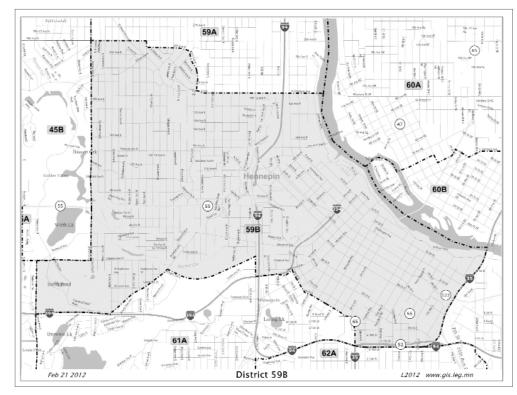


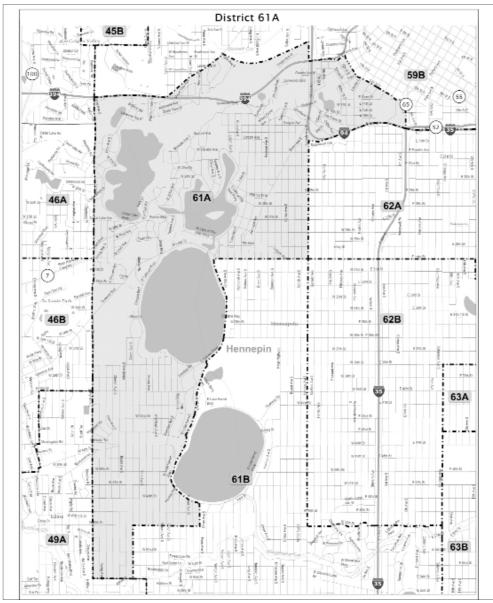
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Redistricting Divides Bryn Mawr

he recently released map of Minnesota electoral districts has placed Bryn Mawr in two different districts. Homes south of I-394 and Cedar Lake Road are part of 61A and homes north of this line are in 59B. (See maps below.) A complete article about the redistricting process and the BMNA's involvement in the process can be found on page 7.

The BMNA Board sent a letter on behalf of the neighborhood to the Minneapolis Charter Commission's Redistricting Group who will be determining the City of Minneapolis Wards. The letter (a copy is printed to the right of this story) articulates the Bryn Mawr boundaries and states our desire to remain together and for the entire neighborhood to remain in Ward 7.







BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 452 Newton Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55405 www.bmna.org

Redistricting Group c/o City Clerk's Office; Attn: Peggy Menshek Room 304, City Hall 350 South 5th Street Minneapolis, MN 55415

February 10, 2012

March 2012

Dear Members:

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association (BMNA) requests that the Minneapolis Charter Commission's Redistricting Group respect the boundaries of the Bryn Mawr neighborhood and re-affirm its inclusion in Ward 7. Keeping this long-established and successful neighborhood intact will help the Redistricting Group to fulfill local, state and federal redistricting requirements, including keeping established neighborhoods together and maintaining cohesiveness of communities of interest.

Bryn Mawr is located at the western edge of the City of Minneapolis and sits astride I-394. The neighborhood's boundaries a

Minneapolis City limits
Cedar Shore Drive
Lyndale Avenue
East along Glenwood Avenue from the City of Golden Valley border to
the Canadian Pacific Line. South along the Canadian Pacific line until
the railroad intersects Bassett's Creek. East down the center of Bassett's
Creek, until the creek enters the underground tunnel. Then on a straight
line east to Lyndale Avenue

When Bryn Mawr was formed as a neighborhood at the turn of the last century, it was a unified neighborhood. Since then, the neighborhood has been divided by the building of Highway 12 and its upgrade to I-394. Many neighborhood homes and residents were lost to the expansion of the 1-394 corridor. When Bryn Mawr Meadows was upgraded to a Regional Park, the neighborhood lost still more homes and residents. And lastly, when the neighborhood's northern boundary was realigned in 2000, the neighborhood lost a large section of land. These neighborhood sacrifices were made for the greater good - a more efficient highway into the City from the west; a large regional park in the middle of the City, one that has become the center of multi-cultural sports activities. Despite these changes and diverse housing and population, Bryn Mawr has remained a unified neighborhood.

Neighborhoods rely on consistency and stability to maintain their integrity. To date, Bryn Mawr has embodied these qualities

Over the years and since the creation of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association in 1976, the neighborhood has been vigilant in informing government entities that the neighborhood is a unified neighborhood and that the neighborhood has historically been oriented to and grouped with communities of interest to the south. Traditionally, government entities have honored this neighborhood identity, as well as the solidarity of Bryn Mawr's seven a

Bryn Mawr is part of a larger community of interest and has been within the following Minneapolis southern political districts for many years and through many cycles of redistricting:

- City of Minneapolis City Council Ward 7, ranging from Uptown to Downtown
- State House of Representatives District 60A, ranging from Uptown to Downtown
- State Senate District 60, ranging from Lake Harriet to the Downtown Area Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board District 4 which includes, among many more neighborhoods, Bryn Mawr, Kenwood, East Isles, East Calhoun and Cedar, Isles, Dean
- neighborhoods all south neighborhoods, and neighborhoods which are tied together with a long-established system of parks and trails. The Kenwood Recreational Center is Bryn Mawr's designated Park Board 0
- Center 0
- Bryn Mawr children participate on sports teams in south Minneapolis Parks and Rec teams

Bryn Mawr has insisted on its established boundaries and south orientation when addressing recent Minneapolis Public Schools Changing Schools Options. Over many, many decades, Bryn Mawr's children have excelled academically, musically and athletically in predominantly Zone 3 schools (south and southwest public schools). In the years since the last redistricting in 2000, the Bryn Mawr neighborhood has resisted efforts by the Minneapolis Public Schools to change the long-standing and successful attendance patterns.

We strongly urge the Redistricting Group to affirm Bryn Mawr's current neighborhood boundaries, its inclusion in Ward 7, and its orientation to similar communities of interest to its south. We hope the Redistricting Group will recognize the efforts made by the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association to keep the neighborhood united, stable and desirable.

Thank You.

Marlín Possehl

Marlin Posschl, President Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association president@bmna.org 612-377-5662





BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Minutes Wed., January 11, 2012, 7:00-8:45 PM Bryn Mawr Elementary

Call to Order and Introductions

President Marlin Possehl called the meeting to order.

Attendees are as follows:

Board Members and Staff: Marlin Possehl, President, Sandie Gay, Secretary, Liz Pederson and Dave Holets, Co-Treasurers, Scott McLaughlin, NCEC/NRP Chair, Greg Froehle, Area 1; Jeanne Carter, Area 3; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Christopher Etz, Area 4; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Barry Schade, Area 6; Steve Harvey, Area 7; Andrew Kraling, Area 7; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator; JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor. **Guests:** Lisa Goodman, City of Minneapolis, Dylan Thomas, SW Journal, Vida Ditter, Area 6.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved, seconded and passed. Minutes of last month's meeting Today's Agenda

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

City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman

<u>Snow Emergency</u>-Snow should be shoveled within 24 hours of snowfall in residential areas and 4 hours in commercial areas. Call 311 if not done.

<u>Lunch with Lisa</u>- Crime and Safety-Top 100 offenders and how to solve problem. Jan 24th at U of St Thomas.

<u>Public Hearing</u>-Restaurant hearing on Jan 17 at Presbyterian Church. They are planning 32 seats and 16 tables so, over parked. Wine and beer license is ok in their zoning. No negatives from viewpoint of City. Some residents that live in Area 2 have a concern about another restaurant, however; it meets goals of destination development for neighborhood to attract people.

Board Business

- Motion was made to accept resig-

mend. We have a large email list and don't need additional site. Checking to see if we can have online directory. Message board could be useful.

Wirth/Brownie Lake CAC

Two open houses Jan 13, Feb 14. Patty Wycoff, NC activity report – Was out of town for the holidays-Saturnalia-\$225 in donations, budget of \$1200, nice night. Directories-Advertising for new directories will run in Bugle about 4months. JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Report-No Bugle for Jan.

Treasurer's report-Liz Pederson/Dave Holets-

Liz researching new investment vehicle. Searching for tax person. Because Dave will be out of town 2 months a volunteer is needed to review books. Scott McLaughlin volunteered. Any requested reimbursements for expenses should be scanned and forwarded to Liz. She is working on creating form for expenditures.

Community Projects - Jessica

Put article in Bugle to solicit ideas for a Community Project prior to April board meeting. There is a \$2000 budget. Last year funded Pedal to Petals. For example, a suggestion was made to create individual wooden structures for mail box sized libraries, put books in and take books out. March 15th is deadline for ideas.

Safety Committee-

Area 3 co-chair volunteer, three people interested. Article in Bugle for February soliciting more volunteers. When formed, they will meet with Tim Hammett to discuss Safety Committee.

NCEC report – Scott McLaughlin

<u>NRP status update</u>-Jan 3rd everything shut down and folded into Mpls NCRC with four people on staff. Currently they are hiring people. Consequently, the contract for Business façade program is being held up. This may result in a power shift from neighborhoods to the City of Minneapolis. Liability insurance, tax filings and audits handled by dept. BMNA asked to be presenter at free event by City on passed. Send comments to Barry. See City's website for link to plan.

Garden projects – Dave L

on hold for winter-Rain garden committee meeting-Jan 24th for movie night. Concerned with lack of moisture over winter.

Standing Committee Reports Land Use Committee

No variance requests this month Schools Committee Open House on January 31st for Bryn Mawr and Anwatin.

Discussion Items and Updates and Announcements:

Thank you to Ted for contributions to Board.

Redistricting-Board should take position. Passed out signed copy of concerns over redistricting plan.

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wed, Feb 8, 7pm, BM Elementary

BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD

ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Minutes Wed., February 8, 2012, 7:00– 8:45 PM Bryn Mawr Elementary

Call to Order and Introductions

Marlin called to order and introductions made.

Attendees are as follows:

Board Members and Staff: Marlin Possehl-President; Sandra Gay-Secretary; Liz Pederson-Co-Treasurer; Greg Froehle Area 1; Lynda Shaheen-Area 2; Jay Peterson-Area 6; Andrew Krahling-Area 7; Scott McLaughin-NCEC/NRP Chair; Patty Wycoff-Neighborhood Coordinator. **Guests:** Lisa Goodman-City of Minneapolis; David Kelliher-Area 3; Jesse Pfliger-Area 3; Vita Ditter-Area 6; B. Pleasle-Area 6.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Moved, seconded and passed. Minutes of last month's meeting Today's Agenda Acceptance of this month's Finan-

cial Report (available online)

City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman

Cannot attend next month.New restaurant, Spark where Bryn Mawr Coffee was located, will open the Board. The amended version will be distributed to the Board prior to submittal. See letter at end

of minutes. Nominations-Areas 2, 4 and 6 will be up as well as President and Secretary.

Patty Wycoff, NC activity report – 2011 Membership drive has brought in \$17,500, exceeding membership goals. Feb. 20th membership mailings will go out. Safety committee meeting will be held next week. Block captains will be chosen. Treasurer's report– Liz Pederson – Budget being worked on. Motion on BMNA's Rail Layover Facility in Linden Yards East Position Statement-Moved, Seconded and Passed.

Statement as follows:

The BMNA conditionally supports development of a passenger rail layover facility in east Bryn Mawr. The development must comply with the community reviewed and approved Bassett Creek Valley (BCV) Master Plan, which has been incorporated to the City of Minneapolis' Comprehensive Plan. Any rail layover facility must make Bryn Mawr and the larger community a better place to live, work and visit.

BMNA's continued support will be contingent upon:

Successful resolution of questions, conflicts and issues (such as, but not limited to : air pollution from diesel engines, noise pollution from running engines, attractively enclosed facilities that enhance and support development above) that are a concem to the community. Air rights above any rail layover facility must be dedicated to and available for development. BMNA and ROC's active and full participation in all decision making as facility planning moves forward. The BMNA looks forward to developing a constructive partnership which will result in innovative, transit-oriented development in the BCV-development that will benefit, enhance and improve the neighborhood, surrounding area and the city.

NCEC report – Scott McLaughlin

NRP status update-Staff has been assigned and Stacey Sorenson has been assigned to Bryn Mawr. There is no separate website as it has been incorporated into the City of Minneapolis. The request for improvements for Downtown BMNA Façades has been approved and will move forward. There will be \$35,000 for improvements.

nations of Ted Keisselbach and Dave Wahlstedt, seconded and passed. - Board members were asked to sign a conflict of interest policy statement.

- Nominations for Vice President-None forthcoming at this meeting. - 2012 Membership drive letters will be printed and sent out to residents. Letters will be same as last year. - Discussion of Nextdoor platform-Discussed social network sites designed for neighborhoods. My Virtual Neighborhood, etc. Purpose is to connect with neighborhood and be more in touch with neighbors and reduce crime. Addresses are verified before let you join. Personal info could be used for advertising. Boundaries don't coincide with our boundaries. Already doing the things offered. Don't recomSat for Neighborhood organizations. NCR link on Mpls website.

<u>Projects</u>-Solar project still has money available and is on website. Rain garden-5 have received grants, others need to submit documentation. Metro Blooms can make site evaluations. Could have some more funds.

Center for Energy and Environment-In March, free programs for BM will end. Dates in Feb issue.

LRT Project updates

Layover Facility resolution-Discussion on Hennepin county project proposed for Linden Yards, a layover facility for light rail. Reviewed proposed Policy Statement in favor of City's plan. (See attachment). Moved, seconded and discussion. Moved to table, seconded and March 1st.

- Community Connections Conference will be held February 11.

- Lunch with Lisa Feb 29th with Rep. Marion Green.

- 2012 budget for City of Minneapolis is on the website.

- Openings for boards and commissions may be found on City of Minneapolis website.

Redistricting is underway. Bryn Mawr currently is in the 7th ward.Bryn Mawr support is important to keep things moving for the rail layover facility.

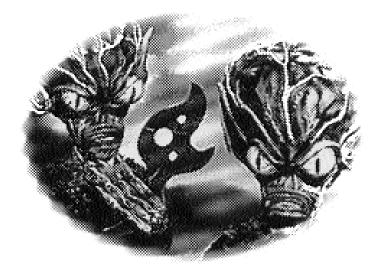
Discussion of Bryn Mawr position paper on redistricting-

Moved, seconded and approved general content of letter, to be amended to reflect comments from

Standing Committee Reports Land Use Committee

No variance requests this month Schools Committee – Lynda Shaheen The committee met in Jan, Crafts fair went well, well attended, good feed back from vendors, NRP \$\$ will help buy equipment for a community open gym night. Adjoumat 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wed, March 14th 7:00 p.m., BM Elementary



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Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
Area	March 6	
1	March 19	
Areas	February 12	
4 W , 5 W , 6, 7	February 26	
Areas		February 13
2, 3, 4E, 5E		February 27

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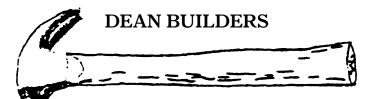




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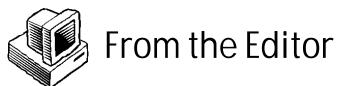




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K, I admit it. I am one of those crazy people mourning the lack of snow this year. Of course, I am not the one who typically has to shovel it at our house, but I am a traditionalist at heart and Minnesota winters are supposed to be white, very white.

When I look at pictures of the Bryn Mawr and Anwatin students at this year's Loppet, I cannot help but notice the bare earth in the foreground. Luckily the Loppet organizers did a great job of making it work, by moving the entire event to the Wirth Winter Recreation Area. Even though skiers are a hearty group who take pride in braving the elements, I think given the lack of snow throughout the midwest, they were grateful for any opportunity to compete.

Our daughter's outdoor hockey season was basically washed out as well because of the warm temperatures. (As I understand it, the lack of a hard freeze and snow pack early in the season greatly affected our overall temps this year.)

Last year we had so much snow it was ridiculous and all that snow meant sometimes bitterly cold nights rinkside. But as a traditionalist, I count myself among those who take pride in thriving under such conditions.

Even so, as it was raining last night, I could not help but think

how much we needed the moisture. As a "lazy gardener, I appreciated the lush growth that resulted from the deep watering last year's melting snow pack provided. With the Bryn Mawr Garden Tour's return in July, I wonder how our current drought will impact the coming summer.

Today is Leap Day, the 29th day of February. A rare date that only comes around once every four years. But this morning we all woke to a typical February scene. Several inches of snow covering everything, (included a slick coat of ice which resulted from the heavy rain which preceded the snow.)

The forecast says it will all be gone soon as more warm temperatures are expected this weekend. Still, it was fun to see the 20 minute crawler of school cancellations and delays on the news this morning. I would be singing a different tune if all the snow and ice had knocked out power, phone and internet in this area.

Despite the weather-inspired shutdowns in other parts of the state, Minneapolis will soldier on as usual. This means I will be late for my first appointment of the day because I will underestimate how much time I will need to remove all that snow and ice from my car. Aaah, tradition!

- JoEllyn B. Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org

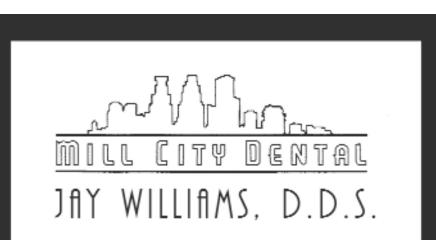


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The greatest happiness is to transform one's feelings into action" - Madame de Staci-

s a community activist, as an "Occupier", I know that transforming "feelings into action, can be a sticky wicket. Most of us have strong opinions on how it shouldn't be done, but putting mortar to the bricks can be a thankless endeavor.

"Put your Backs into it Mates!"

Marlin Possehl, President of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association for many years now, has been the reluctant "Emperor" of this community. Gary Cooper like, he's gunned down many a young gunslinger at our board meetings, barely speaking above a whisper. Decisions made at these meetings can bruise egos and much more and Marlin and his fellow board members voluntarily put their collective heads through this monthly meat grinder. Take the time to find what area you live (on the back page of the Bugle)and who your Area Representative would be. You can ask them how you can get more involved in things or, God forbid, thank them for their service. Close circuit to Area 5 residents, please stop the obscene calls!

The Greening of Bryn Mawr

It is time to put the pedal to the metal or to the petals. The Bryn

Bastick as the mover and shaker. Yet as fabulous as that should be, there is much more going on at our clandestine meetings. James White, an Anwatin science teacher, has taken the lead in a very ambitious community garden program. Last year he, with little help from students and others, fenced in a sizeable chunk of real estate in back of the school and built nine 8' by 10' plant boxes, setting the stage for plowing and planting this year.

And how does this relate to Bryn Mawr? This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to connect with the school. This can be a terrific learning situation for the kids and for the adults, plus an opportunity to grow food to harvest.

You may ask yourself, how do I fit in here? Well, the ground in back of the school is a landfill area and the soil is in rough shape. We need compost, lots of it. Eureka Recycling has an education program and has worked with neighborhoods like Linden Hills put in curbside recycling of compostable "wet garbage". My vision is to somehow connect the dots between our wet garbage and the need for compost in back of the school. This could be a real win-win situation much like the Rain Garden program which is already bearing fruit. Our next Garden Group meeting (basement of Cuppa Java) will be on March 20th. Please come and bring some fresh ideas!

Bringing it all back home...

Movie night in Bryn Mawr went on a temporary hiatus due to a little ear surgery I had last month. We are up and running again with some interesting and informative documentaries scheduled. On the 13th we

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will have the Twin Cities premiere of "Hidden Battles",a powerful film about four soldiers dealing with the after affects of combat.

Seventeen yours ago, I started writing this monthly piece after talking to so many people from behind the counter at the Bryn Mawr Market, hence the name "Counter Talk". I am still blown away by these casual conversations with so many fascinating people. It helps feed my head, for in the end you are my muse, you are the juice that keeps me coming back for more and I thank you. So, until next time, all you little cow punchers,this is old "Counter Talker" bidding you, "Happy Trails".

davesmagnets@gmail.com

Neighborhood E-Mail

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association is fortunate to have a neighborhood e-mail. We have 561people receiving our e-mails. This is an excellent vehicle to communicate all the activity in the neighborhood. If you are not part of our e-mail list, please sign up at bmna.org. Also, use the e-mail to keep neighbors informed of crimes. Many neighbors ask me if I have heard about burglaries or thefts. Send me an e-mail and I will notify the neighbors. Send information to organizer@bmna.org.

> - Patty Wycoff, Neigbborbood Coordinator

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> are held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church,

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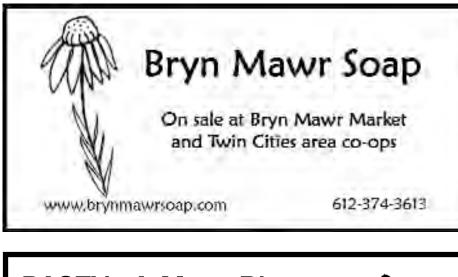
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COORDINATOR CORNER

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.

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





On the Corner of Glenwood & Logan Monday - Friday 6:00 AM - 3:00 PM



BMNA BMNA COMMUNITY PROJECT; Working on the hood!

The BMNA Community Project program has been in place for the last five years. Projects completed or in progress are:

Redesigning the Upton Garden: Our first community project; we completed a remake of the Upton garden in Area 4 and created strategy for ongoing maintenance. Drive by to enjoy the beauty.

The Energy Challenge: Over 80 neighbors joined the challenge and received statistics about their energy use. From this project we leveraged our relationship with SEE to receive two cash awards this year.

The Ash Bore identification project: Our team identified more than 800 ash trees in Bryn Mawr and presented neighbors with a variety of options. The Downtown banner project: Part of a joint City of Minneapolis/BMNA NRP project. The banners are up! The 2011 Pedal to Pedal garden bike ride; will culminate in a BMNA garden tour this summer.

Got a good idea?

Ideas for projects that will improve our community are being solicited from

neighbors. The Community Project Committee (Chair Rick Carter, Area 3, Jay Peterson. Area 6, Steve Harvey, Area 7, and Jessica Wiley, Area 3) will take suggestions from the community and create a prioritized list, making a recommendation at the April BMNA meeting. In order to get folks thinking, here are a few of the categories of projects we consider:

- Environmental (ex. Ash Tree identification)
- Energy (ex. Energy Challenge project)
- Downtown (ex. Banner project
- