciate the outdoors while experiencing a variety of lifetime sports? The City of Lakes Nordic Ski Foundation may have the answer. This summer the Foundation started a day camp program for kids 9-13 years old. The camp is in Theodore Wirth Park -

J.D. Rivers Children's Garden Camps

Camps are for for children ages 6-12, limit 20 per session. Online Registration is available at www.minneapolisparcs.org or call 612 490-5098.

Can'n and Jam'n Harvest Extravaganza

Session 1: Mon. Aug. 16 - Fri. Aug. 20, 9:00am-12:00pm

Session 2: Mon. Aug. 23 - Fri. Aug. 27, 9:00am-12:00pm

Join us to celebrate the harvest of fruits, vegetables, herbs and more from the J.D. Rivers Children's Garden. Come have fun and fill your tummy! We'll Harvest veggies straight from the garden and learn all about good harvest practices, root crops, herbs, and so much more. During this class we will also make dill pickles, salsa, jams, herb pillows, tomato sauce, and solar oven pizzas! If you register for both this camp and Outdoor Adventures Nature Camp there will be supervision from 12 to 12:30 while the kids eat their bagged lunch. Kids must bring their own lunch. Mpls Resident Fee: \$35 per session

Outdoor Adventure Nature Camp

Session 1: Mon. Aug. 16 - Fri. Aug. 20, 12:30-3:30pm

Session 2: Mon. Aug. 23 - Fri. Aug. 27, 12:30-3:30pm

Join us each afternoon for an exploration of the wonderful variety of habitats at Theodore Wirth Park. We will be spending time at the lake, the creek, the woods, the prairie, the bog, and the open spaces in the park. Each afternoon will start with some structured activities and transition into free nature play in each habitat. Canoeing will also be a possibility if the participants are interested. Join us for fun, creativity, and the opportunity to meet new friends. Participants should have had lunch before the program starts. If you register for both this camp and Can'n and Jam'n there will be supervision from 12 to 12:30 while the kids eat their bagged lunch. Kids must bring their own lunch.

Mpls Resident Fee: \$35 per session

Celebrate the New Kiosk and Chimney Swift Tower in Wirth Park - August 17, 2010, 6:30-7:00 p.m.

J.D. Rivers Children's Garden will be the site of a celebration of the new garden kiosk and chimney swift tower on Tuesday, August 17 at 6:30-7:00 pm. Please join us for refreshments and a ribbon cutting at 7:00 pm. There will be binoculars on loan and a short birding walk for interested attendees.

The new home for chimney swifts is in the J.D. Rivers Children's Garden in Wirth Park thanks to a \$700 grant from the Audubon Society of Minneapolis to the BMNA. A third partner in the project, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board did the construction of the tower with the attached educational kiosk. Summer crews of teens assisted in the construction. The BMNA will support the kiosk and tower with \$150 in funds for educational exhibits about the garden and the value of the insect-eating chimney swifts.

Chimney swift populations have been in decline since European settlers arrived and our Eastern woodlands with large hollow trees began to disappear. At first swifts adapted well to masonry chimneys but as these too started to disappear or were capped with screens, swift numbers continued their decline. The swift tower will provide a roosting place for a swift pair during breeding season and a roost for many swifts during migration in late summer.

- Claudia Egelhoff, Area 4



A "Picnic Operetta" at J.D. Rivers Garden - August 29 at 4:00 p.m.

The J.D. Rivers' Children's Garden at Theodore Wirth Park sets the perfect stage for "Tales of Hoffmann: A Picnic Operetta" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29. The garden is located at Glenwood Ave. and Washburn North in Theodore Wirth Park.

Hoffmann is a globetrotting poet following his romantic whims across Europe encountering fantastical adventures with robots, evil magicians and ghosts. The performance by Mixed Precipitation performance initiative is perfect for opera lovers, gardeners, kids and "foodies," as locally-sourced food samplings from the garden are prepared fresh and served to translate the events of the story.

Reservations are encouraged due to limited seating. Please call 612-619-2112. The operetta is free, but donations are appreciated. ASL services are provided.

