



# BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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## Help Wanted for Earth Day Cleanup on April 16th, 9:30am-12noon at Three Neighborhood Locations

We all know that Bryn Mawr has great parks, but after a long winter they need a good cleaning. I'm looking for some volunteers to come out on April 16 and help with this project.

### You can help in three easy steps:

- Show up at one of these sites listed below on Saturday, April 16, anytime between 9:30 and noon.
- Check in and grab a bag.
- Walk around and pick up trash.

### Cleanup sites:

Bassett's Creek cleanup site, based at the J.D. Rivers picnic area (Glenwood and Washburn Aves.)

Wirth Lake Beach, based in the beach parking lot (Glenwood Ave between Xerxes Ave. and Wirth Pkwy.)

Cedar Lake, based at the parking lot at West 25th Street and Cedar Lake Pkwy.

This effort is part of a bigger Minneapolis Park & Rec Board Earth Day project to clean up many of the city's parks. Bryn Mawr and Harrison neighborhoods are participating for the 16th consecutive by adopting the efforts at Bassett's Creek, Wirth Lake, and Cedar Lake. More info is at

[www.minneapolisearthday.com](http://www.minneapolisearthday.com).

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

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

- Karen Soderberg, Area 7

## Recycle your stuff!

### Donate to the Fifth Annual BMNA Garage Sale May 7th

The BMNA will be hosting a garage sale during the Bryn Mawr Garage Sale weekend. This will be a fundraising event with all proceeds donated to the BMNA.

The garage sale consists of items donated by Bryn Mawr neighbors. Last year the event raised \$800+ and 18 households donated various items. Start thinking about what you want to donate and hang on to it until May 5th. A volunteer will come to your home on May 5th and pick up your donations. Please call Patty Wycoff (612-377-4565) or e-mail her if you have items you would like picked up on Thurs. May 5th.. It's that simple!

You could also drop it off at 257 Thomas Ave. S. on Fri. May 6th after 9pm or Sat. May 7th by 10am

### We would appreciate donations from the list below:

Children's clothing, accessories, jewelry, housewares, pictures, select furniture (with approval), clean linens, crafts, books, CD's, DVD's, records, toys, games, small appliances in working order, antiques, collectibles, holiday decorations, handtools, office supplies.

We cannot accept: items that require cleaning or repair, hazardous waste items, televisions or appliances.

### Questions? Contact Neighborhood Coordinator, Patty Wycoff

[pwcoordinator@comcast.net](mailto:pwcoordinator@comcast.net) or 612-377-4565.

## Having Your Own Sale? Get on the map! Get on the Web!

*Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales is May 7-8.  
Registration on page 9!*

## BMNA Annual Dinner and Board Elections Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Please come to the Annual Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Dinner on May 11. The dinner will begin at 6pm and we ask that neighbors bring a dish to share. This wonderful event is held in the cafeteria of Bryn Mawr Elementary School. The BMNA will provide a main dish as well as beverages.

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

in the past year, future projects and membership. Neighbors will vote for VP, Treasurer and Representatives from Areas 1, 3 and 5. Contact Patty Wycoff at 612-377-4565 or [pwcoordinator@comcast.net](mailto:pwcoordinator@comcast.net) if you are interested in being on the ballot (individual candidates or persons who want to share a position.)

Door prizes donated by local businesses will be drawn at the end of the dinner. This event is a great opportunity to reconnect with neighbors you have not seen over the past long, snowy, cold winter. We hope to see you there!

### Slate of Candidates for BMNA Board

#### Vice President:

Ted Kiesselbach

#### Treasurer:

Paul Markert

#### Area 1 Co-Representatives:

Dave Holet and Greg Froehle

#### Area 3 Co-Representatives:

Jessica Wiley and Rick Carter

#### Area 5 Representative:

Dave Logsdon

#### Area 7: Co-Representatives

Steve Harvey and Andrew Kraling



# BMNA Reporter

Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 9, 2011

**In Attendance:**

Marlin Possehl, president, Ted Kieselbach, vice president, Susan Gay, secretary, Ben Horn, co-treasurer, Scott McLaughlin, NRP/NEC chair, Dave Holets, Greg Froehle, Christopher Etz, Susan Verrett, Dave Wahlsted, Andrew Kraling, Barry Schade, Rick Carter, Jay Peterson, Dave Logson, Steve Harvey, JoEllyn Jolstad, Schools Council, Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator. Guests: Vida Ditter, Tim Hammett, Mpls Police Crime Prevention Specialist, Dylan Thomas, SW Journal, Lisa Goodman, City Council.

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Marlin Possehl called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda – Including: Marlin called for approval and it passed.

**City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman**

Lunch with Lisa on March 28th @ 11:45 at U of St. Thomas.  
Property Taxes  
Clean Sweep  
Mini MBA- Free for 20 people.  
Contact Lisa for applications.

**Crime Report**

One aggravated assault/kidnapping reported but unrelated to neighborhood residents.  
If residents notice any unusual patterns, call 911. Prompt action can prevent crime.  
Cedar Lake Rd and Penn-surveillance of reported drug activity continues. No arrests, yet. Take down license plate numbers, if suspicious.

**Patty Wycoff, NC activity report**

Garage Sale-Officially sponsored for Saturday, only, but often will stay open on Sunday. It is always held the 1st Saturday and Sunday of May. A group of volunteers will assist with planning and execution. Tents are needed for food vendors and they should be close to a water source. Scott and Susan volunteered.

**JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Report**

Want ad coordinator resigned. Volunteer opportunity. Carolyn Bostick served many years and board appreciates her service. A resolution was passed to recognize Carolyn. Proposed recognition at the Annual Meeting.  
The Bugle distribution may take an extra week in April.  
Billings from the printer of the Bugle go directly to the treasurer.

**Membership campaign update –Paul/Patty**

188 residents have sent in membership applications to the BMNA

**NRP report - Scott**

Scott proposed a dollar amount for this year's request. The Board

approved the NCR 2011 application in the sum of \$21,600.

**Community Project committee report/recommendation – Rick**

One extra month will be needed prior to recommendation of award. March 15th deadline.

**LRT Project updates**

Capstone (Humphrey Inst) Project – Rick- Penn Station study will be discussed at later meeting.  
Barry reported. The SW Corridor project has stalled because of time spent on Central Corridor. The draft is not expected until May. CAC morphed into organization supporting Met Council taking over planning and management of SW transit from Hennepin County. Bryn Mawr residents should note comments in report from Planning Commission re: Penn and Van White stations. The issues raised are lack of access to bike and walking trails. The report did not address concerns, or affirm the park-like setting of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood. A report of BM concerns should be established and sent to Planning Commission. Lack of access to Cedar Lakes Trails is a major concern in the BM neighborhood. Sustainable Communities Grant for under represented communities is available for a total of \$800,000 for qualifying neighborhoods. Currently, Bryn Mawr has not been invited to the informational meetings. Documenting that the aged on fixed incomes could be way that BM can qualify. A non profit has been given responsibility for administering funds. Barry will compose article for Bugle.

**Garden Group – Dave Logsdon**

Group has discussed refreshing the downtown Bryn Mawr gardens. Proposed that funding be as a Community project. As the name, Bryn Mawr, is of Welsh origin and daffodils are on the Wales coat of arms, the committee suggested branding Bryn Mawr using daffodils by distributing daffodil bulbs to neighborhood residents. This is an on-going study.  
Group also discussed sponsoring a bicycle garden tour, maybe, with a bicycle bar. This is still under study.  
Suggestions were made to brand the neighborhood as it is identified as a garden within a park.

**Standing Committee Reports**

- Redistricting Cmte / Report – Barry** (No Report)
- Land Use Committee Report—** LUC met re LRT plans and endorsed keeping true to Bryn Mawr's Land Use Plan
- Schools Committee –** JoEllyn reported that the Schools Cmte has opted to take on the role of the Anwatin Community Education Advisory Committee. They have a small account balance that we will explore incorporating into BMNA and keeping restricted.
- Communications Committee –** Jay- See attachment. Send out link when Bugle is posted on website
- Redesign of Wirth Lake area.**

BMNA 2011 Budget	
	2011 Budget
Membership Donations	17,530
General Donations	0
Total Donations	17,530
Bugle Ads (Renewal)	11,500
Bugle Ads (New)	1,000
Bugle Ads (Classified)	700
Bugle Fundraising	0
Bugle Subscriptions	50
Total Bugle	13,250
Garage Sale	2,500
Ice Cream Social	800
Total Fundraising	3,300
Bank Interest	1,000
Total Income:	35,080
Labor: Bugle Contract	7,975
Bugle Commissions (Renew)	2,400
Bugle Commissions (New)	400
Bugle Printing	6,500
Bugle Postage	450
Bugle Bad Debt	0
Total Bugle	17,725
Labor: Neighborhood Coordinator	9,000
Community Project	2,000
Community Garden Maintenance	1,000
Garage Sale	600
Ice Cream Social	800
Harvest Dinner	300
Total Programs	4,700
Stationary and Printing	1,500
Postage	600
Web Site	154
Email List Service	0
Total Communications	2,254
Insurance	220
Supplies	400
Software	216
Public Meetings	90
Subscriptions	55
Bank Fees	50
Taxes and Filing Fees	50
Repair & Maintenance	0
Donations	0
Total Administration	1,081
Fire Hydrants	320
Total Expenses:	35,080
Net Income:	0

Bryn Mawr representative Karen Soderberg drafted a survey about proposed changes, including potential elimination of the par 3 golf course. A proposal was made to send out surveys to the neighborhood to offer an input opportunity. Moved, seconded and passed to send out survey to BM.

