



BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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BMNA Community Project Committee Got a good idea?

The BMNA Community Project program has been in place for the last four years. Ideas for projects that will improve our community are being solicited from neighbors. Projects may support priorities in the following areas:

- Environmental (ie the ash tree identification project)
- Energy (an example being the energy challenge project)
- Downtown (the lighting and banner project currently being worked on by the NRP committee)
- Transportation
- Community enhancement (ie the beautiful Upton garden redesign)

These projects are mainly supported with sweat equity and donations, although the board has a small budget to support some expenses. The committee will review all suggestions and make a recommendation at the April 2011 BMNA board meeting.

We will include the priority ideas from last year and add any new ideas contributed this winter. Please submit ideas for projects to jesswiley@comcast.net, or 612-374-3481 by March 15, 2011.

It's membership time...



The BMNA Wants You!

Please support the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association with your membership.

- Members are eligible to vote at the annual meeting and serve on the BMNA Board.
- Membership dollars support neighborhood traditions, such as:
 - Annual Festival of Garage Sales in May
 - Ice Cream Social in July
 - Harvest Dinner in October
- Membership dollars support volunteer efforts and community projects.
- Membership dollars help maintain BMNA staffing to assist and communicate with neighbors through the Bugle, bmna.org and emails.
- The BMNA is a non-profit 501C3 organization and your donation is 100% tax-deductible.

A strong neighborhood deserves and relies on an effective neighborhood association. Please become new or renewing member by returning the form which was mailed out in February or the one printed on page 7 of this Bugle.

Sixth Grade Art Project at Anwatin Middle School

Sixth grade students at Anwatin Middle School worked with artist, Ta-coumba Aiken to create a colorful, abstract painting. Canvas and artist-quality paints were donated to the school by Minneapolis Public Schools' FACETS (Fine Arts Cultural Enrichment Teaching Studio) program.

Each of the 110 sixth graders who are in Mr. Pilon's art classes this quarter, took turns drawing part of a continuous pencil line, thereby creating abstract shapes. Students learned principles

of blending, shading and tinting, then filled in the shapes with colors they mixed. Finally white and black were used to outline the shapes.

For a short time, the painting will hang in the downtown offices of Anwatin's long-time business partner, RBC Wealth Management. Then it will be permanently installed at the school.

Anwatin is an authorized International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme and Art is considered a core class. All students take 12 weeks every school year of Visual Art, Technology and Physical Education, in addition to year-round classes in Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Language A (English), and Language B (choice of French, Japanese or Spanish). Students also take either a support class or elective, including Band, Choir, Music Exploration, Theater, AVID (college-prep, organization, and study skills) or an additional Art class.

- JoEllyn Jolstad



Anwatin sixth graders, Lika Corson (Area 6) and Nicole Ho with art teacher, Mr. Pilon.

**SAVE THE DATE:
BMNA Annual Meeting
Wed., May 11, 2011**

Board Positions up for Election This Year!

The BMNA by-laws state that, in odd years, the following positions shall be elected: Vice-President, Treasurer, and Co-Representatives for odd-numbered Areas (1, 3, 5, & 7).

All of these positions offer great opportunities to get to know many wonderful neighbors, to learn about the issues facing Bryn Mawr, and to have a voice in our neighborhood's response to those issues. The only requirements are a willingness to volunteer your time and effort, and to voice your opinions while keeping an open mind about what your neighbors have to say. (Well, and you have to actually be a member of the BMNA - but you can sign up right at the Annual Meeting, if you haven't already!)

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



Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association
February 09, 2011
DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order and Introductions:

Present: Marlin Possehl, President; Ted Kiesselbach, Co-Vice President; Ben Horn ,Co- Treasurer; JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor/Schools; Greg Froehle, Area 1; Susan Verrett, Area 2; Lynda Shaheen, Area 2; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Rick Carter, Area 3; Paul Markert Co-treasurer; Barry Schade, Area 6; Steve Harvey, Area 7; Andrew Kraling, Area 7; Scott McLaughlin, NRP Chair

Guests in attendance: Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal; Lisa Goodman, City Councilmember; Larry Opert, Area 3; Jamie and Steve Furey, Area 3; Tim Hammett, MPD-4th Precinct; Bret Lindback, MPD-4th Precinct

Consent Agenda: Approved

Minutes of last month's meeting approved with correction to include Jessica Wiley as present during the January monthly meeting.

City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman

Lunch with Lisa is on the 23rd of February with the city auditor
Upcoming workshops for identity theft and mail fraud: North regional Library on Wednesday, February 23rd Redistricting Committee is calling for action from local citizens to participate Minneapolis budget can be found at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us
Sign up for ward Lisa's newsletter online or by mail.

Area 3 Residents Appearance regarding suspicious activity

- Residents from Cedar Lake Road near Penn complained of flagrant drug sale activity in front of their homes.
- Minneapolis Police precinct 4 acknowledged receipt of recent police calls regarding possible criminal activity east of Penn Ave along Cedar Lake Road. Tim Hammett and Lt. Lindback suggested ideas, such as neighborhood watch, lighting, etc. to prevent the activity and encouraged all neighbors to report and to not confront any potential suspects.
- Board members will visit neighbors and local businesses to remind everyone to be on the lookout and

to detail the activity specifically for the dispatchers at 911.

NC Activity Report: Patty Wycoff
No report this month

Bugle Report: JoEllyn Jolstad
Articles due 20th of February.

Membership Campaign: Paul Markert

Packets and mailers under assembly with first round to past contributors.

NRP report/discussion - Scott McLaughlin

- CEE Energy project: Only 6 coupons (out of 100) remaining. Nearby workshops and home audits are still available! More information next month on Grant Challenge.
- Accepting new ideas from residents and board members for new community projects.
- Downtown project: lighting is functional and a Bryn Mawr banners will decorate the light poles year-round.
- Rain garden project: Only 12 coupons (out of 30) remaining for home consultations.
- Community Solar Power project: Workshop next Wednesday, February 16th, to present grant and installation information on solar-powered hot-water heater systems. Programs have been extended into next year. \$19,000 of funds available (6 more households).