The presentation at J. D. Rivers' is one of 12 selected community gardens in the Twin Cities. This performance is supported by grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board, the St. Louis Park Arts and Culture Grant and the Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation, in partnership with MPRB Environmental Education Division. For more information visit www.mixedprecipitation.wordpress.com.



August 12-13, 2010 Perseid meteor shower, producing around 50 meteors per hour at peak. This is the most reliable meteor shower of the year. It should be a good one this year, as the moon will be just a sliver, two days after the new moon. Find a place away from city lights, and look high in the NE sky.

August 18, 2008 Still 86° and humid at 9:30 PM. Went for a cool-off swim at Wirth Lake. Still a glow in the NW sky.

August 19, 2009 First tornado touchdown in the city in 28 years, starting near 53rd St and Park Ave and moving due north to the Convention Center downtown. This was an EF-0 tornado (lowest intensity) with top winds between 75 and 85 mph. Maximum width was about 500 yards. Most of the damage was done by falling trees.

August 24, 2010 Full moon, the Ojibwe Harvest moon. At this time of year night-singing insects are in full voice, producing a chorus of mysterious sounds. You can look for the singers using a flashlight covered by red cloth or plastic without scaring them: katydids, tree crickets, field crickets, and long-horned grasshoppers.

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Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary

During the month of August, the prairie is alive with different shades of yellows and purples! Walk along our sunny paths to see prairie dock, coneflowers, wild bergamot, and many species of goldenrod and asters. Cool off in the shady woods and look for all the fruits the spring and early summer blossoms have produced. Be sure to stop in the Visitors Shelter to find out what is currently in bloom or to ask our naturalists and volunteers a question.

** Garden Scavenger Hunts are available for use on the trails at the Martha Crone Visitors Shelter. 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 1/2 hour before sunset.

Martha Crone Visitors Shelter Hours: Monday to Saturday: 10:00am to one hour before sunset. Sunday: Noon to one 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 - August 2010

Sunday, August 1st

1:00-2:00pm Summer Nature Walk
3:00-4:00pm Dragonflies and Insects

Monday, August 2nd

10am-12:30pm Writing the Animal*

Tuesday, August 3rd

10am-12:30pm Writing the Animal*

Wednesday, August 4th

6:00-7:00pm Evening Bird Watching Stroll

Thursday, August 5th

10am-12:30pm Writing the Animal*

Friday August 6th

10am-12:30pm Writing the Animal*

Saturday, August 7th

7:30-9:00am Early Birders
9:30-10:30pm Birding Basics
12:30-4:00pm Eloise Butler's Birthday Open House
1:00-2:00pm Walking History of the Wildflower Garden
3:00-4:00pm Binoculars & Field Guides for Families

Sunday, August 8th

1:00-2:00pm Prairie Wildflowers
3:00-4:00pm Quaking Bog Tour

Monday, August 9th

8:15-9:15pm New Moon Walk

Wednesday, August 11th

6:00-7:00pm Evening Wildflower Walk

Thursday, August 12th

10:00am-12:30pm Intro to Botanical Illustration*

Saturday, August 14th

7:30-9:00am Early Birders
9:30-10:30pm Birding Basics
1:00-2:00pm Summer Wildflowers
3:00-4:00pm Gardening with Wildflowers

Sunday, August 15th

1:00-2:00pm Berries, Drupes, and Other Fruits
3:00-4:00pm Summer Nature Walk

Wednesday, August 18th

6:00pm-7:00pm Evening Bird Watching Stroll

Thursday, August 19th

10:00am-12:30pm Intro to Botanical Illustration*

Saturday, August 21st

7:30-9:00am Early Birders
9:30-10:30pm Birding Basics
1:00-2:00pm Quaking Bog Tour
3:00-4:00 pm Prairie Wildflowers