**Treasurer's report– Ben Horn**

NRP money appropriated.  
Proposal for NRP project.  
Garden Group discussion. Rain Gardens paid up to 25%-30 slots with 20 sold. Metro Blooms working with individuals. Approved grants. Cedar Lake Townhomes will do a large garden.  
Workshop on solar heaters. Small turnout. Vendors attended.  
Downtown Bryn Mawr project moving forward. Lighting installed and banners will be installed. 10% of the money must come from neighborhood. Need to pay \$4600. Short \$2000. Motion by Jay Peterson and seconded by Scott McLaughlin as follows: "To authorize the use of Penn Avenue traffic calming funds in NRP to cover over-

age of Downtown Project. Make all reasonable effort to limit BMNA liability to 10% of total project." The motion passed.  
Motion to approve application for new NRP engagement Community Neighborhood fund. Apply for funds. \$14,000 estimate \$21,600 requested. Moved, seconded and passed.  
Budget-balanced, Estimates for garage sale income and membership donations. Moved - , seconded and passed.  
Adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wed, April 13, 7:00 p.m., BM Elementary

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
Membership campaign in progress  
Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales –Sat, May 7

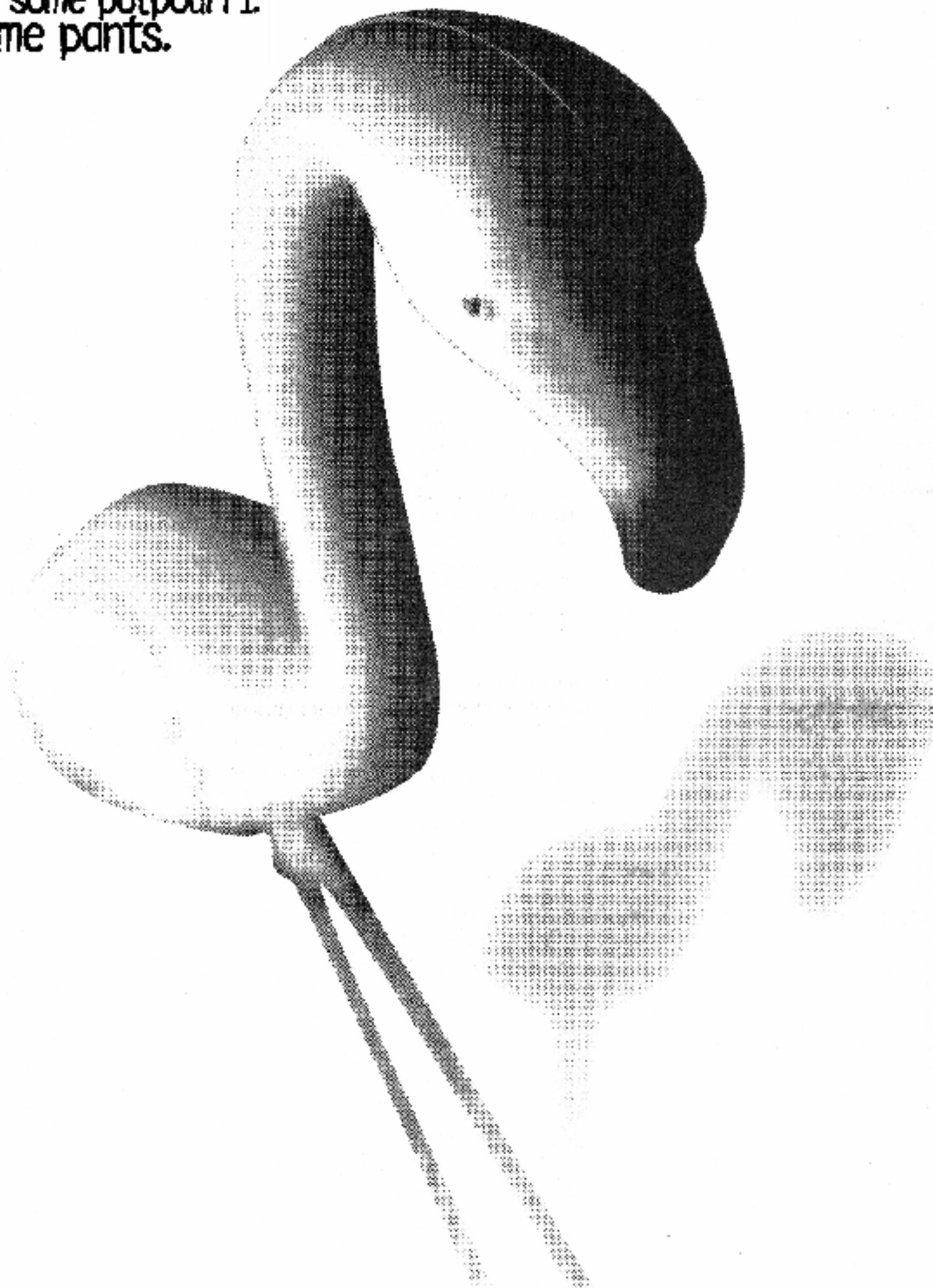
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# Recycling

## Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
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# From the Editor

I have spent the better part of the past two years working to open a new public French Immersion school. It has been some of the most rewarding (and stressful) work I have ever done and now the opening is less than five months away. In addition to all the intricacies of school development, enrollment, hiring, and budget, we are constantly facing the challenge of overcoming stereotypes about this highly effective educational model.

Pierre Bottineau French Immersion will be in the Jordan Park School building on 30th and Humboldt Avenues, in the heart of north Minneapolis. I am often asked, “What makes you think French Immersion will be successful in North Minneapolis?”

Well, there are 35 year of research that shows that students in all demographic groups do well on standardized tests when they attend a French Immersion school. There are two very successful French Immersion schools in Minnesota. L'Etoile du Nord on the east side of St. Paul and Normandale in Edina.

In fact, Normandale is ranked 5th out of 702 on Schooldigger.com's Minnesota Elementary School Rankings. But, while the school is significantly more diverse now than when it opened in 1994, it is still primarily white students of privilege, so their success does little to help us make

a case for achievement for at-risk urban students in Minneapolis.

We found the evidence we were looking for at Milwaukee French Immersion School. This is a very diverse school where 93% of the students score proficient or higher on state tests (in English!), compared with 53% in the Milwaukee Public Schools district. In several instances, African-American and economically disadvantaged students performed as high or higher than the school average.

So guess where I spent Spring Break? (Try to contain your jealousy!) What we saw was amazing. Parents, students and staff of all races focused on high achievement and all the advantages that multi-lingualism brings.

According to the Streets Blog website, data from the recent census revealed that Milwaukee is the most segregated city in America. Milwaukee French Immersion School is located in north Milwaukee, yet this school is full of kids, not only from the predominantly African-American neighborhood, but from all areas of the city and suburbs.

My hope is that we can bring this same mix to north Minneapolis and someday, the people of the area will say what I have been able to say for years, “We have an excellent school in our neighborhood.”

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org

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# CounterTalk

by Dave Logsdon



"It is a good thing for an uneducated man to read books of quotations"

-Winston Churchill-

Spring hath sprung and the birds are singing and we realize that not everyone picked up their doggy doo-doo this winter! We look at our calendars and we also realize that the Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales is coming! Run for your lives!

## Bryn Mawr rocks the Benefit

Bryn Mawr Coffee Shop owner/operator Kevin Hazlett found out first hand what this community thinks of him. On March 15th, Bunkers Bar on Washington Avenue was alive with music and auctioning as friends and family turned out to show their support for this community mainstay. I saw a lot of neighbors having a wonderful time for a good cause. Kevin was blown away by the number of people and generous auction items including a week at a big condo in Play del Camen, Mexico that went for \$2900!