Michelle Jueneman Appointed to Wirth Study Group for the CAC

Ted made the motion. Jessica seconded. Motion approved.

LRT project updates:

- Capstone Project; Progress continuing and great input from students. Rick Carter and Jay Peterson attended class presentations and will continue to do so.
- Hennepin County CAC draft on the Southwest LRT corridor delayed until spring due to resource diversion to central corridor.
- Cedar Lake Association driving efforts to organize surrounding neighborhoods to develop concentrated list of concerns.

Garden project developments - Ted Kiesselbach

Next meeting - TBD, Later in Spring
Proposal of bike tour for community gardens summer 2011
Possibly renew neighborhood garden tour for 2012
Considering the development of a "bulb" program for club members and neighbors

Standing Committee Reports
Redistricting Committee - Barry Schade
Charter commission requesting 9 area representatives to step forward.
Board moves to support Vita Ditter as an applicant. Jessica approved the motion. Marlin seconds.
Motion approved by board.

Schools Committee - Jessica Wiley
Discussed viability of the Anwatin Community Education Advisory Council
Meeting Feb 24 to make recommendations to support or to assume responsibilities for community education

Neighbors Notice Drug Dealing

Tim Hammett, Crime Prevention Specialist, Minneapolis Police Department - 4th Precinct
Timothy.Hammett@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

There have been recent reports of car to car drug dealing in the area of Cedar Lake Road and Penn Avenue. It is likely that ready access to I394 is the attraction of this site. Because it is a highly mobile kind of crime, it is possible that it could move to other parts of the neighborhood. Neighbors should be on the lookout for unusual patterns of vehicle activity. Sometimes a buyer or seller will be parked by the side of the street, while the other party to the transaction drives up. Other times they may drive off together and re-rendezvous a block or two away to finish the deal. Sometimes a dealer will sit in his vehicle in the same spot for an extended period of time to conduct business with several customers before he moves on. If you notice the same vehicle making contact with many different vehicles in a location, that's an indicator that something fishy is afoot. Of course, not all vehicle rendezvous are suspicious. There are many legitimate reasons for people to meet each other in their cars, but if you suspect that this is happening on your block, the Minneapolis Police Department suggests that you take the following steps:

- **Call 911 whenever you notice suspicious activity.**
Even though the deal only lasts for a few seconds, and the perpetrator will probably be gone before a squad can arrive, it's still important to make the call. When you call be sure to give the operator as much detailed information as you can, including descriptions of the vehicles involved, (make, model, color

Treasurer's report- Ben Horn
Ben presented budget for board's review and to discuss during next month's meeting.

Adjourn 8:55 pm
NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wed, Mar 9th
7:00 p.m., BM Elementary
UPCOMING EVENTS:
Board/Volunteer appreciation party Sat, Feb 12
Solar-panel workshop for hot water heaters Wed, Feb 16 BM Elementary

and license plate if you know them), descriptions of individuals if you can see them, and a description of the activity. If they leave before you're finished with the call, give the operator their direction of travel. The suspect information will then be broadcast to all the squads in the precinct. If a patrol car comes across the suspect vehicle later the officers can pull the car over, question the driver, and in some cases search the vehicle. It's also important to note that you don't have to be 100% sure that that's what's going on. The rule of thumb is this: If you're asking yourself whether or not you should call 911, you should call 911.

- Call the 4th Precinct Community Response Team and Directed Patrol Unit at (612) 673-5707. These are the officers who conduct longer term investigations of street level drug activity in the precinct. If you notice a suspicious pattern of activity that develops and persists over time in a particular location, give them a call. Be sure to provide them with as much information as you can about the situation.

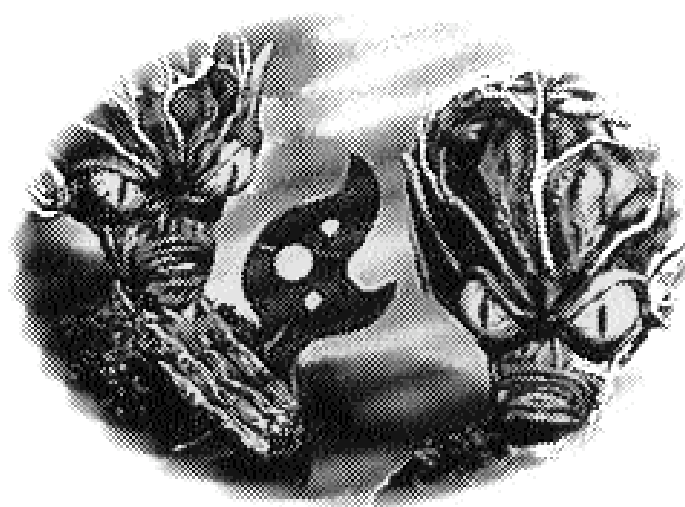
- Talk to your neighbors. If you're noticing this activity, your neighbors probably are too. Encourage them to call 911 and the CRT Unit as well. They may have a different perspective than you and notice other details or patterns that you've missed. The more people who call, and the more information that the police have, the better they can do their job. Work with your neighbors to re-claim the space as yours. A strong community presence during the times when activity is most likely to occur can be a deterrent.

- Call Officer Tim Hammett , MPD Crime Prevention Specialist, at (612) 673-2866. He can help you assess the situation and recommend specific actions.

