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### November 2012

A poem of remembrance

he ascending towers stand in eastern view Embracing the seasons in industrious affair, Yet on this autumn day and its rain overdue Our western hills labored warmer in southern flair.

The great northern migration seemingly silent Over the signage to aid those unseeing As the reasoning of the birds flew absent, In the menacing shadows of on man's being.

Shuffled in these shadows and employment of tomorrow A storm broke out in unyielding consequence, Thundering in triggered blasts of mounting sorrow, Until destruction within silenced its own residence.

Through the changing colors of reason; Each leaf will reveal its circumstance,

Though in this storm, those who were stricken to outrun... Lay in the vital color drawn from their stance.

Throughout these hills and the hearts of kin Beholding impassioned harmony in loving creed, The sirens were unconquerable in our western twin; That in our prayers this reality would recede.

Upon the parched earth as if returning to dust, Within this unbidden migration of those from their nest; We mournfully pray will be guided in our faith we entrust As the sorrowed leaves of autumn now gather and rest.

# Film Project to Honor a Victim

Ollowing the tragedy that occurred in our neighborhood last week and learning that L beloved UPS driver, Keith Basinski was among the victims, there have been numerous posts from people looking for a way to remember Keith so his family can realize how special he was for the Bryn Mawr community. I have already heard a few personal stories about Keith from neighbors. He worked in Brvn Mawr for the last 29 years and I'm sure there are many more stories out there that we would like to capture. Our neighbor, award-winning filmmaker Deacon Warner, has graciously volunteered to make this a reality by documenting some of these stories on film. Our idea is to capture you and your story at your doorstep, where most interaction with Keith likely took place. If you have a story to share and would be so kind to do so, please contact me at 612-377-5865 or via wilsoniliana@gmail.com to set up a time for recording it.

### **Bryn Mawr Remembers**

n Wednesday, October 10th, members of the BMNA board of directors convened for their regular monthly meeting. However, nothing about this meeting was regular. Same faces, usual agenda items. But people greeted each other with a quiet somber manner. There were extra guests including those from UPS. Then a shared moment of silence. And a few tears. Ordinary board business seemed unimportant compared to the discussion

of events of September 27th at Accent Signage Systems. The horrifying and senseless, rageful, response by an unbalanced individual to bad news that he was being fired.

### Mayhem, Mourning and Healing

On an otherwise quiet autumn night, coming home to Bryn Mawr, the normal peace suddenly dissolved into chaos and panic. Shots were heard; 911 was jammed; and a massive law enforcement contingent converged on Bryn Mawr in an unprecedented force known to recent history. All local news channels were riveted on our neighborhood with live coverage. By later that evening the saddest of news began to emerge and an impromptu vigil was held outside Bryn Mawr Presbyterian. Panic had subsided, but chaos still hung in the air as shock gradually turned to grief. Ovemight it became a network news event.

Each of us has felt the impact of this tragedy and must deal with healing from it in our own way. We have seen the fabric of the social contract torn in locations far away. One never expects it to happen next door. But a strength of Bryn Mawr neighbors is how they support each other. Our neighborhood will come together as a community in whatever ways we can to honor those lost and help each other heal. Accent Signage Systems has been a quiet, unassuming fixture in Bryn Mawr for several years. Owner Reuven Rahamin was first a neighbor, then an area representative on the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association board. Later he would establish his monumentally successful business in the building, once the headquarters of Burma Shave on Chestnut Avenue just off Penn. He built an internationally known operation with several innovative patents. A claim to fame was his application of braille to building signage used worldwide and a



Tributes left in bonor of victims at Accent Signage

major conformance to the Americans with Disabilities Act. We hope to have a more biographical piece about his fascinating rags to riches story in a future issue.

We will not attempt to recount readily available news stories about the events that took place. Instead, we will recognize and moum those lost in the horrible and senseless tragedy. From Accent Signage Systems, Reuven Rahamim, Rami Cooks, Jacob Beneke, Ronald Edberg and Eric Rivers. Also, the perpetrator, Andrew Engeldinger. From United Parcel Service, Keith Basinski. Keith was a well known figure in Bryn Mawr and nearby neighborhoods as the UPS delivery man for 30 years. Many neighbors and business owners have shared their memories of Keith Basinski, UPS driver. We also hope to expand on Keith's biography later.

For now, we leave it to time to heal the pain of loss many of us feel. Along with time, we trust the caring of neighbor to neighbor will enhance the process of healing within the neighborhood. And to the adjustment to a new reality for those most closely impacted by this tragedy.

- Iliana Wilson, Area 6

- Marlin Possebl, Liz Peterson, Jessica Wiley BMNA Board

### BMNA Forms a Memorial Task Force group of BMNA Board members, Bryn Mawr neighbors and other interested parties will look at ways to honor the memory of the victims and create an opportunity for hope and healing for everyone affected by the tragic events of September 27. For more information, contact BMNA President, Marlin Possehl, bmnaprez@comcast.net or 612-377-5662.



### BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Meeting Wednesday, October 10, 2012, 7:00– 8:45 PM, Bryn Mawr Elementary

### **Call to Order and Introductions**

Introduced Board and Guests Board members attending are as follows: Marlin Possehl-President, Scott McLaughlin-Vice President, Sandie Gay-Secretary, Liz Lindholm-Pedersen-Treasurer, Patty Wycoff-Neighborhood Coordinator, JoEllyn Jolstad-Bugle Editor, Susan Verrett-Area 2 Co-Rep, George Seebach-Area 2 Co-Rep, Jessica Wiley-Area 3 Co-Rep, Chris Kirwan-Area 4 Rep, Dave Logsdon-Area 5, Vida Ditter-Area 6 Co-Rep, Barry Shade-Area 6 Co-Rep, Jay Peterson-Area Co-Rep, Stephen Harvey Area 7 Co-Rep.

Guests attending are as follows: Ross Jendro-Bryn Mawr Resident, Tracy Kill-Harrison Resident, Malik Holt-Shabazz-Harrison Resident, Diane Ashby-Bryn Mawr Resident, Matt Stark-Bryn Mawr Resident, Rory Hokens-UPS, Justin Luther-UPS, Tami Galvin- Bryn Mawr Resident, Kathryn Kaatz- Bryn Mawr Resident.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

### City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman

• Pervious paver sidewalk test-Public Works will replace it with concrete sidewalk.

• The Voter ID discussion will be repeated at Lunch with Lisa on October 31st.

• Fall street sweeping starting soon. Access the Minneapolis website to find schedule.

• Absentee balloting starting.

• Bryn Mawr is now divided into two separate house districts. Polling for both districts will occur at Bryn Mawr Elementary School.

• An email from Minneapolis 911 regarding the response to Accent signs was distributed. Callers should stay on the line until answered, if at all possible. Any hang-ups are called back and/or the police are immediately dispatched. A message asking callers not to hang up is now played on the line.

### Requested presentation on Surly Brewery, Tracy Kill-

Harrison is trying to get Surly Brewing into neighborhood just to north of Bryn Mawr. Tap Room bill now allows tasting room to be a part of the project. Harrison Neighborhood Association has applied for grant for environmental remediation. Harrison would like to coordinate with other neighborhoods to try to get development into their neighborhood. They will lobby City on zoning, etc. Surrounding neighborhood interest will help move process forward. They requested someone to work directly with Harrison on efforts. A suggestion to publish an article describing the effort in the BM Bugle was offered. Chris Kirwan volunteered to be a liaison with the Harrison Neighborhood.

### Patty Wycoff, NC activity report -

15 businesses have signed up for Sip and Stroll. It will be held on October 11th from 6pm to 8pm.
Harvest Dinner-It will feature a Mid-Eastern theme and will be held on Thursday, October 25th. Patty will be leaving early at 7pm and asked for volunteers to clean up.
Lunch w/ Lisa-It will be a repeat

of the Voter ID amendment discussion. • Saturnalia-December 8th is date.

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### JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Report-

Articles on Voter ID and Sip and Stroll will be published. Included will be election advertising. Generally, advertising is down and smaller papers have been published with fewer color ads. Copies of the full amendments are on the Secretary of State Websites and will be published in the Bugle.

### Discussion on Accent Signage memorial activities

Communication Committee, Jessica, Marlin will write an article on behalf of the BMNA for the Bugle. A documentary is being filmed about Keith in neighborhood.

Representatives from UPS offered thanks to the neighborhood for comments send to them. Keith was well liked. Met with them and told about cards and comments.

Bryn Mawr clients attended the funeral. The Market is considering paint bench in front UPS brown.

A spontaneous memorial has been started at Accent Signs.

A fund for Keith's family is at the Market

A memorial has been set up for the victims at Wells Fargo.

A motion was made to give matching funds up to \$1300 to memorial fund, it was seconded and passed.

A committee was formed to study permanent memorial or garden.

### Treasurer's report– Liz Pederson

Dave has been removed from signature card. The balance is the same.

### NCEC report – Scott McLaughlin

Business façade report-Four of 15 grants have been paid out and more than half have done the work. The program will terminate at the end of October. Because some businesses are lagging, Scott will ask for an extension until the end of the year.

NRP status update-Representatives of the City are working on "Art in the City". The new program originated from the utility boxes artwork. The goal of the program is to work with the City to get large installations of art. People from the neighborhoods are being solicited to be part of a working group. Anyone interested should send an email to the BMNA Board.

Projects-Rain Garden-The City has agreed to extend the program to Dec. 31, 2013 for installations next spring.

### LRT Project updates

L RT Environmental Impact Statement – Barry-The EIS will be released Friday and Barry asked for volunteers to work on comments to it. Dec 11 is the deadline and Nov 13th is the 1st hearing. Vida proposed we grant the committee authority to move forward without Board having to approve each issue for response to the EIS, with the caveat that the committee will inform the Board of any previously unknown information affecting the Committees' decisions. The motion was seconded and passed. The Board was encouraged to watch for emails and respond promptly. The EIS will have a 40 page summary.

### Garden projects – Dave L

The last meeting of the year will be next week. The group had a working day last Sunday to winterize and water. Another small library will be installed in Upton Gardens with bench, gardening books and magazines.

### **Committee Reports**

Schools Committee – Jessica Wiley Three candidates are running for school board. The Community Ed. Fair will be held on December 6th. IB banner will be installed on front of Anwatin School.

**Communications Committee – Jay** At October 23rd meeting the Bugle, Website/Webmaster, and Bulletin Board will be discussed. The bulletin board cannot stay in the same place. A possibility for a new location for it is at the bus stop near Cuppa Java, if some of the newspaper boxes can be removed. The meeting is at Jay's house at 7pm.

### **Reports from BMNA Representatives to affiliated groups** ROC -

Vida reported the two tours for information about the proposed rail line relocation went well. A group from St. Louis Park wants the freight lines to remain in place in the Kenilworth corridor.

### Adjournat 8:45 p.m.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Wed, November 14 7:00 p.m., BM Elementary

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Harvest Dinner, Thu, Oct 25 General Election, Tue, Nov 6 Saturnalia, Sat, Dec 8



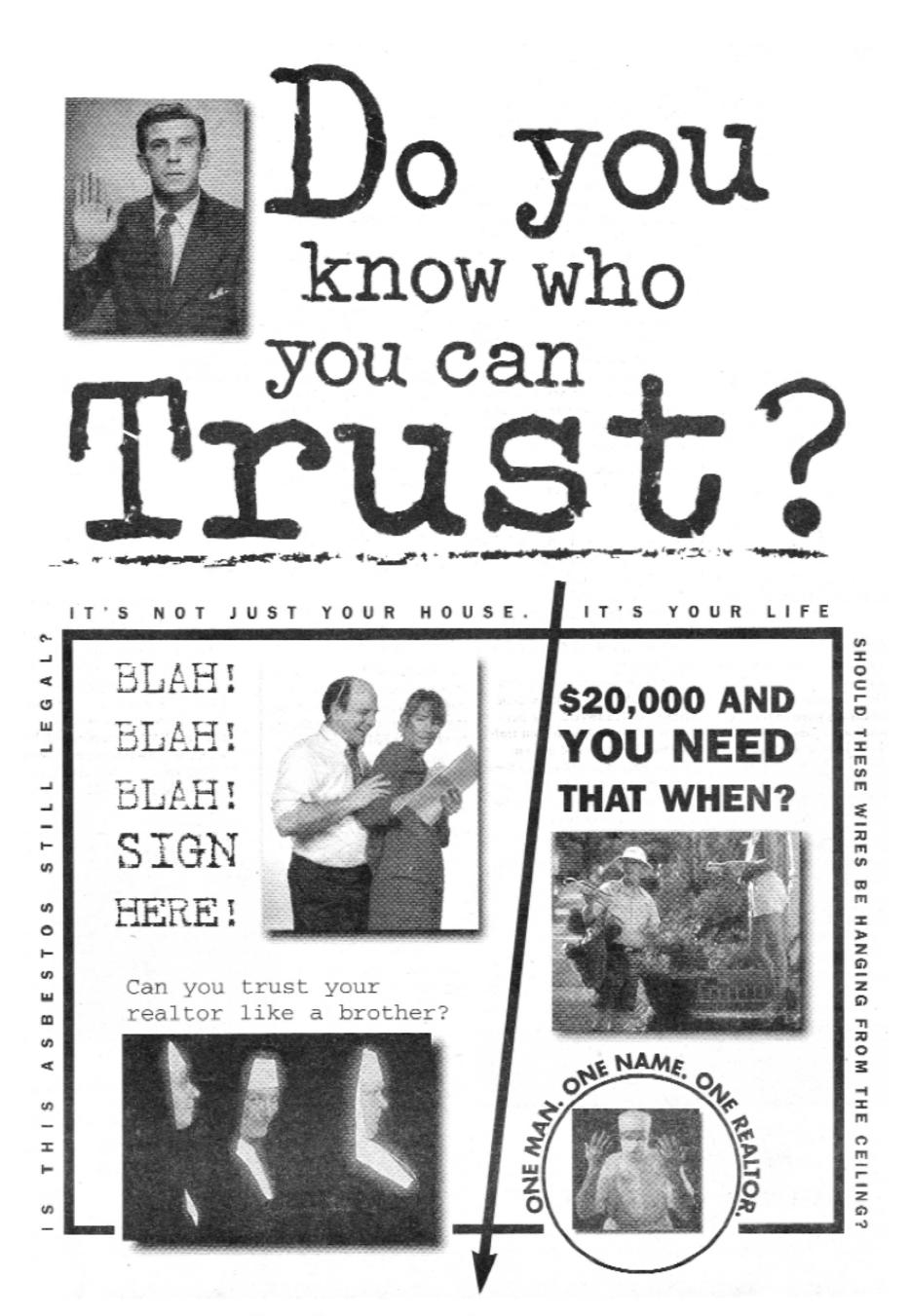
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	Monday	Tuesday
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1	November 26	
Areas	November 5	
4W, 5W, 6, 7	November 19	
Areas		November 6
2, 3, 4E, 5E		November 20

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Before you know it, it becomes an all-consuming passion, mostly for the driver/bread-winner in the family. Fees, equipment, spirit wear, practices, games, and cross-metro traffic all add up to plenty of stress and a strain on the family dynamics.

Our competitive nature kicks in and we quickly transition from wanting to see our kid play to wanting to see our kid play well and win. Some of that is wishing our child to experience success. But let's face it, as parents, we want to "get our money's worth" and "make it worth our time and effort."

Whether is be a lack of skill, interest or time, most of us do not step up to be the coach. Still we hope that those who are brave enough to be coaches, take an interest in every child on the team. We want them to cultivate sportsmanship, teamwork and a passion for improvement.

We want our children to be good players and we want our teams to be successful. To me that means, everybody learns, everybody contributes.

The best youth teams I have ever watched use this "deep bench" approach to regular season play. If a key player is struggling or frustrated, another player comes in to give them break. This makes for a better team and satisfies parent's desire to to see their child participate.

However, too many times during the playoffs I have seen coaches abandon this strategy (the same one that got them into the post season in the first place) in favor of starting the most accomplished players and having them play the entire match with minimal substitutions. In my experience, this tactic often does not end well for team or the players who are asked to shoulder all the responsibility of the team's success.

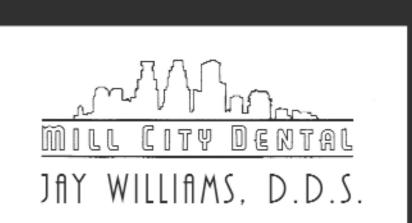
Bryn Mawr has a "deep bench." I see the BMNA board members as the starting line-up and all the other neighbors as valued team members.

The board is a very hardworking and capable group. They have lots of stamina and skill, but they cannot do it all themselves. Luckily, we live in a place where there is also many who are willing to step in and lend a hand. I am so glad to be part of this community, where there are both. This spirit of teamwork and cooperation will serve us very well has heal and look to the future.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org

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" A working class hero is something to be"

-John Lennon-

n a pleasant September afternoon our peaceful community was shaken to the core, our calm waters dispersed. Here, a month after the horrific shootings at Accent signage, the neighborhood is still picking up the pieces.

### ...a working class hero

There are no mundane jobs, just mundane people. I'm sure Keith Basinski's daughter at some point when asked what does your Dad do has replied; "He's a UPS driver".

A UPS driver who had a thousand people at his funeral. A UPS driver who had the Mayor and Governor at his funeral. A UPS driver who had an impromptu memorial created in Downtown Bryn Mawr (soon to be turned into a permanent one). A UPS driver who in his life and untimely death touched a community, who brought a community together in their grief. Even now when I see a UPS truck in the neighborhood it triggers powerful feelings as I imagine Keith popping out his truck with a package. It's all so.....

"Take a good look at my face, look closer it's easy to trace, the tracks of my tears" by Dave Logsdon davesmagnets@gmail.com

### ...so sad...so senseless..

These words keep coming back to me and everyone I talk to, trying to find answers, keep coming back to the sadness and senselessness of the recent shootings. All I know is six people are being mourned by their families, friends, and many people in our community. The owner of Accent Signage, Reuven Rahamim, went to the White House and was recognized for having a small company that had international impact. I knew him as someone who was easy to deal with whenever the neighborhood needed him. He served on the Brvn Mawr Neighborhood Association Board when he lived here years ago. Victims Rami Cooks, Jacob Beneke, Ron Edberg, Eric Rivers, and even the shooter, Andrew Engeldinger were folks who probably shopped at Market, got their morning coffee at Cuppa Java, a sandwich at the Deli or gas at the Mobil station.