Now that the music has faded, all of those who couldn't make it down for the event, can still show support for Kevin and his family by dropping in the coffee shop to purchase a coffee or muffin. He's fighting a tough fight against pancreatic cancer and appreciates what this community has done.

## The hip bone connected to..

Thanks to an enlightened customer, a refugee from "GlenBeckistan" no

## 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.

doubt, the Bryn Market found out that it is supporting Al Queda! The Market has started selling products from the Holyland Deli which is located up in NE Minneapolis. Apparently, the Palestinian folks that own Holyland have donation jars set out to support charitable relief efforts for the victims of the devastating attacks on Gaza. If you connect the dots, voila, you buy some hummus, you support terrorism! See how much you miss when you don't watch FOX news! Seriously folks, if you don't want to buy something because of "political" reasons, you don't have to. Vote with your feet! The Market sells Arizona iced tea. I don't buy this product because they also distribute Crazy Horse Malt Liquor to Native American communities despite being asked by the American Indian Movement to not do this. Crazy Horse is a revered figure in Native culture and to sell high alcohol content liquor to their communities was adding insult to injury. The company ignored their request and I voted with my feet and walked on by.

## Feel the energy!

Put your hands ya'll! There is so much bleeping energy afoot in this here community! Can I get an amen!

Since tossing around casually with NRP co-ordinator Scott McLaughlin the idea of having a community garden group and, subsequently calling a meeting, we have created a monster! I am the so-called head of the group, but I have no control of this circus. The inmates are running the asylum, and thank goodness for that! It is amazing the number of creative, talented, visionary people who have invested their time and energy with this group. All I do is set up a meeting date, get a venue to meet, open the meeting and sit back and watch

them go. We've got big plans for our community gardens, maybe even a Garden Tour, and of course kicking off the building of many Rain gardens all around Bryn Mawr.

## Before I leave you....

With the Garage Sale coming up, a short reminder about the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood's sponsorship of this event. When you fill out your form and pay your Garage Sale fee, you are helping to support this community. Oh sure you can have a sale and not pay a cent, but that would be kind of not too cool. Now nobody from the BMNA is going to sneak up on you and give you a wedgy if you don't pay, but we know who you are, if you catch my drift.

Police Chief Tim Dolan gets a Counter Talk tip of the cap for dropping in the Bryn Mawr Coffee Shop to see how Kevin was doing. A quiet gesture that I thought was very classy.

It was kind of cool to see Bryn Mawr's Alexei Moon Casselle and his wife Channy on the same stage as Garrison Keilor at the Fitzgerald Theatre. They were guests on guitarist extraordinaire Pat Donahue's recent show there and Garrison as he is prone to do made a cameo appearance.

From before I started writing this monthly piece at the Bugle sixteen

long years ago, Carolyn Bastick has been doing the classified ad section voluntarily. Carolyn is moving on and may become a part of our Gardening Group. Thanks again for your service.

We leave in a very safe community in Bryn Mawr. Sometimes it's easy to forget that we live in a city and we take public safety for granted. It seems like once a year we get a mugging where someone is knocked down or threatened at knifepoint and robbed. That why it is important to be aware of your surroundings and look out for your neighbors. These kinds of crimes are a very traumatic experience for the victims and we all should be vigilant to prevent them from becoming routine.

From crime to daffodils, the king of segues moves on! The name Bryn Mawr is Welsh in origin. The national flower of Wales is the daffodil. Because of this, these wacky garden group "terrorists" are plotting a daffodil takeover of Bryn Mawr. Before we know it, the DAFFODILS are coming, the DAFFODILS are coming!

That's about enough of this foolishness for this month, see you soon!

- davesmagnets@gmail.com

On behalf of Kevin Hazlett, the planning posse would like to thank everyone for contributing to the "We Love Kevin Hazlett" benefit. It was heartwarming and over the top great to see the Bryn Mawr music loving neighborhood out in full force to support the cause. It was a great success and we know Kevin and his family truly appreciated seeing everyone.

The account set up in Kevin's name will remain open and if anyone missed the event, you can still support by contributing to:

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- Sue McLean



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# The Pests in Your Trees: How to Spot the Emerald Ash Borer

By Angie's List Staff:

The Emerald ash borer is a beetle that chews up ash trees quickly. The little larvae feed on the bark of ash trees. The hungry bugs destroy a tree's ability to absorb water and nutrients. Experts think the Emerald ash borer arrived in the country inside wood packing materials transported from Asia. The United States Depart-

ment of Agriculture has tracked the bug since it arrived in 2002 around Detroit. Since then the Emerald ash borer has killed millions of ash trees in Michigan alone and the spread of the beetle has left a path of destruction. The borer has destroyed tens of millions more in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Despite efforts to control the spread of EAB, each year tree experts say they creep further into the nation. "The Emerald ash borer can do a lot of damage and the tree may be dead before you realize it," says Angie Hicks. "What people don't realize is that the trees in your yard can add 3-7 percent to the value of your home so investing in them can be a great return on your home." Angie's List, the nation's leader in consumer reviews, surveyed about a dozen highly rated arborists who say more people are calling them for help to identify EAB. Here's advice on how to spot the green menace.

## Signs of Emerald Ash Borer Infestation:

- **Hear a Tapping Sound:** Increased woodpecker activity around your ash trees may indicate the borers are present. Woodpeckers dig into the tree to eat EAB larvae.
- **Looking Thin:** Look at the top third of the tree. If you notice the canopy thinning or dying back, it's a sign the beetles have arrived and are prohibiting water and nutrients from getting to that part of the ash tree.
- **Give me a D:** When adult Emerald ash borers emerge from inside the tree, they leave D-shaped holes. Sometimes the holes look like a D with the flat side down. Adult activity is usually noticed June through August. Finding the problem early is essential, say arborists. Treatments are always more cost-effective than having the tree removed. Right now, the most effective treatment is a series of injections into the tree. You'll need a tree service to do this for you and expect several treatments to make sure the borer is gone. The injections range

in cost from \$7 to \$16 per trunk diameter inch. Removing the tree could cost thousands of dollars depending on its size. The key to saving the tree without spending a fortune is finding the right tree service to help.

## Why Hire an Arborist?

An arborist is a specialist in the care of individual trees and they are trained and equipped to provide proper care. Pruning or removing trees, especially large trees, can be dangerous work. Tree work should be done only by those trained and equipped to work safely in trees.

- **Membership Card:** Ask if the tree service has members in professional organizations such as the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), or the American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA). This demonstrates a willingness on the part of the arborist to stay up to date on the latest techniques and information.
- **Certified:** Find out if the tree service has an ISA-certified arborist on staff. Certified Arborists have passed an extensive examination covering all aspects of tree care.
- **Ask for proof of insurance.** A reputable arborist carries personal and property damage insurance as well as workers compensation insurance. You could be held responsible for damages and injuries by an uninsured contractor.

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## Anwatin March Food Drive a Big Success!

The Anwatin students and staff paired up with local businesses and CM3 Elite to collect and deliver 1711 pounds of food to Branch I food shelf in the Phillips neighborhood. March is MN food share month and Branch I will have their donations matched through Minnesota Food Share. The Community Service class along with 2 very involved students and several members of CM3 loaded up two buses and delivered their donation on March 30.

Anwatin collected non-perishable food items in their advisory classes. The students also made a video as well as collected food at Anwatin's talent show. Local Bryn Mawr businesses that also collected food included Bryn Mawr Market, Cup O'

Java, Fast Freddie's Pizza, and Milda's Cafe. Thank you Anwatin and thank you Bryn Mawr businesses!

CM3 Elite is a Minneapolis based car club that is also a service-oriented non-profit organization. They have supported such causes as Second Harvest, providing back to school supplies and being mentors for at-risk students to help them stay in school and make positive choices. This year they have also teamed up with Anwatin to speak to students and support the March food drive - bringing in almost 400 pounds of food. Thank you, CM3!