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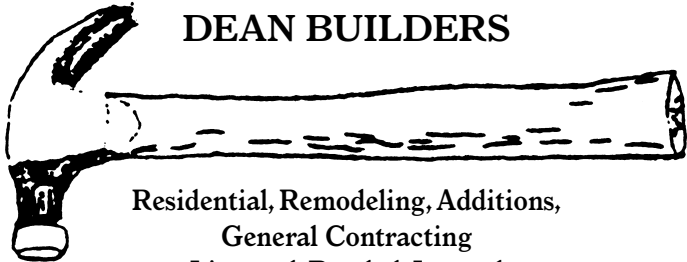
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Recycling

Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

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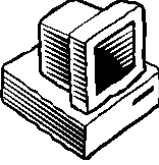


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From the Editor

At a recent meeting of the BMNA Communications Committee, we discussed the possibility of starting an initiative to document the neighborhood history. It made me think that someday, someone may look back on this Bugle and wonder what was really happening in Bryn Mawr during the winter of 2010-2011.

In December, our Downtown Business Association had to cancel its annual Saturnalia Festival, due to a blizzard which resulted in over 17 inches of snow. I was caught quite off guard by this, since in previous years the celebration had enjoyed unseasonably warm and mild weather conditions.

On their Facebook page, the Bryn Mawr Pizza & Deli called it “Snow-magedon” and commented that only in Minnesota would a winter festival be cancelled because of snow!


It was brutal. To quote Burl Ives, “Not fit for man nor beast.” Three days later, there were mountains of snow everywhere you looked and the impassable roads combined with -23° wind chills resulted in two days of school closures.

At the beginning of February, a prolonged warmup had people scrambling to melt ice dams and prevent interior water damage. Then, Snowmagedon Part 2 hit and another 14 inches fell over President’s Day weekend. Luckily, many people were home because of the holiday and the temps were bearable. But, the white mountains have returned and there is more snow in the forecast.


To date, Minneapolis has gotten 74.9 inches of snow which unbelievably is only the 10th snowiest winter on record. But given that we are now looking ahead to March (typically the second snowiest month of the year.) I cannot imagine what is to come.

I feel certain that warm weather and grass will eventually return. However, despite Punksatony Phil’s prognostication of early spring, we have a lot of melting to do before the crocuses can bloom and I fear that some of those spring showers and streams will be in the rafters and basements of Bryn Mawr homes.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org




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CounterTalk

by Dave Logsdon



"When it is dark enough, men see the stars"

-Ralph Waldo Emerson-

It is tough times for optimists these days. The long, hard winter combined with economic hard times makes even hard core "glass-half-full" guys like me into gloomy Gusses! On March 1st, I turn 66 years old and one thing this muddled old Pisces knows is that it's always darkest before the dawn! If you squint hard you can see the light at the end of the tunnel and it's not an oncoming train!

Digging the dirt..dishing same

I fancy myself a gardener. Actually though, I'm really not, but I play

one at the Bryn Mawr Gardening Group. We lay claim to the least organized, yet most fun meetings in Bryn Mawr. A lot of laughter, a little wine makes the gardening talk go down, you what I mean. Our next meeting will be on the 23rd of March, so put it on your calendars as we prepare for an all out assault on the community gardens. First up will be a bike tour of said gardens in May (not Garage Sale Weekend.) By the way Garage Sale Weekend is the first weekend in May (May 7th & 8th.)

Beware the Ides of March!

Actually, don't beware of any ides, but be aware of March 15th because that's when the big Benefit for Kevin Hazlett is scheduled for Bunkers (Washington Avenue). Kevin is having a tough go of it, battling Pancreatic cancer while being the owner/operator of the Bryn Mawr coffee shop. Kevin has been a Bryn Mawr institution with his bad jokes and good coffee going back to the early nineties. He does not live in Bryn Mawr, but has always been a co-operative player in the community. This time he needs us to step up. Even if you

can't make the benefit that Tuesday night, try to stop by the coffee shop and buy something! Every little bit helps, but I would highly recommend the concert because Kevin knows so many heavyweight musicians like Curtis A and others so it should be a memorable night of music. A shout out to Sue McClean, Area 7 resident and music promoter extraordinaire for helping put this thing together. And try not to be a "Gloomy Gus" when you see Kev, just be yourself, have fun and don't forget to boogie.

The big finish...

Well actually, to be honest, I really don't have a big finish or a big "Finnish" for that matter. Oh sure, I could blather on about getting ready for the Garage Sale weekend, but that's a little far off. I could do my "get off my lawn" rants about people in the community that don't tip the pizza delivery person in the middle of a blizzard (it's true). I could put my little cheerleader outfit on with "pom poms" and everything and thank folks for giving the Bryn Mawr Market a second chance with their new look featuring grass fed beef, greek yogurt, gluten free bread and muffins and organic milk.

I could do the little shout-outs for various artists and musicians, but it's slim pickings this month. There is always "The Liquor Pigs" with their usual Friday night gig at Palmers Bar on the West Bank.

Or I could always talk about myself, but that really gets old in a hurry. I figure if I'm tired about hearing about my ear operation or magnet making, blah, blah, blah, just think how you, my loyal readers feel. I can easily visualize eyes rolling all around this dirty old town. This town ain't really dirty, but the eyes are rolling, so as I ride off into the sunset, stay thirsty my friends and don't forget that you can now e-mail your obscene threats and critiques of this column. Please be nice, I'm a very sensitive guy in my cute cheerleading outfit, (you no touchy my pom poms.)

- davesmagnets@gmail.com

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My name is Patty Wycoff and I am the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Coordinator. Feel free to contact me at organizer@bmna.org or 612-2377-4565.

Please add your e-mail to the BMNA e-mail list. Go to bmna.org and click on “add to e-mail.” You will receive information about upcoming events, snow emergencies, crime reports, etc.



BMNA
Volunteer Spotlight:
Kalley Carlson

Anwatin Middle School Student

A series profiling outstanding BMNA volunteers.



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

I have been a Bryn Mawr resident since I was born. (almost 12 years)

2. What do you like most about living here?

I like how there is a park close by and that there is a school, dentist, gas station, coffee shop, etc. within walking distance.

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

I like the neighborhood just the way it is. I don't think I would change anything.