These folks were part of our community and our hearts go out to all their loved ones. It's all so sad, so senseless....

### Like a River...

Like a river the community rolls on. The community came together after the shootings with generous and thoughtful gestures which came as no surprise to any of us. Just like the benefit for Amy Morris this month to help raise money for her mounting medical expenses. Thanks to our wonderful healthcare system (or lack there of) Hugh and Amy were facing a massive debt.

Through the hard work of Linda Shaheen, Jenny Carlson, Dana Kray, Dianne Berklund, Sue Doss, and Bryn Mawr's "Energizer Bunny", Patty Wycoff, the benefit and silent auction raised thousands of dollars.

Speaking of School Board candidate Patty, what a whirlwind month it's been. Besides the benefit, she helped organize the annual Sip n' Stroll (Slurp and Stumble), the Harvest Dinner, two children, and still kept on a busy campaign schedule.

### Wild Kingdom: Part Two!

Bruce Berry has been on many wild goose chases in his time, but this one will be hard to top. While supervising a home improvement project, Bruce noticed a lone goose on his front lawn. He also noticed a nearby cat who was noticing the goose. After shooing the cat away Bruce guided his new friend across the street to Bryn Mawr Meadows and did his best to convince the goose to fly. The goose was so captivated by his new friend (very gander-like) that he just wanted to hang out with him. Some neighborhood kids were feeding the goose (not Bruce) out of their hands. Bruce dialed up animal rescue thinking the goose's survival skills were not very refined and soon the goose was whisked away! Perhaps some day they'll meet again.

### The Grand Finale!

This is the next to last column before the end of the world (remember: December 12th) according to our Mayan friends. I believe they had the Tigers in the World Series and the Vikings to win the Super Bowl, but the world comes to the end before then. So thanks to the Vikings curse, the world's going to go POOF!

It's election time, so do what all Bryn Mawrtians do; VOTE! Be sure to say hello to that good looking election judge while you're there, or you can just say Hi to me!



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## Come Show Your Wares At The Fair! \* \* \* Anwatin Arts & Crafts Fair \* \* \*

### Thursday, December 6, 2012 - 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The annual Anwatin Arts & Crafts Fair, sponsored by Anwatin Middle School and the BMNA School's Committee, will be held on Thursday, December 6th. The Anwatin Music Department will hold a concert, there multi-cultural foods for sale and an "Empty Bowls" community service project that evening.

If you are interested in having a table at the fair, call Mary Duffy at 612-926-5547 or email Kevina Munnich (kmunnich@gmail.com) and a registration form will be sent to you. OR

Register on-line at www.BMNA.org

## See You There!

## **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 or 612-377-4565.

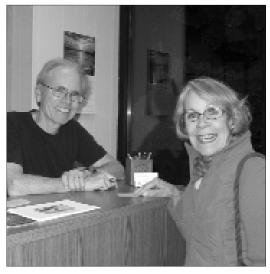
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## Bryn Mawr Sip and Stroll

The 4th Annual Sip and Stroll was enjoyed by all. This event grows each year. This year we had fourteen businesses participate. The

weather was beautiful and neighbors sipped and strolled their way around the neighborhood. At the end of the event, sixteen neighbors won prizes donated by the participating businesses. Thank you Bryn Mawr Market, Rolaynes, CLEAR Home, Bryn Mawr Pizza and Deli,



V4U, Cockadoodledoo, Cuppa Java, Honeyshine, Bassett Creek Arts and Frame, Trappings, Bryn Mawr Chiropractic, Sparks, Vivid Interiors and Loc Starz for co-hosting this amazing event that builds a stronger community in Bryn Mawr.



## **Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - November 2012**

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, (begins August 27, 2012) unless otherwise noted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Save the Saturna	e Date: lia, Saturd	ay, Decem	ber 8th!	1	2	3
4	5	ELECTION DAY 6 Bryn Mawr PTA Election Day Bake Sale at Bryn Mawr Elementary	7	8	9	10

11	12	ROC Committee, <b>13</b> Harrison Community Center, 6:00pm	BMNA monthly 14 meeting, 7pm at Bryn Mawr Elemen- tary, Cafeteria	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	Thanksgiving <b>22</b> Holiday	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

# Nextdoor Bryn Mawr

Tot into Facebook or looking for something only local? Check out the new Bryn Mawr group on Nextdoor.com (https://brynmawmn.nextdoor.com)

So far, 107 members, 91 households are using a private online network called Nextdoor Bryn Mawr. On the Bryn Mawr Nextdoor site, neighbors share community events, recommendations, items for sale/free, crime/safety concerns, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and more!

One member has even created a "Meet and Greet" event on November 2nd at Sparks. Check out the site for details.

## Efforts to Register Voters Pay Off

Citizen volunteers from Bryn Mawr and the north side can feel proud of the job they did registering voters. A total of 664 voter registration applications were completed...151 at Cuppa Java and 513 at Cub on Broadway. These included first time voters and voters updating their information

In addition, hundreds of application forms were taken by people needing them for other folks. Appreciation was expressed by everyone who was helped by these efforts.

A big THANK YOU is due to all involved.

Now it's up to all of us to VOTE on November 6th.

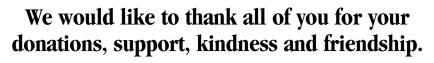
- Barbara Bearman, Area 7

## Saturnalia 2012: Saturday, December 8th

Satumlia has been a great event for the past several years, with hundreds of neighbors joining the fun. We hope you'll take time off from your holiday preparations, gather your family and friends, and come and enjoy Saturnalia together in Downtown Bryn Mawr.

The events are free and open to the public, and are brought to you by the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association. If you are interested in being a sponsor for the 2011 Saturnalia Festival, please send a donation of any denomination to BMNA-Saturnalia, P.O. Box 16437, Minneapolis, MN 55416-0437.

Volunteers are needed (for short shifts) - watch your e-mail for a notice or call or email Patty Wycoff to volunteer. 612-377-4565 or pwycoff@comcast.net









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A special thank you to Cuppa Java, Bryn Mawr Market, Bryn Mawr Pizza & Deli, Sparks, Honeyshine, Bassett Creek Arts and Frame Shop, Vivid Interiors, Eat Your Heart Out Catering, Mark Podobinski at D'amico & Sons, TJ's Bobby & Steve's, Bryn Mawr Soap Co., Jeanine Webster- Soup Lady, and Michelle Harrison-Smith at Studio 411.