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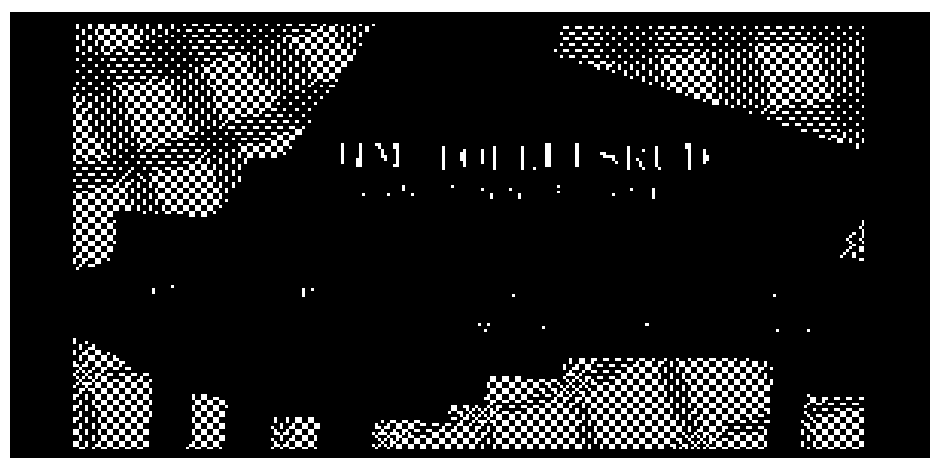


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## 3rd Annual Meeting

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

5:30—Community Pot Luck  
6:00—Meeting  
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Multi-purpose room

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# The BMNA Communication Committee

Jay Peterson

What started with BMNA board members assigned to review the Bryn Mawr Bugle has evolved into a full communications committee. This committee was asked to look at all of the communication vehicles of the BMNA and take stock of where we are.

As multiple modes of communication become available, the committee is charged to take a broad look and provide feedback for those responsible for each of the vehicles. Communication Committee members met on February 21, 2011, to discuss the Bugle, our BMNA website, the coordinator email distribution list, the community board in downtown Bryn Mawr, the Bryn Mawr directory, the BMNA Board Google group, and Bryn Mawr’s presence on Facebook. The committee named one committee member to work with each communication mode.

Discussion centered on identifying target audiences and priorities and opportunities related to each mode of communication. Committee members recognize that the neighborhood needs both electronic and hard copy communications to reach all community members.

From our research, Bryn Mawr is unique in publishing our own regular neighborhood newspaper that is not commercial. We could not find another example in Minneapolis. Historically, the Bugle has served as the official voice of the neighborhood association for several decades. Meeting minutes are posted in the Bugle, local writers and columnists contribute, updates from committees are published, and activities and ads for local entrepreneurs are a regular occurrence. While paying for a large part of its own way, the Bugle has always been subsidized with the support of neighbor membership dues and grants. While the paper is still able to support the majority of its funding, the committee discussed ways to increase the financial health of the newspaper as printing costs increase and ads decrease. The committee asked the Bugle editor to work with the BMNA treasurer to clarify how the financials are working.

Committee recommendations for the Bugle included raising the rates for classified ads to \$4.00 per ad and investigating options for the back page to be sold for display ads. Further areas to explore were giving discounts to people paying a year at a time; they currently get one free month of advertising, and to carry holiday personal ads for things like Valentine’s Day and graduations. We recommended increasing the website presence in the Bugle and publishing Bugle classified ads on the website. We asked the editor to confirm that every business in Bryn Mawr is getting a Bugle. Other ideas discussed included expanding Bugle content by soliciting monthly contributions from the garden group, photo contests or juried art, book and restaurant reviews, and historical

biographies of favorite Bryn Martians. Area reps will be asked to contribute something twice a year, or find a neighbor to contribute from their area. For the other communication vehicles, ideas discussed included increasing the website as a focal point of information for neighbors and those interested in the neighborhood, including realtors and potential businesses. Committee members agreed that data needs to be collected for both the website and the email distribution list about usage and desired content. The committees also discussed reviewing and updating the Bryn Mawr neighborhood directory and determining the value of having a Facebook presence. Is our Facebook presence communicating the right message for Bryn Mawr? Do we ‘like’ it? There is a lot of positive energy on this committee, and we look for updates for communicating with you, our neighbors.

## COORDINATOR CORNER

**My name is Patty Wycoff and I am the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Coordinator. Feel free to contact me at [organizer@bmna.org](mailto:organizer@bmna.org) or 612-2377-4565.** Please add your e-mail to the BMNA e-mail list. Go to [bmna.org](http://bmna.org) and click on “add to e-mail.” You will receive information about upcoming events, snow emergencies, crime reports, etc.

## Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - April 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
<b>Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales - May 7-8</b> <b>Your registration supports the BMNA!</b> <b>Registration form on page 9</b>					1	2
3	4	Land Use Committee 5 Meeting, 7pm, RM 136, Bryn Mawr Elementary	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	BMNA Monthly 13 Meeting, 7pm, Bryn Mawr Elemen- tary Cafeteria	14	15	Earth Day Cleanup 16 9:30am-12noon at three Bryn Mawr Locations: - Bassett's Creek - Wirth Lake Beach - Cedar Lake
17	18	ROC Committee, 19 6:30, Ripley Gardens	20	Bryn Mawr 21 Elementary Family Fun Night and Silent Auction, 5:30-7:30, 252 Upton Ave. S.	22	23
24	25	26	27	Lunch w/ Lisa 28 Goodman 12 noon at St. Thomas Univ. 10th and LaSalle, RM 257 \$10/person for lunch	29	30



# Bryn Mawr Community Solar Projects

## Only 10 Grants Remain for Solar-Powered Hot Water Heating! Financing Available!

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association and Make Mine Solar H2O are excited to announce grants up to \$2000 for the installation of solar-powered hot water heating systems. The program is an initiative organized by the MN Renewable Energy Society (MRES) to enable easy and affordable installation of solar thermal systems through bulk purchase discounts, state rebates, federal incentives and local grants.

Several local contractors and two equipment suppliers have agreed to pre-negotiated prices for the installation and equipment costs which are typically around \$9000. The grants, discounts, and incentives reduce the final cost to \$3200-\$3600 and the variation depends on the panel manufacturer selected by the homeowner. Financing is available and the systems are exempt from sales and property taxes.

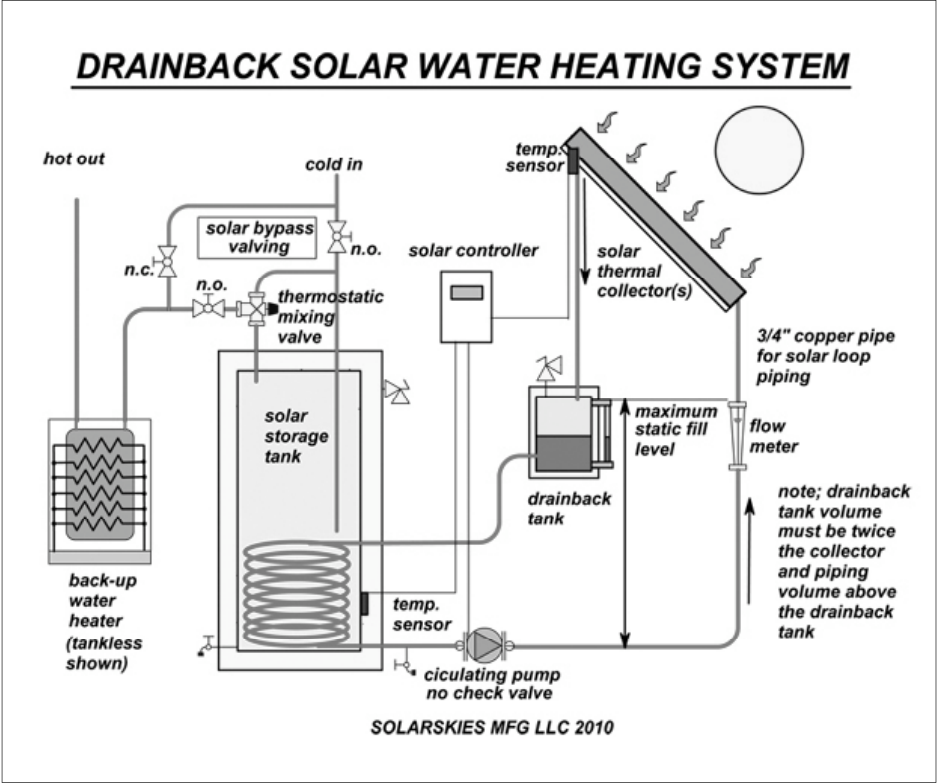
Property owners utilize their existing hot water heaters and the equipment installers connect the solar panel system to pre-heat the cold incoming city water. Thermal hot water heating systems require a smaller footprint than whole-house solar panel systems and commonly range from 20-40 sq. ft. for a family of 4-6. Help us contribute to our

local economy and to a greener future and save money doing so!

To start and for more details about the program including contractor information visit [www.makeminesolar.org](http://www.makeminesolar.org) and fill out the interest form for a free site analysis to see if your site has potential. For further information visit [www.MNRenewables.org](http://www.MNRenewables.org) and [www.mnseia.org](http://www.mnseia.org) and [www.pacenow.org](http://www.pacenow.org) and [www.bmna.org](http://www.bmna.org)

Remember there are no income limits and only one grant is allowed per property. The BMNA also continues to offer grants up to \$3000 for solar panel systems that supply electrical power to the entire home. Eligible properties include single family houses, businesses, owner-occupied multi-unit homes, condos, and town homes. Interested homeowners should act quickly because the funds are on a first-come, first-serve basis and all work must be complete by December 2011.