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

I volunteered at Bryn Mawr Elementary School every Tuesday and Friday. I have also volunteered at the bake sale, at the book fair, and at Family Fun Night.

5. Why do you volunteer?

I volunteer for 2 reasons: 1) because my school requires a certain amount of community service hours. 2) because I want to help build a better and stronger community.

BMNA Volunteer Opportunity:

The BMNA is looking for representatives for two-year terms on the Schools Committee. The terms of representatives from Areas 1, 3, 5 and 7 are open to interested persons (up to two per area.) Contact Lynda Shaheen for more information: lynda.shaheen@gmail.com or 374-4201.

BMNA Schools Committee Membership

Area 1	Emilie Flink
Area 2	Lynda Shaheen, Co-chair and Kevina Munich
Area 3	Jessica Wiley, Co-chair
Area 4	Beth Boyle and JoEllyn Jolstad
Area 5	Jean Defresne
Area 6	Elizabeth Everton
Area 7	OPEN

The schools committee meets three times a year to look at issues related to schools and the neighborhood. Regular meetings are the fourth Thursdays of January, April and September at 7:00 pm in the conference room at Bryn Mawr Elementary. Additional meetings are scheduled as needed to review specific schools issues of the BMNA or neighbors.

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - March 2011

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
		1	Land Use Meeting at 2 Bryn Mawr School in Rm. at 7 pm	3	4	5
Junior Olympic 6 Nordic Ski 2011 Championships in Wirth Park (March 6-12)	7	8	BMNA Monthly Meet-9 ing at Bryn Mawr School in the cafete- ria at 7pm.	10	11	12
13	14	Bassett Creek Valley15 Redevelopment Over- sight Committee (ROC) Meeting, 6:00 PM, Harrison Com- munity Center	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	Lunch with Lisa 24 Goodman at St. Thomas at noon. 10th and LaSalle, RM 257 \$10/person	25	26
	Minneapolis Public Schools Spring Break: March 21-25. No meetings at school.					
27	28	29	30	31		

Bryn Mawr Community Solar Projects

New Program Announced: Solar Hot Water Heating!

On the 16th of February the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association and the Minnesota Renewable Energy Society hosted a workshop to inform our neighbors about the environmental benefits, tax credits, grants, and system design of a solar hot water heating system. The program is so simple!

Property owners utilize their existing hot water heaters and the equipment installers connect the solar panel system to pre-heat the incoming water. The cost of the system is around \$9000, but with the grants and bulk-buying program the final costs to our neighbors ranges from

\$3200-\$3600, depending on the panels selected by the property owner. How is that possible?

Workshop attendees were informed that several contractors and equipment suppliers agreed to pre-negotiated prices based on a bulk-buying discount. Grants and tax rebates by several departments and organizations also made this possible. To start and for more details please visit www.makeminesolar.org and www.MNRenewables.org.

Help us contribute to a greener and renewable future and save money doing so! The Bryn Mawr Community Solar program has \$19,000 available for property owners in the form of grants that range from \$2,000-\$3,000 for whole-home solar panel systems as well as solar hot water heating systems. Remember there are no income limits and only one grant is allowed per property. Eligible properties include single family houses, businesses, owner-occupied multi-unit homes, condos, and town homes.

If you have any questions regarding this program please contact one of the Community Solar Program Committee Members.

- Andrew Kraling 612 226 6249
BMNA Area 7 Co-Representative and Community Solar Program Project Member
- Ben Horn 612 382 7982
BMNA Co-Treasurer, Area 7 Resident, and Community Solar Program Project Member
- Scott McLaughlin 612 374 9494
NRP Chair, Area 5 Resident, and Community Solar Program Project Member



2011 BMNA Calendar

The BMNA Board will adopt the 2011 calendar of annual events at its March 9 meeting. Note that some dates are still up for discussion.

- Festival of Garage Sales**
Sat/Sun, May 7-8
- Annual Meeting & Board Elections**
Wednesday, May 11
- Ice Cream Scoop-Off**
Monday, July 18 (tentative)
- National Night Out**
Tuesday, August 2
- Harvest Dinner**
Wednesday, October 26 (tentative)
- Saturnalia**
Saturday, December 10

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Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Membership - 2011

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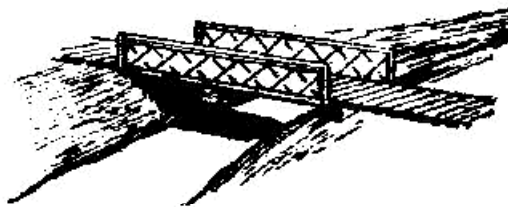
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Please contact me about volunteer opportunities:

distribute the Bugle to neighbors serve on BMNA Board or a committee
volunteer in other ways

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View From the Bridge



Minnesota Landscape Arboretum March 2011

By some definitions, an arboretum is a collection of trees. The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, Minnesota is this and much more! From 1908, The Horticultural Research Center has been developing apple cultivars that would survive and thrive in Minnesota winter subzero temperatures. Fruit and ornamental plant introductions include: chrysanthemums, azaleas, roses, maples, redbud and crabapple trees, apples, strawberries, blueberries, turf and ornamental grasses, wine and table grapes. "Minnesota Hardy: Showcasing New and Enduring Plants for Your Landscape from the University of Minnesota" is a publication that showcases and catalogues these varieties and cultivars (<http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/DG8622.html>). The Arboretum was founded in 1958 and continues to expand.

Lest the cold and snowy winter keep you home-bound, Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27, 2011 bring a special reason to visit the Arboretum - the annual Pancake Breakfast. From 9 AM to 1 PM, the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast features the Arboretum's own genuine maple syrup, processed from the Arboretum's own Sugarbush Woodland Sugar Maple trees! Tickets are available at the Arboretum on the days of the Pancake Breakfast.

On winter days, Arboretum attractions include cross-country skiing on over 10 miles of groomed classic ski trails and snowshoeing over 3 miles of trails. Alternatively, you may walk Three Mile Drive, which is plowed though it is closed to vehicles during winter months. All modes of travel allow closeup views of winter treats: crabapple fruit, a renowned pine collection, and a formal hedge display. While touring woodlands, prairies, winter gardens, and tree collections, look for wildlife such as deer, fox, turkeys, as well as birds.

After a brisk exercise loop around the grounds, warm up in the relaxing Arboretum buildings which offer a variety of amenities: a horticultural library, cafeteria, gift shop, and changing special exhibits. The two structures are the original Snyder Building (built 1974) and the Oswald Visitor Center (2005). Both offer warm wood interiors. Architect Edwin Lundie designed the historic Snyder building and many of its furnishings.

Connected to the Snyder Building is Meyer-Deats Conservatory (1980) where visitors can rest amidst daylight plants including blooming orchids and bromeliads, and cacti. Orange and blue Bird of Paradise blooms flutter among the large sword-like foliage of this large plant. The large leaves of a banana plant reach to the glass ceiling. Agave patterns overlap in succulent scale-like patterns. The hovering blooms of the Phalaenopsis, or "Moth"-orchid may be pure white but may also shimmer

in variegated patterns of crimson spots on creamy white blooms. Comfortable wood garden benches beckon one to sit amidst the plants, and like them, to bask in the warmth of the ever strengthening late winter sun. The brick floor, damp and in some places covered with small pools of water from plant maintenance, reminds one of an outdoor patio in a warmer time of the year.

The Snyder Building houses the Andersen Horticultural Library. Both the library and the Snyder Building lobby offer comfortable seating among unique furniture that spotlights the richness of woodworking. Run your hand across the wood grain and bark of a large plank from a tree that has been transformed into a coffee table or library study table. Leaf through a horticultural magazine issue and dream of the plants you'll procure and plant in the upcoming months!

Arriving soon at a mail box near you, seed and plant catalogs offer struggling Minnesotans hope for surviving winter. From January 7 through April 3, 2011, the exhibit "Seed Stories: Catalogs of Life and Gardens in America" showcases a small selection of the 57,000 historic seed and nursery catalogs collected at Andersen Horticultural Library. Exhibited on the first floor of the Oswald Visitor Center are themes such as patriotism, Americana, folk art, plant portraits, and offerings of Minnesota growers.

Oswald Visitor Center welcomes visitors into a great hall enclosed by a soaring wood timber frame structure. There from February 12 to March 13, 2011, hundreds of orchids from Plymouth's Orchids Limited will be on display.

On the upper floor of the Oswald Building is a comfortable cafeteria restaurant and private dining room that overlook the planted terraces behind the building. An Arboretum Photographers Society show and sale in the restaurant gallery offer "Rhythms of the Seasons: Arboretum in Motion" January 6 through March 6. On the lower floor of the Oswald Building is well stocked gift shop offering nature-inspired gifts and books. To learn of special Traditional Afternoon Teas or Gourmet Dinners, consult the Arboretum calendar at www.arboretum.umn.edu.

In just a month or two, spring will return to Minnesota and to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum with bulb displays, magnolias, forsythia, crabapples, early spring wildflowers at the Grace B. Dayton Wildflower Garden, and lush displays of annuals and perennials.

After warm weather arrives, visitors tour plant and landscape collections of three different types: display gardens, natural areas or environmental models, and tree and shrub collections. Display gardens include: annual garden, dwarf conifers, entrance garden, herb garden, home demonstration gardens, hosta glade, Japanese garden, maze garden,



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peonies, daylilies, lilies, perennial garden, rose walk, sensory garden, shrub rose garden, terrace garden, and hedge collection. Natural areas or environmental models include: bog boardwalk, garden for wildlife, rain harvesting models including runoff models, rain gardens, prairie, woodland wildflower garden, and Spring Peeper Meadow wetland restoration. Flanking Three-Mile Drive, shrub and tree collections include: azaleas, crabapples, hawthorn, maples, nut trees, oaks, ornamental grasses, pines, shrub walk, birch, weeping trees, spruce, fir, ash, honeylocust, elm, willow, larch, poplar, linden, and catalpa.

In general, display gardens are located nearest to the Snyder and Oswald buildings. Walking among these gardens is relatively easy, and most of the paved paths are wheelchair accessible. The hedge collection and the maze garden - including the large maze and "Maze Jr" - are exceptions. Both are located nearly as far away as possible from the buildings, and yet these are located on Three-Mile Drive, and now also on a paved path. While it is possible to walk to these attractions as well as to the many different shrub and tree collections, available visiting time may be a limiting factor. For those with less time, driving between the parking lots scattered along the one-way Three-Mile Drive will allow easier access. Alternatively, the Guided Trumpet Creeper tram tour offers fee-based motorized guided tours of the Arboretum grounds.

Displayed on the ground floor of Oswald Visitor Center, a large three-dimensional model of the Arboretum

grounds offers a sense of scale of this expansive facility! Displayed at the model, tour brochures facilitate self-guided tours of one-hour and two-hour lengths. Guided walking tours are available May to October, at 10:30 AM Tuesdays through Fridays, and 1 PM Saturdays and Sundays, departing from Oswald Visitor Center.

Arboretum Hours, Admission, Location, and Contact Information

Open 363 days a year (closed Thanksgiving and Christmas)
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From November - April, Arboretum buildings are open Monday - Saturday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM; Sunday 10 AM to 4:30 PM
From May - October, Arboretum buildings are open Monday - Saturday, 8 AM to 6 PM; Sunday 10 AM to 6 PM
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The new year brings a once-in-a-decade opportunity for people in Minneapolis to participate in redistricting the City, creating boundaries for elections in 2012 and beyond. It's an important process, because having districts with equal populations helps ensure there is fair representation no matter where you live. Redistricting happens every ten years, following the U.S. Census, and for residents who are interested, there is a new opportunity to play an important role in the redistricting process that's about to start.