Sunday, August 22nd

1:00-2:00pm Dragonflies and Insects
3:00-4:00pm Summer Wildflowers

Tuesday, August 24th

8:15-9:15pm Full Green Corn Moon Walk

Wednesday, August 25th

6:00pm-7:00pm Evening Wildflower Walk

Thursday, August 26th

10:00am-12:30pm Intro to Botanical Illustration*

Saturday, August 28th

7:30-9:00am Early Birders
9:30-10:30pm Birding Basics
1:00-2:00pm Berries, Drupes, and Other Fruits
3:00-4:00pm Prairie Wildflowers

Sunday, August 29th

1:00-2:00pm Magnificent Mushrooms
3:00-4:00pm Walking History of the Wildflower Garden

Program Descriptions

Berries, Drupes and Other Fruits of the Garden

It is in late summer that the flowers of spring have fully transformed into the glorious fruits of the Garden. As the flowers fade away, they change into the multi-colored fruits that are so abundant here this time of year. Come to the Garden to explore fascinating fruit topics including: fruit formation, edibility of native plant fruits and uses of fruits by animals and humans!

Binoculars and Field Guides for Families

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

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 discover where to find them as we meander through the Garden. Bring binoculars and a field guide.

Dragonflies and Insects

Learn about the pesky mosquito, the beautiful dragonfly and investigate other incredible insects. Join a Garden Naturalist on an insect filled tour of the Garden for families!

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. Meet in the parking lot.

Eloise Butler's Birthday Open House

Join Garden staff in celebrating Eloise Butler's 159th Birthday! We will have refreshments in the Visitors Shelter and a 1pm walking tour that highlights the history of this revered botanist in her beloved Wild Botanic Garden!

Evening Bird Watching 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.

Evening Wildflower Walk

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

Full Green Corn Moon Walk

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

Gardening with Wildflowers

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

Magnificent Mushrooms

Behind the scenes of the Wildflower Garden, hosts of mushroom species are hard at work recycling nutrients and helping plants grow. You will learn the basic structure of mushrooms and how to identify some species. Bring a pair of binoculars or borrow ours.

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.

Prairie Wildflowers

Tour the prairie and discover the beautiful flowers and grasses that grow there. Learn about the history of prairies in Minnesota, how the prairie garden was created, and the methods used to maintain this lovely landscape.

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.

Summer Nature Walk

Join a naturalist for a stroll through the Garden in August. Enjoy prairie wildflowers and grasses like the prairie dock and big blue stem. We'll be on the lookout for dragonflies, spittlebugs and other insects in the prairie and wetland.

Summer Wildflowers

Join us for an afternoon walk to find the flowering plants of high-summer scattered throughout the 15 acres of prairie, woodland and wetland that lie within the Garden gates.

Walking History Tour of the Wildflower Garden

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

Special Programs

Intro to Botanical Illustration

Led by Susan Boeckmann
Thursdays, 10am-12:30pm
Cost: \$75

This class combines art with nature and is open to beginning and intermediate artists. The class will serve as an introduction to, or reminder about, the basics of: how to accurately draw what you see; how to match any color under the sun; and how to most effectively use shape, value, color, and texture in order to best express the beauty of nature.

Writing the Animal

Led by Jude Nutter
Monday-Friday, August 2-7
10am-12:30pm
Cost: \$75

Animals often feature strongly in poetry. More often than not, such poems move beyond mere description and push the animal figure into the metaphorical realm. We can see this in most of D.H. Lawrence's animal poems, in Ted Hughes' "thought fox" and in the poems of Mary Oliver and Jane Kenyon, where the animal becomes a stand-in for some larger idea or concept. We will read and discuss a variety of poems in which the animal is used to embody and carry a larger message. We will also write and workshop our own animal poems. No experience necessary!

View From the Bridge

August 2010

What is that yellow flower? You may find yourself asking that question while walking through the neighborhood and Cedar Lake Park.

Particularly this year, Cedar Lake Prairie looks especially lush and taller than ever. Whether this is due to the successful spring burn, bountiful rains this summer, the age of this prairie, or a combination of all three is difficult to discern. Dotted here and there in Cedar Lake Prairie or growing along edges of the trails are yellow flowers. These flowers also grow in the Penn Avenue medians near I-394 and in neighborhood gardens.