Please note that the BMNA is an independent third party to any transaction between you and the contractor; BMNA receives no compensation from any contractor or non-profit group, nor does



BMNA accept any liability for any work performed by the contractors. 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

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Quarter page, 3-column	7 3/8" w X 5.25" h	\$70	\$80
Quarter page, 1-column	2 3/8" w X 16" h	\$70	\$80
3-column, 1/4 high	7 3/8" w X 3 7/8" h	\$50	\$65
Sixth-page vertical	4 7/8 x 6 3/8	\$50	\$65
Eighth page, horizontal	4 7/8" w X 3 7/8" h	\$35	\$45
Business Card, horizontal	4 7/8" w X 2 3/8" h	\$25	\$30
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For more information contact Deryck (377-8968) [djolstad@msn.com](mailto:djolstad@msn.com)

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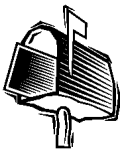
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# Letters

## Sumner Library

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Need an escape for few hours? Can't afford the getaway that you need? Cabin fever? Walk or use their free parking, find a comfortable chair, pick up books on hold and be rescued from winter.

By visiting Sumner Library, you have access to entire Hennepin County Library System and of Minnesota through Inter Library Loan.

Give yourself a treat and go to the library at 611 Van White Mem. Blvd. or visit the website: [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org)

## What all Bryn Mawr residents should know about their property taxes.

We all know that we pay our property taxes from our incomes. We also know that the amount of our property taxes are assessor driven. For example, there are many of us, in similar situations, that purchased our homes for under \$30,000 but now the same house, for the same people, is valued over \$300,000 for tax purposes. The assessor is mandated to ignore the fact that the income of the same people, in retire-

ment, may be the same as when they purchased the home for under \$30,000.

We all pay for the same CITY SERVICES, but we don't have a uniform tax burden for those services. Most of us sense that there exists an inequity in our property tax burden, but we don't know what that is. However, now there exists a scientific Voss Report that defines our property tax burdens. It was prepared by the Minnesota Department of Revenue Research Department. Among many things, it shows that in Minnesota 3.17 billion dollars were collected in home- stead property taxes on a total income of 135.5 billion dollars. That translates to 2.34% of household income that was paid, on the average, per house- hold to property taxes.

If all of Minneapolis households had a 2.34% or a 3.5% property tax burden, we would not have a prop- erty tax problem. However, our State Legislature refused to recognize that an assessor driven tax is inherently inequitable. The Legislators prefers to mitigate the inequities by property tax relief checks. Data collected by the Voss Report shows that out of 1,306,500 households, 364,000 received property tax relief. That is about 28% of households that are sub- sidized. It is also very unfortunate that our Minneapolis political leaders are not advocating for an equitable local tax that would generate an equal or better revenue stream, based on an income driven tax rather than on an assessor driven tax without the need to subsidize any household.

For additional information you may contact Juris Curiskis @ 612-377-6153.



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## The City

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us>

### It's Spring! Be Courteous

It's spring in Bryn Mawr. We can finally open our windows to hear the sweetly chirping birds. We can walk the sidewalks without fear of slippery ice. Sadly, the cheery avian peeps are not the only noises that drift in the windows. A jarring racket of barking dogs, lawnmowers, and radios sometimes invades our homes. While it's true that we no longer dodge ice while walking, some piles of dog feces need to be given wide berth. Please let this article serve as a friendly reminder from the BMNA: Be courteous to your neighbors and obey the city ordinances regarding dogs and noise.

#### An excerpt from the City of Minneapolis website:

##### Minneapolis city ordinances require:

Dog owners to pick up and dispose of their dogs' feces in a sanitary manner, whether on their own property, someone else's property, or public property.

Dog owners to keep their dogs from frequently or habitually disturbing others by barking.

Try to resolve animal complaints with your neighbors if possible.

Minneapolis Mediation Program can help mediate the issues with you: Call (612) 822-9883. To report violations of these ordinances, call Animal Control between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. weekdays (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on weekends) at (612) 348-4250.

#### Common Noise Restrictions

- Construction/demolition noise is allowed 7am-6pm, Monday through Friday. An After-Hours Work Permit is required for work anytime on Saturday or Sunday.
- Garbage pickup noise is allowed 6am-10pm within 500 feet of a residential property. Complaints should be submitted to Business Licensing.
- Outdoor amplified sound audible above the level of conversational speech at a distance of 50 feet likely requires a Sound Permit at any time.
- Sound from motor vehicle sound system or audio system clearly audible beyond 50 feet from where it is originating is illegal.
- Power lawnmowers, power trimmers, power saws, leaf blowers, or similar tools are allowed to operate between 7am-10pm.
- Snow blowers/snow plows may be operated at any time as conditions warrant.

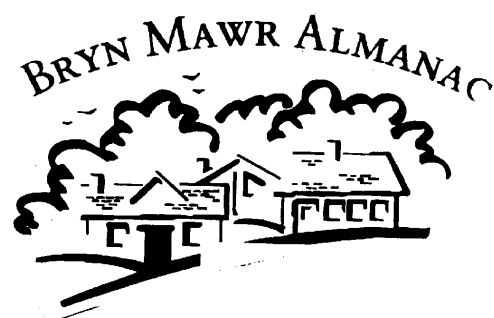
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| April 3, 2010<br><br>April 6, 2009<br><br>April 13, 2011<br><br>April 18, 2011<br>April 19, 2008 | That magic day when a glance at a distant row of trees causes you to blink: after five months of gray, there's a faint yellow-green color that will deepen every day for the next 10 days until it's unmistakably green.<br><br>First crocus in bloom. Soon to be followed by a host of yellow dandelions announcing that spring has arrived, at least on the south side of the house. A little dirty snow remains along the driveway on the north side.<br><br>Average ice-out date for Lake Minnetonka. For Lake Pepin, it's April 9; Mille Lacs, April 24; Lake of the Woods, April 29; Rainy, May 3.<br><br>Full moon, the Ojibwe Maple Sugar moon.<br><br>Migrating loons calling on Wirth lake |
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# Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary

## THE WILDFLOWER GARDEN OPENS FOR THE 2011 SEASON ON APRIL 1st!

Spring is here and the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary is about to open. The first flowers of the season will appear as we unlock the gates for the 2011 Garden season. Come early to see the pussy willow in full bloom. Look for the unusual skunk cabbage nestled along the wetland's edge. Keep your eyes open for the emerging foliage and flowers of the spring ephemerals, the Garden's timeless treasures. In addition, take advantage of the wonderful array of migratory songbirds that are stopping at the Garden before they journey further north.

Every Saturday at 11am, Sunday at 4pm, and Tuesday at 5:30pm Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden Naturalists offer free Garden Highlights Nature Hikes at the Garden. Learn about the latest blossoms and birds on these fabulous (and free!) explorations of the Garden. Each Saturday morning at 9:30am a free spring birding program is offered for new and experienced bird watchers. It's a wonderful opportunity to spend time in the field with a seasoned group of birders.

Themed tours on a variety of natural history topics are available on Saturdays at 3pm and Sundays at 1pm. These programs will delve a little deeper into particular subjects like Minnesota native tree identification, birding skills, wildflower identification and more. Special classes take things a step further bringing local specialists into the Garden to teach you about the wonders of nature within the Garden gates. Please see the calendar and program descriptions for more information.

### Program Registration:

Go online to [www.minneapolisparks.org](http://www.minneapolisparks.org) to register using ActiveNet, stop in the Martha Crone Visitors Shelter, or call us at 612-370-4903. All programs begin at the Shelter unless otherwise noted.

### Garden Information and Inquiries:

To ask Garden related questions or to inquire about plants in bloom and recent bird sightings please stop by the Martha Crone Visitors Shelter or call 370-4903 during Shelter hours.

#### Garden Hours:

The Garden is open daily from April 1st to October 15th from 7:30am to 1 hour before sunset. Weather permitting the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden will open April 1st. A late snowstorm could delay the opening. Please call 612-370-4903 to verify early spring hours.

#### Martha Crone Visitors Shelter Hours:

Monday to Saturday: 10:00am to 1 hour before sunset  
Sunday: Noon to 1 hour before sunset

#### Directions:

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary is located 1/2 mile north of I-394 on Theodore Wirth Parkway. Metro Transit bus route 9 stops at Glenwood Avenue and Theodore Wirth Parkway, just a two-block walk to the Garden entrance.