In 2010, Minneapolis voters transferred authority for developing new boundaries for the City's thirteen wards and the Park Board's six districts to a Redistricting Group made up of the Charter Commission and an appointed Advisory Group. The Charter Commission is now soliciting applications for the Advisory Group.

The Charter Commission seeks applicants who will bring diversity

to the Redistricting Group, are active citizens, have knowledge of the many communities within the city, and will serve on a nonpartisan basis. Please note that while Advisory Group members are expected to participate in a nonpartisan manner, current or past involvement in political party activities does not disqualify an applicant from service.

The job description and application form are posted on the Charter Commission's website at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/charter-commission.

All applications should be submitted as outlined in the application by the March 25, 2011 deadline. Interviews will be conducted in April, 2011. If your group is interested in a presentation or if you have any questions, please call the Commission Coordinator, Peggy Menshek, at 612-673-2287 or email her at peggy.menshek@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

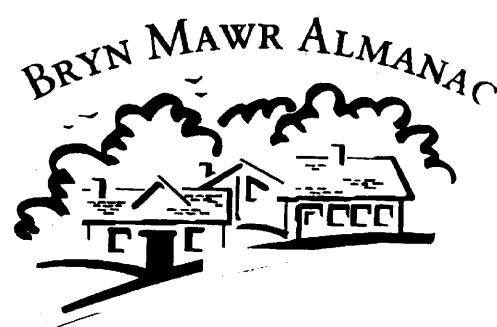
2011 Property Value Notices

The City of Minneapolis mailed 2011 property value notices to property owners in January.

The property value listed on this statement is what will be used to determine your 2012 property taxes. To ensure that the City's assessments are fair and accurate, the Minnesota Department of Revenue uses an industry standard tool called a "sales ratio study" to measure the accuracy and quality of the City's assessment level. Sales ratios are computed by dividing the assessor's market value by the sale price of each individual property. Individual ratios are then analyzed according to property type and municipality to measure the level of assessment. The acceptable level of assessment in Minnesota is to have a sales ratio between 90% and

105% and Minneapolis consistently meets this requirement.

If you disagree with the estimate of value on your property, there are several options available to appeal the assessment. First, call the phone number labeled "Valuation Questions" on your statement to discuss your concerns with a deputy assessor responsible for valuing your property. Explain why you believe your property value is less than what is indicated on the statement. The deputy assessor can explain how the property value and classification were determined. If you want to appeal your property valuation to the City of Minneapolis Board of Appeal and Equalization, call (612) 673-3358 for an appointment. April 30th is the deadline to submit appeals to the Minnesota Tax Court.



March 8, 2000	Ice out, Wirth Lake, an exceptionally early date after a warm winter.
March 17, 2002	First barge of the season makes it through Lake Pepin ice and arrives at St. Paul.
March 19, 2011	Full moon, the Ojibwe Snowshoe Breaking moon.
March 25, 2010	Many dandelions in bloom along the south side of Anwatin School.
March 28, 2010	Spotted a wild turkey near the Bryn Mawr elementary playground.
March 28, 2009	Red River crests at 40.8 feet at Fargo-Moorhead, an all time high. Dikes and sandbags held (barely) with a massive volunteer effort. More of the same predicted for this year.

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Family Open Gym Night

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

Bryn Mawr PTA Plant Sale Is Back!

Once again, the parents of the Bryn Mawr PTA are having a big plant sale. Order forms will be inserted in the April Bugle. You will also find order forms at the school and in some of the downtown businesses.

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- Jenny Warner, Area 6 (374-5156)

CPEO Graduation at Anwatin

The auditorium at Anwatin Middle School was filled with applause the night of Tuesday, Feb. 15th, when it hosted a graduation ceremony for over 50 parents, honoring their dedication to their children's education. Family and friends, along with school staff and Principal VaNita Miller, celebrated the completion of the this year's Anwatin cohort for the Connecting Parents to Educational Opportunities (CPEO) program, a seven-week series of classes offered to parents by Minneapolis Public Schools. In its third year, CPEO has seen many such graduations at schools all over the district, each one a tribute to parents who have made the commitment to gain more knowledge about the educational system. CPEO's driving idea: when parents are active participants in their children's academic growth and development, everyone benefits.

The program, spurred on by alarming national post-secondary education statistics, strives to enrich partnerships between parents, schools and communities to get MPS students on the path to college. This is done by focusing on a myriad of topics, from scholarships and G.P.A. calculation, to critical reading methods and self-esteem. The program boasts five groups that are delivered in four different languages: English, Spanish, Native American, Hmong and Somali. Parents attend 2-1/2 hour sessions one night a week at their school, receive dinner and free childcare, and delve into the nuts and

bolts of education and parenting. In each class, CPEO Facilitators look to parents to discuss questions and use their expertise as their children's "first teachers" to benefit the group. This collaborative approach drives an energetic atmosphere in which to explore today's challenging issues.

After completing the program, parents receive certificates for free Community Education and ECFE classes, a short-term YMCA pass, and certificates from MCTC and the University of Minnesota, where participants' children may qualify for scholarships. Trent Tucker, a representative from the University of Minnesota, spoke to parents at the graduation and applauded their dedication. But according to parents, the best benefit is the insight gained from the experience itself. "These are conversations parents need to have," said one graduate, "we should be talking with our children's teachers and working together to help them."

And it looks like parents are putting their learning into practice. CPEO has graduated over 1,500 parents since the program began, and since then many participants have gone on to join committees and actively participate in their schools. At Anwatin, all 55 graduates (30 from the English-speaking group and 25 graduates from Spanish-speaking) are looking toward the possibilities for their children with the help of the school and community. One parent, her children sharing in a celebratory piece of cake, said it best: "It is so important that we as parents remain involved in our children's education progress. Their future depends on it."