Where found, these flowers often grow in great profusion. Many of the plants have irregular flowers or flowers borne in clusters atop a stem or scattered along a stem. Mullein grows tall flower spikes. Butter and Eggs grow in the front of the border or along edges of clearings. Goat's Beard resembles a dandelion on steroids. Airy Sweet Clover blooms with yellow flowers and white flowers. Bird's Foot Trefoil grows in fields and along roadsides.

All of these are non-native flowers that have become somewhat established in prairies, fields, and gardens across the United States. At least one of these plants, Common Mullein, has spread to the forty-nine continental United States, most of Canada, and even Greenland! Not all are invasive; and in fact some, like Tansy provide appealing fragrance and are available as flower garden plants. These non-native imports came to America with its settlers. Are these weeds or wildflowers? It's beneficial to review several plant definitions. A weed is simply a plant growing where it is not wanted. What is a Wildflower? We tend to use the word wildflower to describe flowers that grow without much human maintenance. Wildflowers usually naturalize an area – that is, they spread and form an equilibrium with other plants in their ecosystem. Native wildflowers are those that grew in this area before the arrival of Europeans to this country. Exotic or non-native wildflowers are those that have been introduced from Europe or another area of the world. Some plants are invasive, meaning that they spread much more rapidly than other plants, disrupting the ecosystem balance.

Canada Hawkweed (*Hieracium canadense*) 1 ft. to 3 ft. tall

Sunny yellow flowers of Canada Hawkweed often fill portions of wild areas. Four to ten flowers, 2" to 1" wide bloom on a single stem. One or a few flowers open at a time, followed by subsequent blooms, extending overall blooming



time. Basal leaves grow to 2" to 5" long. The seeds remind one of dandelion silk. The name Hawkweed results from the mistaken belief that hawks eat the plant to improve their eyesight. Besides yellow flowers of this species, another Hawkweed species blooms in yellow flowers. Hawkweed typically grows in transition borders between woodlands and clearings.

Butter and Eggs (*Linaria vulgaris*) 1 ft. to 2 ft. tall

Looking closely at the irregular flower spikes of Butter and Eggs, and one can see the family resemblance to the garden flower Snapdragon. Flowers are two-tone yellow and orange. The orange colored lip may serve as a target for insects. The spurred flowers have two lips which open and close when the flower is squeezed between ones fingers. Because this movement suggests a frog's mouth, the plant is also known as Toad Flax. Numerous narrow leaves are 2" to 1-1/2" long. Horizontal underground stems advance its spread across neglected areas. Butter and Eggs blooms along unweeded margins of the Penn Avenue median. Butter and Eggs were reportedly planted in American pioneer gardens.

Goat's Beard and Showy Goat's Beard (*Tragopogon dubius* and *Tragopogon pratensis*) 1ft. to 3 ft. tall

Imagine a spherical seed head three times the size of your average dandelion, and you have an image of the seed head of Goat's Beard. Its long tap root continues the plant's similarity with dandelion. This light fluffy seed head reminded one plant namer of an old gray goat's beard. Open flower heads face the sun; then flowers close at noon. Flower and seed heads measure to be 1" to 2-1/2" across, the seed head being the larger of the two. Before the seeds blow away, one may spray the seed head with adhesive like hair spray to set the seed head for use in dried flower arrangements. One-foot-long grass-like leaves clasp the flower stem. One can find Goat's Beard sometimes in the Penn Avenue median planter as well as in Cedar Lake Prairie.

Common Mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*) 2 ft. to 6 ft. tall

Look across Cedar Lake Prairie, especially the area south of the Cedar Lake pedestrian trail east of the Kenilworth spur trail, and you will find tall fuzzy club-like forms that are just beginning to color up with their many small yellow flowers. Individual 2" to 1" wide yellow flowers cover this tall flower spike. Leaves are 4" to 12" long, the largest forming a whorled basal rosette at the base of the flowering stem. In its first year, this biennial



produces coarse wooly basal leaves than may resemble a loose head of cabbage leaves. In the second year of plant growth, a tall flower spike rises. This large plant and its many flowers produce 100,000 to 180,000 seeds! At the end of its second year, the entire plant dies, leaving a tall brown stalk. Reportedly, Romans utilized this plant stalk, dipped it in tallow, and burned it for use as a torch. Mullein has been used as a remedy for asthma, coughs, hoarseness and bronchitis. Plants may be used to produce yellow or bronze dyes. Other common, and descriptive, names include: Old Man's Flannel and Lady's Flannel, Velvet Plant, and Feltwort. Its rigid and strong stalk have given rise to such names as: Aaron's Rod, Jupiter's Staff, Jacob's Staff, Peter's Staff, Shepherd's Staff, and Beggar's Staff.