None of this would have been possible without the work of an amazing team! Thank you to the benefit committee... Lynda Shaheen, Patty Wycoff, Jennifer Carlson, Dana Kraay, Susan Doss, and Diane Birkeland.

Thank you for making the evening a fun celebration of love and life.

With love and appreciation, *Hugh & Amy Morris* 

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## View From the Bridge

Prickly Pear Cactus and Blue Holly Prickly Pear Cactus and Blue Holly are two plants that are spiny on the outside, but soft and sweet inside – figuratively if not literally. Both are evergreen as well. Plains Prickly Pear, Devil's Tongue (Opuntia species) Cactus Family, Native to Southwest MN & MN River Valley, 6" to 12" tall and 24" wide

All cactus species are native only to the Westem Hemisphere, including Mexico and the Westem United States. Three Prickly Pear Cactus species can be found in Minnesota: - Brittle Prickly Pear (Opuntia frailis)

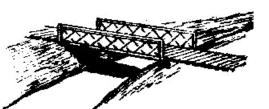
- Plains Prickly Pear (Opuntia macrorhiza)
- Eastern Prickly Pear (Opuntia humifusa)

Brittle Prickly Pear cactus is so named because individual pads can easily detach and become attached via their spines to unwary animals that then transport plants to new sites where they may root and become established.

Fleshy pads are flattened oval shapes about two to five inches long and two to four inches wide. Pads have a waxy coating that resists water loss. Two separate defensive structures arm the cactus: conspicuously long, smooth, fixed spines and less visible, hair-like spines that easily lodge themselves into skin. These hair-like spines are painful, and difficult to see and to remove. The long spiky spines grow up to 2-1/2" long, and clustered in groups of one to six spines per cluster.

Appearing from mid-June through July, the flower is a showy yellow bloom two to three inches wide with seven or more petals which resemble crinkled tissue paper. The reddish tint sometimes appearing at the center of the flower foretells the purplish-red oval fruit that develops from mid-July through mid-September. Fruit is edible after the skin and its irritating spines and hairs are removed. Fruit can be eaten raw or cooked or baked.

Mexican and Central American cuisine has included Prickly Pear Cactus for millennia. Both the fleshy pad and the fruit are used. The fruit

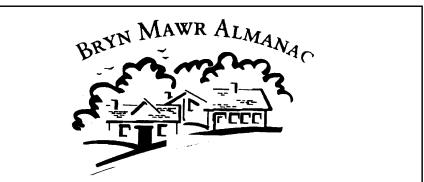


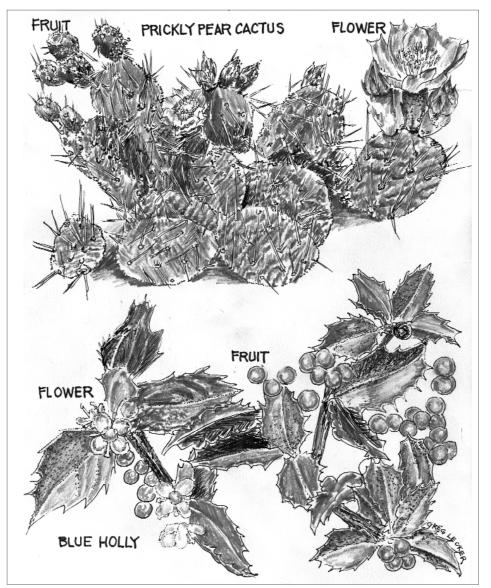
serves as an ingredient in jellies, candies and sweet treats as well as lemonade and alcoholic beverages, including at least two distilled spirits. Prickly Pear Cactus fruit is called fig or "tuna" in Spanish. Carefully peeling the fruit removes spines as does the Native American practice of rolling the fruit around in abrasive grit or sand. The pad itself is most often considered a vegetable and is used in some Mexican egg dishes and tacos. Mexican folk medicine included Prickly Pear Cactus pulp and juice in treating wounds and gastrointestinal ailments.

A scale insect feeding on moisture and nutrients of Prickly Pear Cactus produces a defensive substance that is used in both food coloring and cosmetics. This insect is actually cultivated among cactus colonies. The red source of this insect component can be extracted directly from some Prickly Pear species. Cactus juice is an additive in earthen plaster.

Multi-stemmed with low, massing habit, Prickly Pear Cactus is a welcome addition in rock or alpine gardens as well as native gardens and containers. Growing at a moderate rate, plants can spread to form dense tangled colonies. Its coarse texture stands in interesting contrast to other sun-loving perennials as fine-leaved daylilies and sedums. Most important among cultural requirements are full sun and a dry, well-drained soil. Sand but also loamy soil are acceptable; poorly-drained clay is not. South-facing alley and sidewalk edges a re likely planting sites. Locally, Prickly Pear Cactus is planted at sunny Newton Triangle, intersection of Cedar Lake Road and Newton and Hawthorne Avenues. Having transplanted Prickly Pear Cactus myself, I can attest that care must be exercised when handling the plant. Thick gloves or better yet, fireplace tongs or a similar tool, are necessary during transplanting.

The concept of "cactus", and especially "Prickly Pear Cactus" immediately prompts recall of an image of "desert". In some cultures, a cactus also brings to mind other images and concepts. The coat of arms of Mexico, an eagle bearing a snake in its





beak and talons while perched on a Prickly Pear Cactus recalls a legend that guided the founding of the Aztec capital and Mexican historic site Tenochtitlan. A cactus can symbolize tenacity, as well as a rugged exterior with a sweeter side inside.

A wide range of organisms consume Prickly Pear Cactus: snails, rock iguanas, birds, fungi, viruses, ants, spiders, and a moth larva that provided biological control of Prickly Pear Cactus that had become an invasive nonnative weed in early Twentieth Century Australia. Flies, bees, and beetles visit the pollen-rich flowers. **Blue Holly (Ilex x meserveae "Honeymooners Holly" from Cottage Gardens) Non-native, up to 8' to 10' tall** A transplant from the Eastern Unit-

A transplant from the Eastern United States, I learned that several familiar plant species were not hardy in my new home of Minnesota, including the evergreen Holly. From a local retailer, I recently discovered a Holly hybrid that offers fresh hope.