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Hello? Honey, I'm on the phone with the Bryn Mawr PTA - I'll have to call you back. What? Sounds yummy. I'll take a 1/2 call skim latte no froth. No, no froth. Ummm...yes, 1 raw sugar. No, skim. Milk - skim milk. What? No - yes, what?... Ooh, and let's do a couple of gooey donuts with sprinkles.

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Sorry about that...he's bringing me home a latte and a donut. At least I think it will be a latte...all bets are off at this point. Anyway, what were you were you saying? Really? I didn't know that children who are involved in music and arts programs score higher on their overall test scores. This program really is a must. A fundraiser in February? The 26th at Lee's Liquor? With live music, ooh sounds like a gas! We're in. What the cost? \$10 a ticket? That's a screamin' deal. Hmmm, I know our neighbors will be out of town, but I'm sure they would be happy to give what they could if I let them know. Where can I tell them to go for more information? www.bailouttheband.org. If you do the math it boils down to some pretty small sacrifices to be a supporter. We're in.

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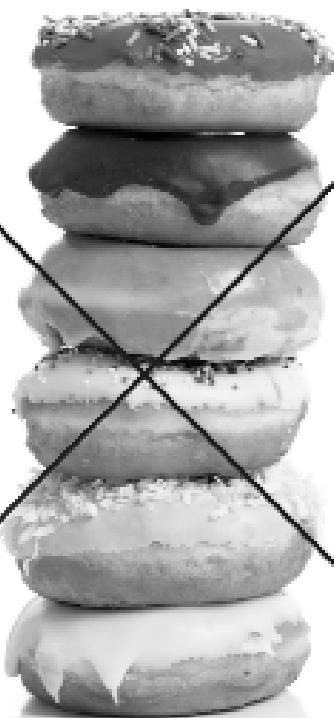
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Bryn Mawr Students Ski the Loppet

Students in the Bryn Mawr Elementary skiing program will wrap up their season on a high note by taking part in the Minne-Loppet on February 5th. This program, now in its seventh year, introduces Bryn Mawr students in grades 3 through 5 to cross-country skiing, and really highlights Bryn Mawr as a true “neighborhood within a park.”

About 125 students participated in the program this year. All fourth and fifth grade students took part, along with one group of third-graders. Starting in late November, the young skiers take to the trails of Theodore Wirth Park immediately outside the school once per week during their scheduled Physical Education time. Racers cover this same beautiful section of groomed trail when competing in the 25 km and 35 km Loppet freestyle and class ski races on Sunday, February 6th.

Coordinated by Anita Chavez, Bryn Mawr's Physical Education teacher, the program draws on several organizations to bring skiing into the school. Margaret Adelsman and Mary Luoma from the City of

Lakes Nordic Ski Foundation serve as coaches. The Foundation in turn leverages its sponsorship agreement with Rossignol Pure Mountain Company to obtain the youth ski equipment used by the students at Bryn Mawr.

UCare also provides support, which allows the Foundation to provide coaching salaries, obtain new or replacement equipment as needed, and provide transportation between the school and the Minne-Loppet on the Saturday of the event. UCare further supports the Foundation's efforts to provide a nutrition education framework as part of the program, and generously sponsors a season-ending celebration banquet for the elementary skiers and their families.

Coach Adelsman described the program in more detail. “The goals of the programs are to teach kids the fundamentals of cross country skiing and to provide a curriculum of mini-nutrition information along the way. Overall, we hope to get kids thinking about the health of the whole person, inside and out. They need to exercise their bodies to keep them strong, but they also need to fuel up properly to keep the “engines” running smoothly. We talk about things like keeping lungs healthy and how that relates to skiing. We give lessons on nutritional iron, what nutrients are need to build and feed muscle, how to keep their bones strong, and how to keep their hearts healthy through a low-fat diet. Where possible, we try to include practical lessons wherever they may apply. For example, this week gave us a great opportunity

to talk once again about dressing for cold weather. I feel that one of the most wonderful achievements of this program is the self-esteem that students gain from working hard and improving from week to week. Since it is an individual sport, each student can make strides regardless of the starting point. Good skiers can ski faster and farther. Learning skiers gain confidence and balance on skis and finally make it down the hills without falling. Those achievements are all earned on their own—we can guide them, but they have to get from A to B on their own. I also love that kids who may not excel in other types of sports can often find an unknown skill set when they put on a pair of skis.”

Thanks to Margaret Adelsman for taking time to discuss the program.

- Wade Martinson, Area 7



Intergenerational Volunteer Program seeks storytellers

MINNEAPOLIS – Minneapolis Community Education's Intergenerational Volunteer Program seeks adults 50 and older to participate in Through the Eyes of Experience: Intergenerational Storytelling, a program connecting Minneapolis Public Schools elementary students with older storytellers.

“Children love stories,” said Janet Jacobson, program coordinator, “and adults have many stories to tell – stories from their personal experience or stories they have heard from others.”

Both experienced and new storytellers are encouraged to apply to volunteer. Applications are due March 3. Applicants selected to participate in the project must attend a training session offered by Wonder Weavers Storytellers on Tuesday, March 29. For more information and an application form, contact Janet Jacobson at 612.668.3885.