Common Tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*) 2 ft. to 4 ft. tall

The highly fragrant leaves of Tansy are sometimes used in potpourri and scented bags and pillows. These fern-like leaves are four to eight inches long and finely divided. Small flat-topped flowers remind one of small yellow buttons or small daisies from which all white petals have been removed. Common Tansy blooms in the occasional Bryn Mawr boulevard garden as well as along Highway 61, the scenic North Shore Highway.

Bird's Foot Trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*) 18" to 20" tall

Birds Foot Trefoil has bright yellow pea-like flowers. This European perennial legume was imported from Europe as a forage crop and was later planted to lessen roadside erosion. The name Bird's Foot refers to the seed pod. Trefoil

refers to the uppermost three leaflets, though a total of five leaflets comprise an entire plant leaf. This low growing flower blooms along the Cedar Lake and Kenilworth trails.

Yellow Sweet Clover (*Melilotus officinalis*) 3 ft. to 6 ft. tall

Leggy stems with eight-inch-long flower spikes of small irregular yellow flowers identify Yellow Sweet Clover. White Sweet Clover (*Melilotus alba*) is nearly identical. Yellow Sweet Clover is sometimes grown for pasture and hay for animals. Its foliage smells of vanilla and new mown hay when cut and dried. Flowers provide nectar for honeybees. White and Yellow Sweet Clover flowers along the edges of Cedar Lake Prairie as well as boulevard and waste areas.

On your next neighborhood walk or visit to Cedar Lake Prairie, see how many of these yellow flowers you can spot!

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Take time to note these long blooming yellow flowers...it will be worth your effort!

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



Youth & Schools

Minneapolis Board of Education Elections

Minneapolis School Board elections will be held this fall. As there are nine candidates for the two at-large positions, the primary on August 10 will determine which four candidates run in the general election. In the primary, voters may cast ballots for up to two candidates, and the top four vote-getters will go to the general election on November 2.

The names on the primary ballot (in alphabetical order) on August 10th will be:

- Chanda Smith Baker
- James Everett
- Rebecca Gagnon
- Shirlynn LaChappelle*
- Steven Lasley
- Richard Mammen
- Doug Mann
- Mohammed Noor
- Dick Velner
- T Williams

*While Shirlynn's name continues to be on the ballot; she has decided to withdraw from the at-large campaign.

In the November 2 election, Bryn Mawr residents may vote for up to

two at-large candidates, and the top two vote-getters will be elected.

Residents living in Park Board Districts 1,3, and 5 will also choose board members representing their area. Their names will only be included on the ballot in the general election; candidates for district seats will NOT have their names on the primary ballot. Bryn Mawr will elect area representatives in 2012.

On the November 2nd ballot, District candidates are:

District 1:

- Jenny Arneson
- Mike Endrizzi

District 3:

- Hussein Samatar

District 5:

- Alberto Monserrate
- John Saulsberry

More information can be found at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections or www.tcdailyplanet.net/2010-election-minneapolis-board-education

- Lynda Shabeen & Jessica Wiley,
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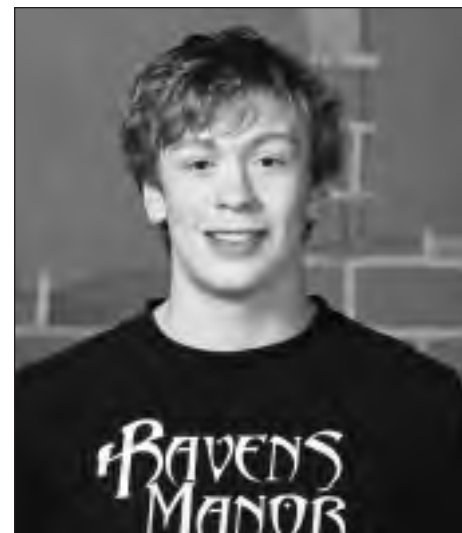
Another Year Under the Big Top for Bryn Mawr Teen