The relatively new Holly I found is an evergreen hybrid and a combination of male and female plants in one plant. I'm willing to test this plant in my home landscape; and in a worst case scenario, it will serve as an annual that will provide evergreen color and hopefully red berries for a year or more. It is labeled as Zone 4; though some web accounts label it as Zone 5. A combination of warmer winters and favorable microclimate promises success for gardeners willing to experiment with this introduction. Blue Holly or Meserve Holly, named Meserve after the producer of the initial hybrid, is a cross between two holly species, combining the best qualities of both species. The first holly species offered high quality foliage but poor cold hardiness. The second holly species was cold hardy, but possessed poor foliage. Cottage Gardens growers combined two Blue Holly cultivars, female Blue Girl and male Blue Boy. into one plant. Appropriately, the Cottage Gardens introduction is trademarked as "Honeymooners Holly". Time will tell whether its honeymoon in my garden will be perennial or short-lived. Under favorable conditions, it is forecast to live for forty years or more and to reach a height of ten feet at maturity.

Like other evergreen hollies, "Honeymooners Holly" is prized for its glossy, spiny, blue-green foliage and bright red berries. In spring, somewhat inconspicuous white flowers bloom. Where partial shade induces a more open growth habit, purplish green stems offer some interest. Birds are likely to consume the berries in late winter. Like other evergreen hollies, Blue Holly bears evergreen oval leaves that are deeply scalloped. Leaves are 1-1/2" to 2-1/4" long and 1-1/4" wide. Like other broadleaf evergreens such as PJM Rhododendron, the dark, blue-green foliage of holly may turn slightly purplish-green during the depth of winter, but will green up again in the spring. At each point on the leaf margin, a sharp tip highlights the leaf silhouette. Overall, the plant's coarse texture offers contrast to finer foliage of other plants.

Like most hollies, Blue Holly prefer full to partial sun. More flowers and thus more berries will form in full sun. However, exposed locations may subject plants to injury or death from drying winter winds. Winter burn, a drying of the foliage, is the most likely injury. Moist, well drained soil, preferably acidic soil are required. An unwelcome yellowing of leaves (chlorosis) arises from growth in alkaline soils. Wet clay soils should be avoided or heavily amended with organic material. Thick mulch around the root zone offers protection from drought in winter and exposed locations.

- November 16, 2012 Leonid meteor shower. This is a prolific shower cause by debris from the comet Tempel-Tuttle. If the sky is clear, there will be only a crescent moon and viewing conditions should be nearly ideal.
- November 19, 2008 Lake of the Isles is half covered by ice. Larges plates of ice have frozen, broken apart, and been blown into rough patches on the east side of the lake. The west side is entirely open. Occasionally lakes freeze over all at once on a cold, calm night (a skater's dream) but it's usually a more complex process.
- November 19, 2011 Two pileated woodpeckers checking out a cottonwood tree on Hawthorne Ave for remaining insects.

November 28, 2012 Full moon, the Ojibwe freezing moon.

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Look beyond a plant's rough exterior... it will be worth your effort!

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



Bryn Mawr voters will be pleased to know they can all continue to vote at Bryn Mawr Elementary. There will be separate locations, however, for the newly split legislative districts, 59B and 61A, that now cover Bryn Mawr. Voters can preview their ballot at http://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us. If you have questions, call 3-1-1 (or 612.673.3000)

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## **Constitutional Amendments**

n the 2012 General Election there will be two proposed Constitutional Amendments on the ballot in Minnesota. The proposed changes to the Minnesota State Constitution are as follows:

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1**

(Minnesota Session Laws 2011, Chapter 88) TEXT THAT IS PROPOSED TO BE ADDED TO THE MINNESOTA CONSTITUTION:

Article XIII, Sec. 13. Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota.

### WHAT MINNESOTANS WILL SEE ON THE BALLOT:

AMENDMENT 1 RECOGNITION OF MARRIAGE SOLELY BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN
Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?
YES
O NO

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2

### (Minnesota Session Laws 2012, Chapter 167) TEXT THAT IS PROPOSED TO BE ADDED TO THE MINNESOTA CONSTITUTION:

Article VII, Section 1. (a) Every person 18 years of age or more who has been a citizen of the United States for three months and who has resided in the precinct for 30 days next preceding an election shall be entitled to vote in that precinct. The place of voting by one otherwise qualified who has changed his residence within 30 days preceding the election shall be prescribed by law. The following persons shall not be entitled or permitted to vote at any election in this state: A person not meeting the above requirements; a person who has been convicted of treason or felony, unless restored to civil rights; a person under guardianship, or a person who is insane or not mentally competent.

(b) All voters voting in person must present valid government-issued photographic identification before receiving a ballot. The state must issue photographic identification at no charge to an eligible voter who does not have a form of identification meeting the requirements of this section. A voter unable to present government-issued photographic identification must be permitted to submit a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot must only be counted if the voter certifies the provisional ballot in the manner provided by law.

(c) All voters, including those not voting in person, must be subject to substantially equivalent identity and eligibility verification prior to a ballot being cast or counted.

### WHAT MINNESOTANS WILL SEE ON THE BALLOT:

AMENDMENT 2 PHOTO IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR VOTING

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require all voters to present valid photo identification to vote and to require the state to provide free identification to eligible voters, effective July 1, 2013?

◯ YES

◯ NO

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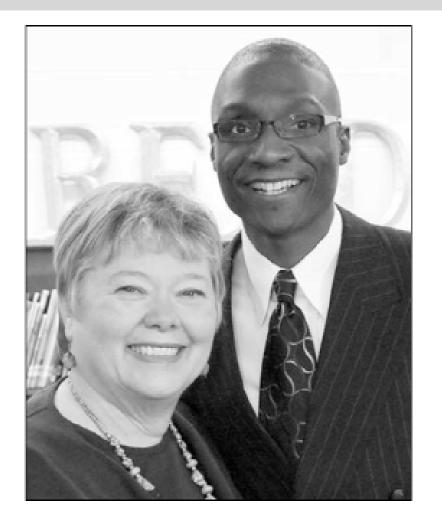
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### **Election Day Bake Sale**

ring your appetite to the polls! Bryn Mawr Elementary School PTA will once again hold a bake sale during the election. Anyone can donate baked goods, just drop them off at the school on November 6! Your donations of baked goods and money are greatly appreciated. They go toward funding programs at the school.