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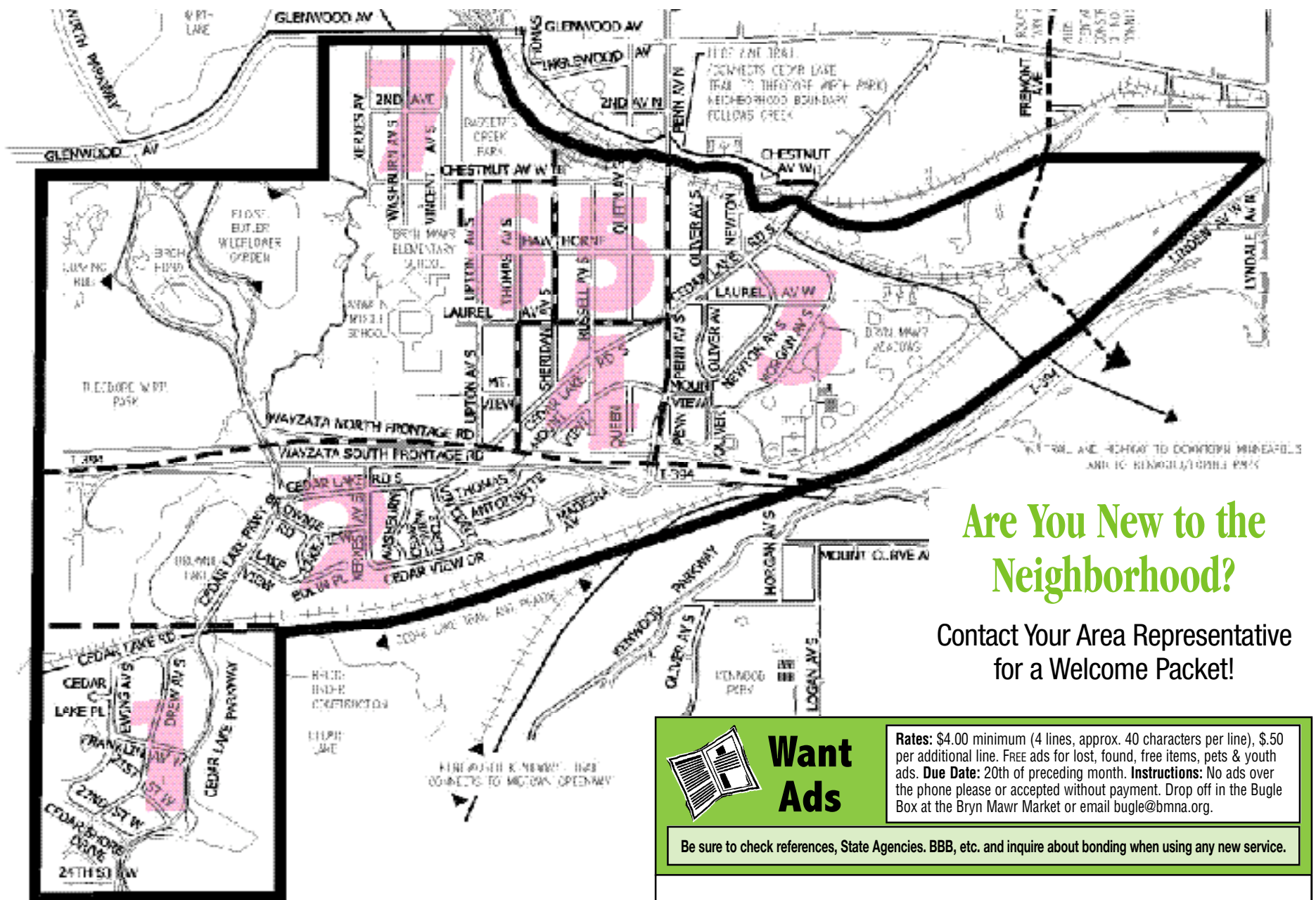
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Ed Erickson Construction: Decks, porches, room additions and interior remodeling. Carpenter and licensed general contractor. Nineteen years Bryn Mawr resident. Local references. 374-1618.

GUITAR LESSONS:

Experienced teacher.
Call 612-926-6826 and
leave your phone number.

Handyman Services - 1st Hour Free! Just about any project or fix around the Home, inside or out. I'll work with you or just get it done. Mechanical engineering degree + many years of handyman experience. Bryn Mawr Area 2 resident for 21 years. Call Dave Wahlstedt at 612-281-7611 or email dwahlstedt@gmail.com.

Jay's Cleaning Service. We offer home & business cleaning, shoveling & dog yard clean-up. One time, weekly, bi-weekly & monthly service available. Day, evening & weekend appointments. Licensed, insured & bonded. (612) 788-1391.

PAINTING SERVICES. Julian the Painter & Crew, specializing in beautifying "vintage homes". Exteriors, interiors, wall & ceiling repair, wallpaper removal, enameling, color consultation & FREE estimates. Best rating on Angie's List. Lic/Bond/Ins. A Bryn Mawr staple since 1994. Call (612) 710-7071 or (612) 377-9925.

QUALITY PAINTING SERVICES: Interior/exterior. Free estimates. References. Please call Jim Sogaard (763) 389-0604.

REMODELING. Windows and doors replaced. Finish work. Custom tile installation. Drywall, taping, plaster repair, texture and paint. Local references, free estimates. Tom 612-824-1554

SNOW REMOVAL: Will remove large snow piles. Premier Lawn & Snow, Inc. providing reliable seasonal & part-time snow service with quality results for SW Minneapolis since 1987. For prompt estimate call Dennis (952) 545-8055.

Sweepee Cleaning: Quality house cleaning at reasonable rates. Call Pamela for free estimate, 922-9084.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

WANT AD MANAGER FOR BUGLE: Join the Bugle Corps! Call 612-377-8968 or email bugle@bmna.org.

WANTED

HUNGRY NEIGHBORS WANTED! Join our organic food buying club! We order online once a month, & meet a truck in S. Mpls early Saturday AM. Save money, eat healthy & have fun. Very good deal on supplements & health & beauty aids. Call Hans or Barb Gasterland in Bryn Mawr Area 7 for more info. 612-377-6666.

WANTED: MODERN 1950s-1970s FURNITURE, lamps, household items, artwork, etc. Vintage rock n roll t shirts, posters & related music items. Vintage motorcycle helmets. Vintage paint by numbers. Herman Miller fiberglass chairs. Vintage Black Americana items. Give me a call before you have a sale or throw things away. I will always pay a fair price. Thanks! Richard 612-529-7040.

YOUTH SERVICES

BABYSITTER: Experienced, kid-loving & Red-Cross certified 12-year old is up to babysitting children 1.5 to 9 years old, preferably in Bryn Mawr. References available. Call Hal at 612-374-9014.