Cooper Smith (14) son of Matthew Smith and Lauren Stringer of Area 3 will perform in the Circus Juventas' summer show SAWDUST as Lovesick Louie (the sad clown). Cooper also trains in acrobatics, juggling, wall trampoline and the German Wheel. He has performed with Circus Juventas for six years

SAWDUST is a rollicking adventure from the golden age of the traveling circus. Follow two young dreamers as they run away to join the Ripinski Circus. Experience the thrills and sensations of high-flying divas and fearless daredevils, exotic sideshows and untamed beasts, a wandering lovesick clown, rowdy roustabouts with hearts of gold plus a dominating ringmaster who controls it all. Performances are July 29 through August 15.

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SAWDUST will highlight traditional circus acts including teeterboard, acrobatics, breath-taking swinging trapeze and slapstick clowning mentored by the former Ringling icon Bello Nock the clown! The most amazing high wire act, the popular Russian swing and the most exciting and exhilarating of all—the flying trapeze— return this summer.

Plus, there are two thrilling new additions: the heart-stopping Wheel of Steel – Circus Juventas is the only amateur circus in the world performing this exhilarating act; and an active menagerie of life-size circus animal puppets built by Circus Juventas students under the direction of Puppet Farm Arts Artistic Director Christopher Lutter-Gardella who will then teach the students how to manipulate the fully-performable life-size animal puppets which include an enormous elephant, a vicious tiger, an acrobatic bear and a long-necked giraffe.

The world-renowned fiddler and mandolinist Peter Ostroushko and his band are back this year with exciting new and memorable music he created for SAWDUST.

The 16th annual summer extravaganza produced by Circus Juventas will be performed in its award-winning, air conditioned Big Top building, 1270 Montreal Avenue in Saint Paul. Patrons will enjoy the comfortable new state of the art seating system that was installed in March.

All tickets for SAWDUST are reserved and will be on sale now at www.ticketworks.com or 612-343-3390 or by calling the Circus Juventas box office: 651-699-8229. Adult tickets are \$15 to \$25; tickets for Children up to age 10 and Seniors over 65 are \$12.50 to \$25.

About Circus Juventas

Circus Juventas, North America's largest youth performing arts circus, celebrating its 16th anniversary this year, is a non-profit youth performing arts circus based in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Circus Juventas offers an array of circus arts training and performance opportunities to children and youth up to age 21. Its mission is to inspire artistry and self-confidence through a multi-cultural circus arts experience. Students learn acrobatics, balance, aerial techniques, juggling and theatrical skills in a safe and noncompetitive environment. The focus is on discipline, hard work, and mentor and peer relationships.



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Good-bye, Old Friend

The 80-ft. towering sentinel on the corner of Mount View and Russell fell victim to Dutch elm disease last month. During its nearly 90 years, the welcome shade-producer guarded countless Kool-Aid stands, provided homes for dozens of generations of squirrels and song-birds, protected windshields from sheets of sleet and frostings of snow and produced and deposited gallons of sap as well as the equivalent of rail-cars full of leaves, all enhancing the friendliness and beauty of the neighborhood. In a mere 30 minutes, a crew of five from the Park Department reduced the long-time-resident to a truck-load of chunks headed for a noble burial at Fort Snelling where a massive chipper reduces these chunks to, some say, a new career as mulch for city plantings. A second part of



the project will be the grinding of the remaining stump to below-surface height and planting a replacement tree. According to Joe Sparrow of the Forestry Department of the Park Board, the city offers a dozen varieties of tree from which the successor can be selected. Sparrow encourages choosing a different variety from the Elm so that neighborhoods do not develop a monoculture of boulevard trees. Such diversified planting will help avoid future wide-spread tree loss, he noted.