### Family Open Gym at Bryn Mawr **Community School Returns** Tuesday nights from 6-8 p.m. November through March

Tarting November 9, 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 equipment is available, but please feel free to bring your own jump

ropes, balls, hula hoops, and unicycles! All Bryn Mawr families are welcome!

### **Contact Information For Community Schools**

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## Sue McLean to Lead At-risk Students in Innovative Mentoring Initiative

by Gail Shore

umercus mentoring programs around the country regularly match businesses with kids. The varied programs are critically important and often show positive results. But few, if any, of these initiatives involve the head of the company in an effort to broaden the horizons of at-risk students through the world of business. In an ambitious effort to prepare vulnerable children for rewarding careers in the future, Risen Christ Catholic School (RCCS), a 340-student, K-8 grade school located in the Powderhom Park area of Minneapolis, created an innovative program, Imagine the Possibilities.

The one-of-a-kind program pairs top executives from about two dozen companies with up to six students in grades 7-8. The business leaders/mentors expressly design a project related to their field to be presented over the course of the school year to their group of six students. One of the prominent executives leading this year's program is concert promoter Sue McLean, president of Sue McLean and Associates. McLean has been at the forefront of the music industry for nearly 40 years. With her enormously challenging, ongoing schedule of booking national artists, McLean is making the time to mentor kids at-risk.

Ninety-six percent of RCS's students come from families who are living either at or below the poverty line. Many of these students will become first-generation grade school and high school graduates. Because these students have limited contact with the world of business, the school believes they would benefit from personal interactions with business leaders. Imagine the Possibilities allows experienced executives to contribute their knowledge and leadership to positively influence kids who might otherwise never reach their potential.

Student participation includes field trips that demonstrate the application of what is learned from each business executive, helping youth understand the importance of their education in preparation for



future careers. Funded in part by an inner-city education grant from the GHR Foundation, RCCS's (www.risenchristschool.org) Imagine the Possibilities will result in a myriad of benefits to both students and their mentors.

"The success of the program has exceeded all expectations," said Rusciano Mumane. "But what's as exciting is the commitment by these talented business leaders to return to mentor again, helping to shape the program to maximize the longterm benefits to the students."

McLean grew up in Dayton, Minn and is a long-time resident of Bryn Mawr. McLean received her B.A. degree in Speech & Communication from St. Cloud State University and has been active in the music business since the mid 1970s. Since 1998, Sue McLean and Associates (www.suemclean.com) has been the area's prominent concert promotion company that consistently makes the top 100 national promoter list.

She helped create the St. Catherine University's Women of Substance series, continues to book the Guthrie Theater's Live at the Guthrie series and the Minnesota Zoo's Music in the Zoo concert series. In addition, she books The Basilica Block Party, created and runs the Tweentown Rock & Roll Camp for Girls, and provides a continuing flow of great entertainment in clubs and theaters in the area.

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## Area 3 Resident Authors Book On the Cedar Lake Park Association

By Rob Harris

Bryn Mawr is the "neighborhood within a park," surrounded on all sides by remarkable green space. Many rightly attribute these wonderful park areas to Theodore Wirth and other giants of local history who created a vision for urban parkland that unfolded across the Twin Cities. But how many of us know the story of Cedar Lake Park? How many realize that it simply would not exist were it not for a group of local residents?

Thanks to Area # 3 neighbor Neil Trembley we now have a terrific historical account of the founding of the Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA), fittingly titled "Cedar Lake Park Association-A History." This is the story of how a citizen movement convinced its neighbors and elected officials, from Minneapolis to Washington DC, to transform an old abandoned rail yard into an astonishing urban oasis, creating one of the most renowned bicycle trails in the United States.

### Why a Book?

The idea for a history book came from the CLPA founders themselves, who wanted to document the efforts of the Association's leaders, staffers and many volunteers. The CLPA applied for and received a \$7,000 grant from the Minnesota Historical Society to fund the publication of the book, and Neil stepped up to write it.

The tale could not have found a more qualified author. If you've had the opportunity to converse with Neil Trembley at the local shops and neighborhood gatherings you know he has a passion for history, particularly the history of Cedar Lake. Armed with a BA in History (of course) from St Thomas University and over twenty years experience on the CPLA's Board, Neil possessed the skills and that proverbial "front row seat to history" perspective needed to pull the unwieldy threads of this story together into a coherent and entertaining narrative.



ing a Movement, Building an Organization, Buying the Land and Creating the Park, etc. The focus is less on the individual players and their agendas and more on the ideas and principles that drove the citizen group forward. Create the vision; Claim, name and save; and Work through the plans until there is consensus-these were the values the Association relied on as they met resistance or encountered new opportunities.

Adding subsections on practical topics like Hiring Staff, Persuading Large Donors, Dealing with Disappointments and Celebrating Success, Neil has created a book that is part history, part user guide for sustainable citizen movements.

But there is lots of history here to chew on. I particularly enjoyed the brief chapter on the early European settlement days, circa 1830, when our beloved chain of lakes were not yet connected by channels carrying canoeists, but rather by foot paths carrying Ojibwe and Dakota Indian fishing parties. It was also interesting to learn how the railroads transformed the area starting in the late 1800s, influencing the size and shape of the lake. This heavy, industrial presence isolated much of the lake's northeast end from the city's residential and commercial building boom of the 1900s, ironically enabling the space to be rebom a century later as a park.

That rebirth was not an easy delivery, and it required selfless individuals to midwife, not the least of whom were the CLPA founders and private donors. All together, they contributed the nearly \$500,000 required to get the attention of the Minnesota state legislature in 1991. Our elected officials ultimately came through at the final hour, allocating the additional \$1.2M in funds needed for the Minneapolis Park Board to purchase the 48 acre parcel of land from the railroad. The successful private-public partnership approach used by the CPLA carried on through the 1990s and 2000s, when the Association influenced the design of the new "Brownie Lake Bridge" and advocated for extending the Cedar Lake Bike Trail to the Mississippi River (their crowning achievement in this reviewer's humble opinion). The

book chronicles these important developments as well as the Association's ongoing efforts to support the Southwest LRT expansion.

By the end of the book, readers will conclude that citizens' groups can make a difference, if they are persistent and remain positive in working with local governments and businesses. As Mayor R. T. Rybak said on June 14, 2011, at the ribbon cutting for the completion of the Cedar Lake Trail to the Mississippi River, "Citizen's groups like the Cedar Lake Park Association hold public official's feet to the fire, to make sure projects like this get done."

### Where to Find the Book

The book's glossy cover and pages, designed by Judy Gilats and produced by the St Louis Park-based Bookmobile, contain numerous drawings, maps and photos that help illustrate the story and give the 130 page book a terrific visual appeal.

Unfortunately, the budget allowed for only a few hundred copies to be produced. But you can check out one of those copies from several local libraries, including Minneapolis Central (downtown), Golden Valley, St. Louis Park, and the Walker Library in Uptown. The book is also available at the Hennepin County Museum and the Minneapolis Collection of the Hennepin County Public Library in downtown Minneapolis.

"Cedar Lake Park Association - A History" is the first book by Neil Trembley, but don't be surprised if you see more from him in the future. Cedar Lake is a surprisingly fascinating subject-one that has finally found a voice to tell its story.



Neil Teenbley



## Who Let The Moms Out?

### Eight Bryn Mawr Moms on the Search for Good Books and Food

"Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea" by Barbara Demick

The Bryn Mawr Moms met in October for an evening of great food and conversation at a charming B&B in Excelsior called the Bird House. The book under discussion was called "Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea," by Barbara Demick. Demick, an award winning journalist and long-time Asian correspondent for the Los Angeles Times tells the story of six recent defectors from North to South Korea. Two star-crossed lovers who each defected without the knowledge of the other. (You never know who will be an informer in North Korea.) A pediatrician, a homeless boy, a university student and an older woman, a true believer party official who finds that even she is induced to defect. The stories are compelling, and along the way we learn many details of Korean history and development. We also learn the details of survival. Who survives, how they survive, and how difficult it is to make the transition to a new, developed society from the deprivation of their life-long home. The most difficult part: The knowledge that you'll never see your parents and children again if you did not bring them out with you, and the possibility that they are suffering grievously and likely are even dead because of your defection.

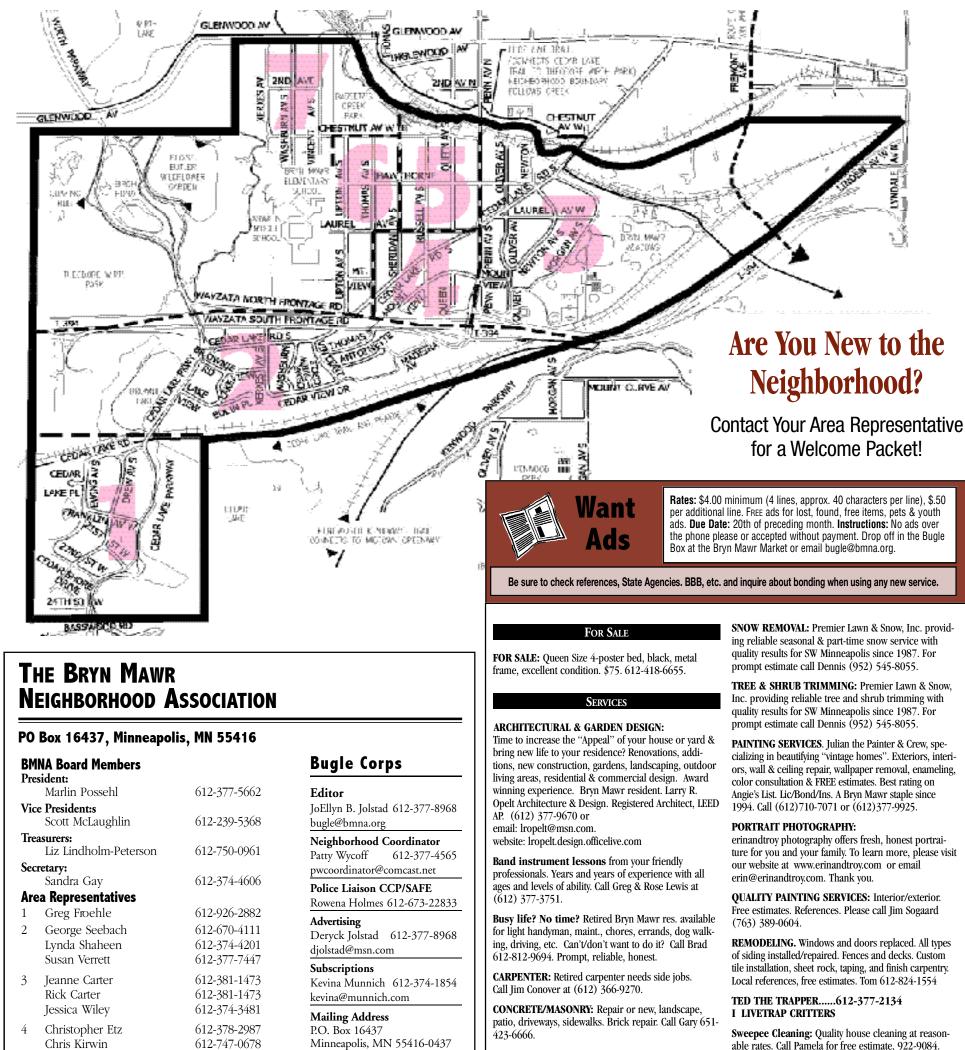
The writing is very much in the journalist style and is presented in what some thought was a somewhat emotionless manner - just the facts. Some of us found this off-putting, but overall, we enjoyed the book. It unnerving and frightening to see how quickly a developed nation (North Korea was surpassing South Korea in industrialization into the 1960's) can revert to an almost medieval state in the space of a short thirty years, and in the twentieth century. This is an excellent, reader-friendly book that will impress you with your fellow human being's tenacity and ingenuity in the most horrific of conditions, and will likely expand your knowledge of a part of the world that is very much in the dark to us.

### What to Include?

Deciding what to include in the book, however, was a daunting task. Neil knew he couldn't give a shout out to everyone that volunteered their time over the yearsthere were just too many players. He also concluded that a tick-tock narrative would probably bore most readers.

He chose instead to highlight the major steps that brought the park to fruition. Accordingly, the book is divided into chapters such as Start-

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