## Public Programs and Tours - April 2011

### Saturday, April 2nd

9:30-11:00am Spring Birding at the Garden	Free
11:00am-12:00 Garden Highlights Nature Hike	Free
1:00pm-4:00pm Garden Open House	Free

### Sunday, April 3rd

1:00-2:30pm Native Tree ID Tour	\$5/person \$10/family
4:00-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike	Free
7:30-8:30pm New Moon Garden Tour	\$5/person \$10/family

### Tuesday, April 5th

5:30-6:30pm Evening Nature Stroll	Free
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### Saturday, April 9th

9:30-11:00am Spring Birding at the Garden	Free
11:00am-12:00 Garden Highlights Nature Hike	Free
3:00-4:30pm Spring Wildflower Tour	\$5/person \$10/family

### Sunday, April 10th

1:00-2:30pm Birding Basics Tour	\$5/person \$10/family
4:00-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike	Free

### Tuesday, April 12th

5:30-6:30pm Evening Nature Stroll	Free
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### Saturday, April 16th

9:30-11:00am Spring Birding at the Garden	Free
11:00am-12:00 Garden Highlights Nature Hike	Free
1:00-3:00pm Wonder in the Garden Art Event*	Free
3:00-4:30pm Spring Ephemeral Tour	\$5/person \$10/family
7:45-8:45pm Full Pink Moon Garden Tour	\$5/person \$10/family

### Sunday, April 17th

1:00-2:30pm Spring Wildflower Tour	\$5/person \$10/family
4:00-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike	Free

### Monday, April 18th

5:30-7:00pm Nature's Healers- Early Woodland Medicines* Special Class	\$15.00/person
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### Tuesday, April 19th

5:30-6:30pm Evening Nature Stroll	Free
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### Friday, April 22nd

9:30-11:00am Wildflower Photography 101* Special Class	\$15.00/person
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### Saturday, April 23rd

9:30-11:00am Spring Birding at the Garden	Free
11:00am-12:00 Garden Highlights Nature Hike	Free
3:00-4:30pm Secrets of the Spring Woods Tour	\$5/person, \$10/family

### Sunday, April 24th

1:00-2:30pm Spring Ephemeral Tour	\$5/person \$10/family
4:00-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike	Free

### Tuesday, April 26th

5:30-6:30pm Evening Nature Stroll	Free
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### Thursday, April 28th

10:00am-1:00pm Sketching Nature (1/4)*	
*Special Class \$89.00 for 4-session course	

### Saturday, April 30th

9:30-11:00am Spring Birding at the Garden	Free
11:00am-12:00 Garden Highlights Nature Hike	Free
3:00-4:30pm Quaking Bog Tour	\$5/person \$10/family

### Wildflower Garden Open House

**Free**  
Join us in the Visitors Shelter and out on the trails to welcome in our 104th season at the Wildflower Garden. Take a look at our April displays, talk to staff about the season ahead, and indulge in the warmth of a fire and a nourishing treat. Take a tour at 11am with one of our naturalists before you come to fully enjoy the start to this Wildflower Garden season.

### Special Classes

#### Sketching Nature- Journaling your Journey with Nature

Led by artist Sandy Muzzy  
Spring Session: Four Thursdays, 10:00am-1:00pm  
April 28, May 5, 12, and 19                      Cost: \$89.00

Class fee paid to Instructor: \$8.50 for 6 x 10 Arch-  
es Watercolor Travel Pad - or bring along your  
own sturdy journal.

*Join us in the Garden as we journal and record our impressions of spring in nature. Watercolor will be our primary medium. We will also experiment with a variety of different techniques including pen and ink, watercolor pencils, mono-printing and making your own pigment from soil. Come with previous experience or none! Be prepared to have a great time and get your hands dirty. We will make a personal, lasting record of spring's ephemeral beauty at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden.*

### Nature's Healers- Medicinal Plants of the Garden

Led by herbalist Cynthia Thomas  
Mondays, 5:30-7 pm                      Cost: \$15.00/class  
April 18- Early Woodland Medicines  
May 2- Spring Edible and Medicinal Plants  
May 16- Introduction to Wild Medicines

*Spring is a time of personal renewal. Join herbalist Cynthia Thomas in the field to learn about the simple use of plants as medicine and food. Learn about the healing properties of plants growing in the Garden and your own backyard. Find out which plants are traditionally eaten in the spring for their health benefits. Discover how to identify and use several favorite medicinal plants species.*

### Gardening with Wildflowers

Led by botanist Shirley Mah Kooyman  
Tuesdays, 10am-12pm                      Cost: \$60.00  
May 3, 10, and 17

*Wildflowers are valued as reliable and beautiful plants to use in formal and informal homes gardens. Join us for a fun foray into the art and science of gardening with wildflowers in your own backyard. Learn more about several different easy to grow wildflower species while being shown the basics of garden design and simple plant propagation techniques. Participants will have the opportunity to propagate and take home wildflowers obtained from the teacher's own garden.*

### Photographing Wildflowers 101

Led by photographer John Maciejny  
Fridays, 9:30-11am                      Cost: \$15.00/class  
April 22- Early Spring Ephemerals  
May 6- Showy Woodland Wildflowers  
May 20- Ferns and Foliage

*Learning how to photograph the subtle beauty of native plants takes time, patience and the right tools. Join seasoned photographer John Maciejny in the field to learn about photographing wildflowers to capture their beauty, brightness and form. In this class participants will be taught basic techniques to create stunning floral images. Digital or film cameras are welcome.*

### Special Events

#### Wonder in the Wildflower Garden: Hands-on Art Exploration Series

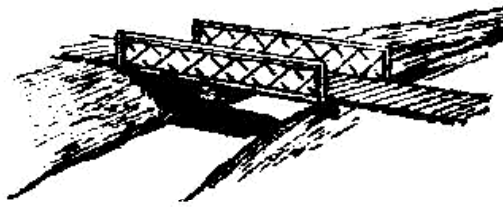
*April through August, join artists from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts for third Saturdays in the Wildflower Garden. Find out what artists wonder about. Explore inspirations from the museum and nature. Then roll up your sleeves and make some art!*

#### Hand-sewn bird sculptures with artist Natalie Northrup

April 16th, 1:00-3:00pm  
Meet outside of Martha Crone Visitor Shelter in the Garden                      Cost: Free!  
*Natalie will assist you in creating a beautiful hand-sewn bird sculpture of your very own. Look up and all around you to find inspiration for your creation from the birds of the Garden. Learn more about Natalie's muse for the project, the print "Willow, Cherry Blossoms, Sparrows and Swallow" by Japanese artist Utagawa Hiroshige housed at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Pre-registration is encouraged to guarantee a space. We will try to accommodate all walk-ins.*



# View From the Bridge



Nature Journaling - April 2011

Many of the past columns from “View From The Bridge” can be considered examples of Nature Journaling. Nature Journaling is the regular recording of observations, experiences, impressions, and sensations of the natural world. Recording tools may include writing, use of visual art media such as drawing or painting, even audio and video recordings. Observing and drawing, or observing and writing can be mutually reinforcing activities. The act of recording what one sees can strengthen one’s powers of observation.

Have a reason for journaling! I began writing “View From The Bridge” to educate neighbors of plantings and natural area restorations. From an early column, “While woodland wildflowers can be found in numerous parts of Bassett’s Creek Park, the greatest concentration and diversity of plants are located south of Glenwood Avenue, site of 2001 and 2003 restoration projects.” The 2003 columns began with a review of the history of Bassett’s Creek Park and Fruen Mill and Glenwood Inglewood. The 2004 columns described wildflowers of Bassett’s Creek Park adjacent to Glenwood Avenue. Beginning by describing the trees planted in downtown Bryn Mawr (Cedar Lake Road from Oliver to Queen Avenue, as well as nearby Penn Avenue), the 2005 and 2006 columns highlighted street and backyard trees found in Bryn Mawr Neighborhood. Columns of 2007 celebrated the 100th anniversary of Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden with unique plants found in or near this urban treasure. The 2008 columns continued to explore Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden with a history of the garden and studies of wildflowers, grasses, and mushrooms found there. Then I discovered natural areas of greater Minnesota and wanted to share these with readers. Topics from 2009 widened the topics not only to greater Minnesota and surrounding natural areas (Isle Royale, Duluth’s Hawk Ridge, North Shore, Lake Pepin, area nature centers) but to the broader topic of natural history (fall color change, mosses and club-mosses, ecology, birds). Many of the 2010 columns addressed water and its impact on our natural world: Lake Superior geology, snowflakes, glaciers, Fort Snelling State Park, aquatic and heath plants. Local natural areas and weeds are topics of 2011 columns. Have a reason for journaling – to develop your creativity; for the benefit of better gardening – to learn about weather and climate, to learn for yourself when to plant, weed, harvest, put the garden to bed; when to look for

and to address pests. No doubt, you will have different reasons to journal.