- JoAnn Rice, Area 4

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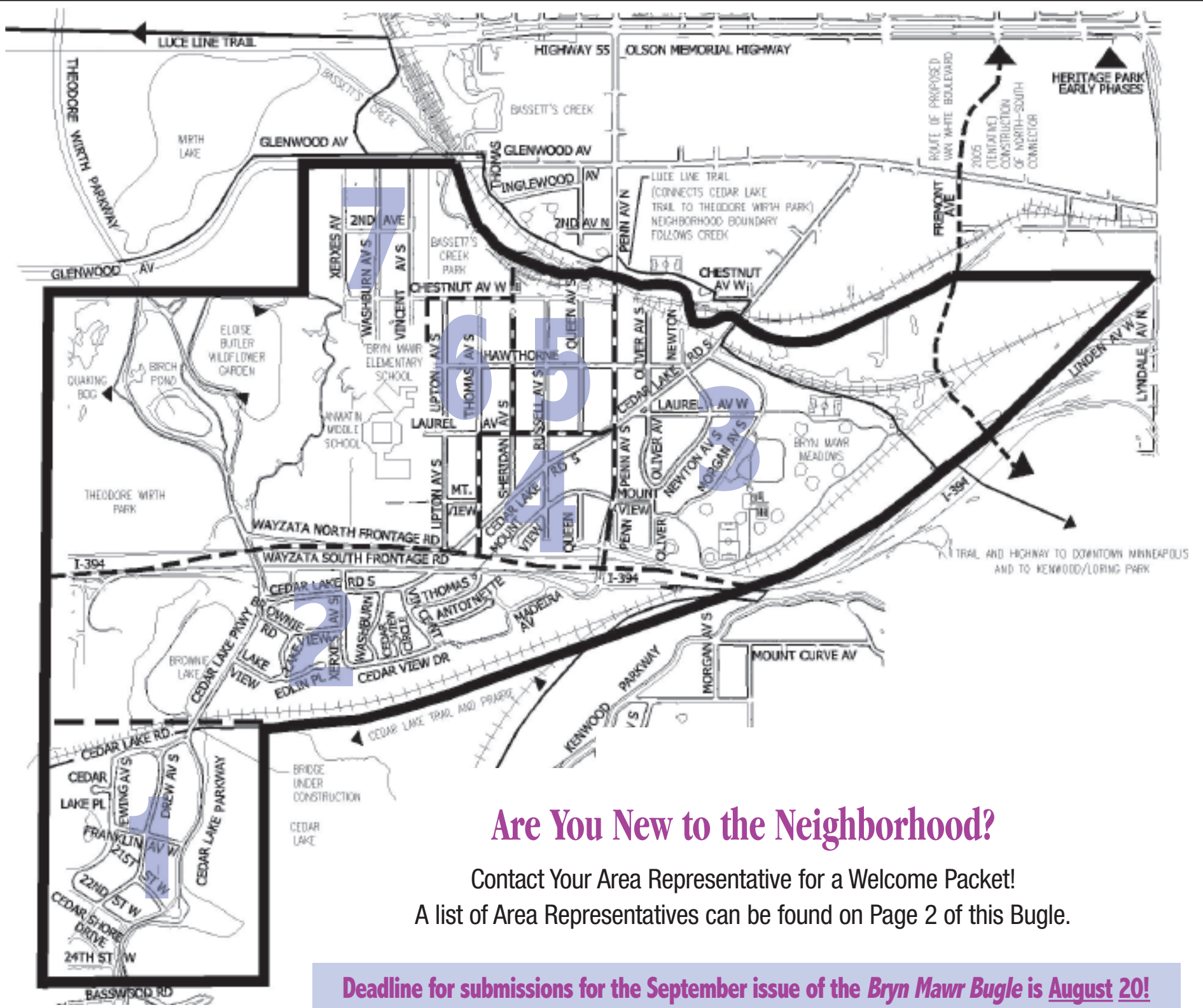
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