Exercise your skills of observation; look and listen carefully! Exercise - Read a lot of literature, study a lot of art. Be in the mood to write or draw, maybe go for a walk and think, sit and think, write but when? A country western star sings, “Live like you were dying”. I suggest, look as if you were leaving, listen as if you were losing. Think about the person that you love – certainly you know how they look, how they move, smell, feel. Approach your nature observations with no less care and attention.

**Words & pictures – writing and recording tools!**

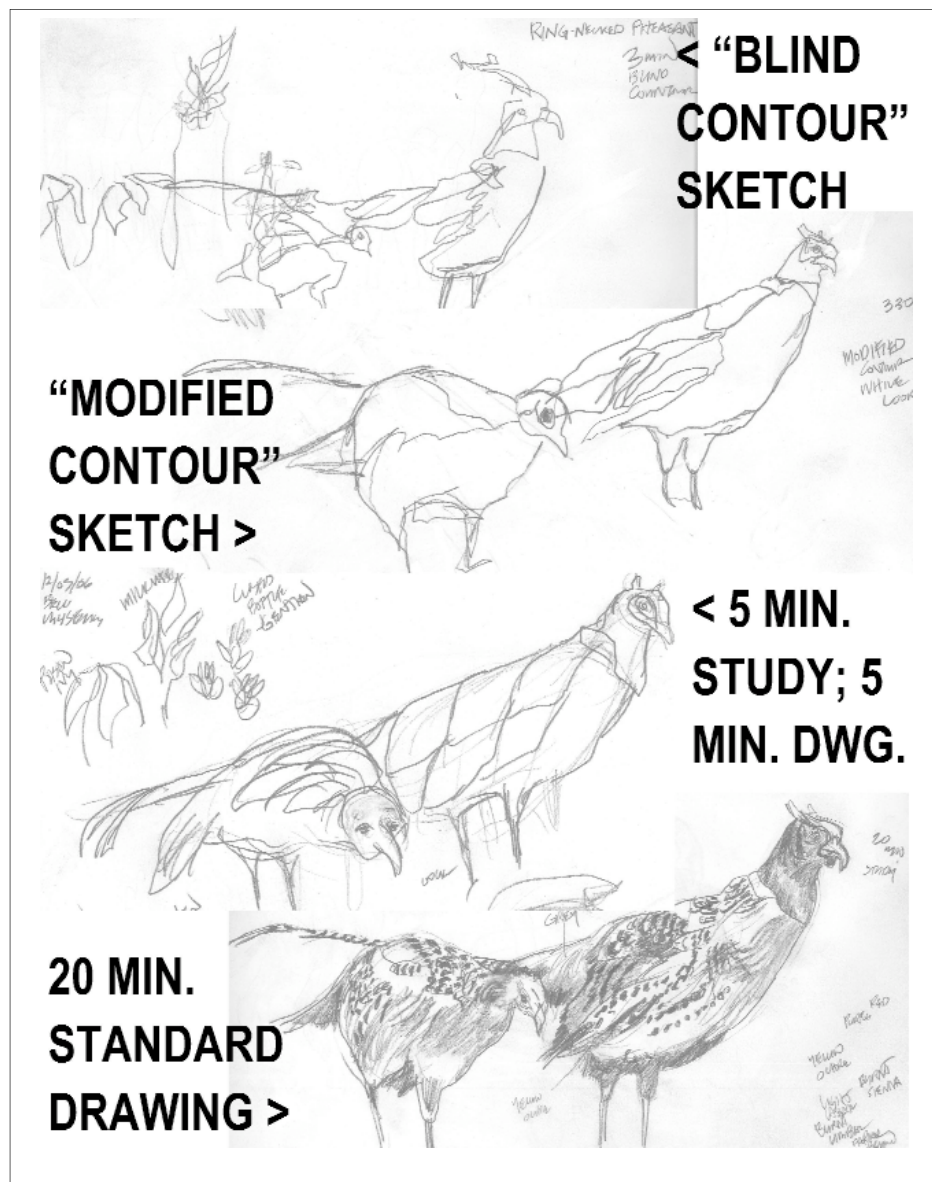
Within your journal, it’s all right to combine words and sketches – whatever method words best to capture the scene or phenomenon in the time required. Use both words and pictures. Though a picture may tell a thousand words, it’s tough to draw a smell, a taste, a sound, a sensation, a touch or a texture, the way that an experience makes one feel. Try to recall the scene or the image, visualize the story — then write down adjectives and descriptions, action words and feelings, and assemble the ideas into sentences. In a sketchbook or notepad, or scrap of paper, jot down bits of ideas. Find your style – prose, poetry, even song.

Use all the tools available to you. In writing: simile, alliteration, adjectives, scaffolding, brainstorming. In drawing: line, shape, form, shade/shadow, dots, scratches, cross-hatching, push/pull, edges, highlights, different widths of drawing tools, pencil, pen, charcoal, pastel, crayon, chalk, edges, sides of tools. Many people prefer to a bound, hard cover book that allows for writing and/or drawing. Zipper-closure plastic bags protect your journal and handily hold your writing and drawing tools. The date, time, location or habitat are useful data. Recording weather and temperature are somewhat optional.

The adjacent sketches illustrate one aspect of nature journaling – drawing. I drew the same two ring-necked pheasants from dioramas at the Bell Museum using four different drawing methods:

- Blind Contour method
- Modified Contour method
- Drawing after limited study
- Extended drawing

A hen and cock pheasant stand amidst a meadow diorama with poison ivy, milkweed, and closed bottle gentian plants nearby. Using the “Blind Contour” method, a 3 minute sketch, I kept my eyes on the birds, studying them, while my “blind” hand drew a representation of the couple keeping my pencil on the paper to ensure that, at a minimum, the drawn line would be connected



in a continuous line. The “Modified Contour” method produced a 3:30 minute sketch, using a similar method; though I allowed myself a few glances down to the sketch in progress. For the third sketch, I studied the birds for 5 minutes, then from memory drew a sketch for 5 minutes without looking at the subject. The final sketch is a 20 minute drawing – a sketch completed while studying the birds. Without restrictions beyond a twenty-minute time limit, the final sketch is certainly more finished; and it allowed notes about feather coloration as well. A certain amount of “muscle memory” remains that allows my mind and hand to recall shapes and forms of basic bird form as well as feather patterns. Having studied and drawn the pheasants several time, I now have a clearer “picture in my mind”.

Numerous local art classes allow opportunity to develop one’s skills. Como Zoo and Conservatory’s art classes are designed for both students interested in working professionally in botanical or zoological art and for those who want to pursue art for pleasure. Call 651-487-8272 or consult the Como Zoo Conservatory website. Discounted rates are available for Society members. Project Art For Nature (<http://pan.arakunem-arts.com/>) exhibits local artists who explore the natural world via their visual art.

The following books provide further reference material for readers wanting to learn more about journaling or seeking to read journals from accomplished authors.

**NATURE DRAWING & JOURNALING:** Leslie, Clare Walker & Roth, Charles E, Keeping a Nature Journal: Discover a Whole New Way of Seeing the World Around You

## DRAWING TECHNIQUES WITH EMPHASIS ON OBSERVING

Edwards, Betty, Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain

Edwards, Betty, Drawing on the Artist Within: A Guide to Innovation, Invention, Imagination and Creativity

Maltzman, Stanley, Drawing Trees: Step By Step

**NATURE JOURNALS (Examples for you to read and learn from other authors)**

Leslie, Clare Walker, Nature All Year Long

Stokes, Donald W., A Guide to Nature in Winter, Illustrated by Deborah Prince and Donald W. Stokes

Leopold, Aldo, A Sand County Almanac

Darwin, Charles, Voyage of the Beagle

Gilbert, James R, Jim Gilbert’s Minnesota Nature Notes: Exploring The Changes In Our Backyards, Field, Lakes And Wood - Week By Week, Season By Season

Muir, John, A Thousand-Mile Walk To The Gulf

Bates, John, A Northwoods Companion. Fall And Winter

Bates, John, A Northwoods Companion. Spring And Summer

Bates, John, Graced By The Seasons: Fall And Winter In The Northwoods

Treuer, Robert, A Northwoods Window

Marsh, Janet, Janet Marsh’s Nature Diary

Explore Nature Journaling...it will be worth your effort!

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



## 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](mailto:lynda.shaheen@gmail.com) or 374-4201.

### BMNA Schools Committee Membership

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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.



## Youth & Schools

Lynda Shaheen, BMNA Schools Committee Co-Chair

### Bryn Mawr PTA Plant Sale Is Back!

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

All plants will be delivered to the school for you to pick up on Tuesday, May 24, 2:30-6:30.

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Orders must be relieved by Friday, April 15.

- Jenny Warner, Area 6 (374-5156)

### Bryn Mawr Elementary Family Fun Night

Are your children bouncing off the walls and hanging from the chandelier? Does, "I'm so bored," sound all too familiar? Well help is on the way! The long awaited and always overdue Family Fun Night is coming to your fabulous local school April 21st. This is an event that is looked forward to every year by old and young alike. It was conceived more as a community builder than fundraiser, so while ticket costs are low the energy levels are definitely high. Some of the most popular events include:

- a cake walk with prizes from our local supporters
- a moonwalk
- Sumo wrestling
- shooting hoops
- fishing for prizes
- bean bag toss
- bingo
- face painting

Also, come down to the cafeteria for homemade egg rolls, fried rice, veggie lasagna, garlic bread and other tasty treats.

Come help us celebrate our community, children, and school. Hope to see you there!

- Jane Davis, Bryn Mawr PTA

### Neighborhood Preschool Playgroup

Are you looking for a place to play in the winter? Want to meet other families with young children in the neighborhood? Come to our new neighborhood playgroup. We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 10:30-12:30 at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 420 S. Cedar Lake Rd. We use their large nursery space for the kids to play in. Open to all pre-school aged children and their caregivers. Questions? Call 377.5222.

### Minneapolis Public Schools recruits volunteers to support literacy goals

The volunteer program at the Minneapolis Public Schools, Volunteer MPS, is recruiting enthusiastic volunteers to read to kindergarten, first-, second- and third-grade students. A training session will be held on Tuesday, April 5, in which interested volunteers will be trained as skilled literacy tutors.

The effort was developed to enhance the literacy curriculum and support the work already being done in each kindergarten, first-, second- and third-grade classroom. Literacy Tutors will be trained to assist teachers in building crucial

skills during classroom literacy instruction in MPS elementary schools.

"The work of narrowing performance gaps between students starts with setting high expectations and increasing literacy and reading levels early in schooling," said Superintendent Bernadeia Johnson. "I commend our students, teachers, volunteers and other instructional staff, principals, parents, and community organizations for their belief, support and determination of this goal."

Volunteers must be able to commit to participating in one-to-two classroom tutoring sessions per week, lasting 1.5 – 2 hours each, from April through June. MPS also

requires that all volunteers pass a background check and complete an evaluation before and after the tutoring experience.

For more information or to enroll in a literacy tutor training session, please contact Abe Wofse via phone at 612.668.3989 or email at [Abe.Wofse@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Abe.Wofse@mpls.k12.mn.us).

**WHAT:** MPS will hold a training session for volunteers interested in becoming literacy tutors

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 5, from 1:30 -3:30 p.m.

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# Bryn Mawr Bails out the Band again; Hear them during the Festival Of Garage Sales May 7th



On February 26th, dozens of Bryn Mawrians gathered at Lee's Liquor Lounge to dance and socialize for charity. \$2,500 was raised to make the third annual Bail out the Band another big success. Local organizations, including 2Swedes Creative, Alex Boylan- Realtor, the Bryn Mawr Bugle, Bryn Mawr Chiropractic, Bryn Mawr Soap, the Cedar Lake Seven, Cuppa Java, Jim Kalitowski-Realtor, Mill City Dental, Timber-Scapes LLC, and TJ's Bobby & Steve's Auto World- Bryn Mawr, as

well as many individuals, contributed generously. Big-hearted and talented bands who donated their time include Scotty Shanks and the Country Killers, Lovers on the Balcony, and The Star Chiefs. According to LeAnn M. Dow, the Comprehensive Arts and Magnet School Coordinator at Minneapolis Public Schools, the district has twenty K-5 schools, but only eleven of these offer band. Bryn Mawr Community School is proud to be part of that number. Almost fifty 4th and 5th graders participate in the Bryn Mawr Band. This band and its middle school counterpart, the legendary Anwatin band, are planning an informal outdoor concert on the morning of Saturday, May 7th during the Festival of Garage Sales. Stroll down Laurel Avenue between Russell and Queen on that morning, and you'll hear the joyful noises of these fine young musicians. Thanks again to all who contributed and attended the 2011 Bail out the Band Fundraiser. Mark your calendar now for the next Bail out the Band in late February of 2012. To stay in the loop or donate via PayPal, check out the site at <http://bailouttheband.org/>.



## BMNA Membership Drive Update

The 2011 membership drive is under way. Your home should have received a letter with a return envelope for your contribution. 243 households have returned their envelopes. We are on our way! If you did not receive this you can pick up a membership envelope at the Bryn Mawr Market or Cuppa Java. You could also e-mail Patty Wycoff at [pwcoordinator@comcast.net](mailto:pwcoordinator@comcast.net). She will happily drop one off for you.

**Thank you for supporting the BMNA!**




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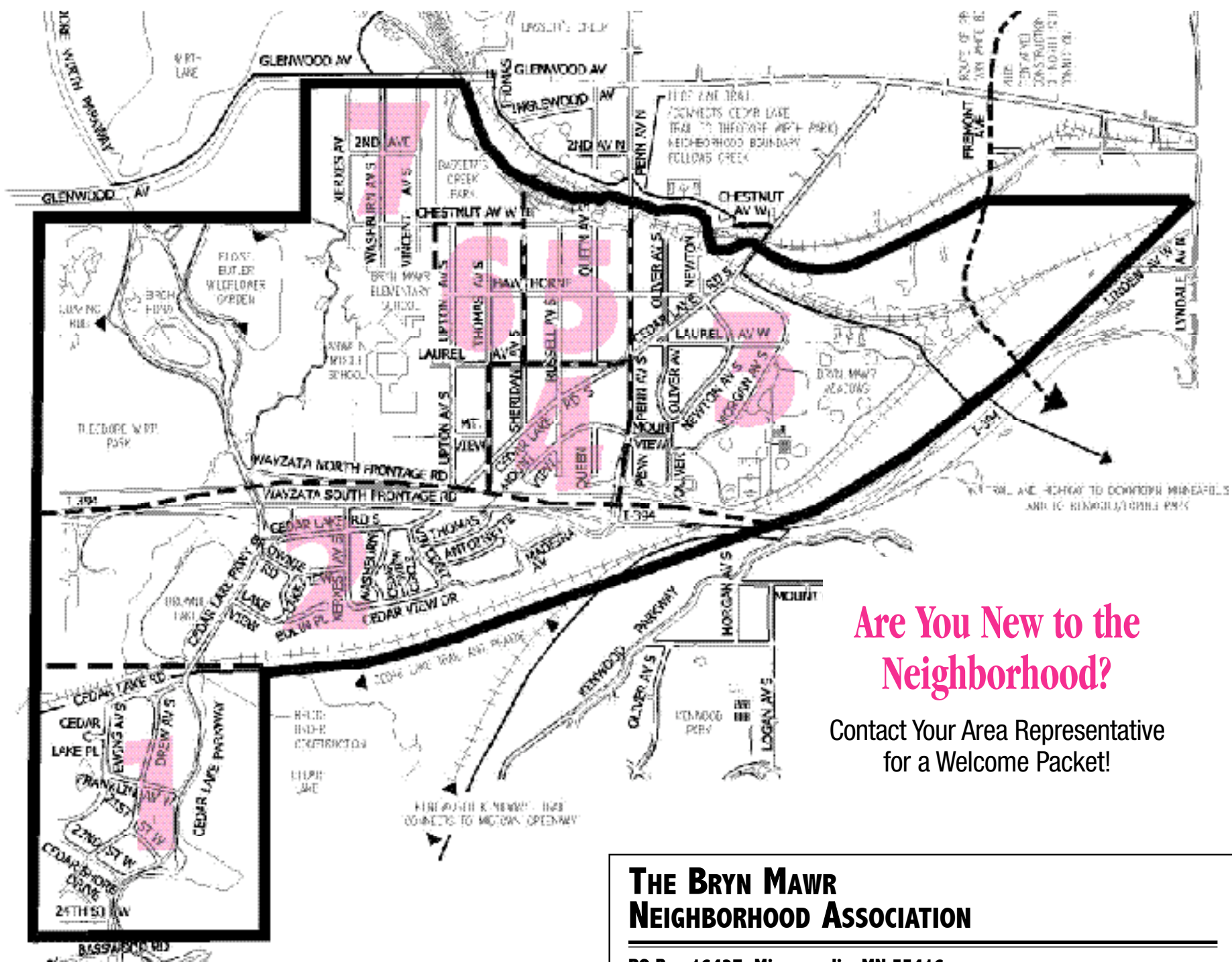
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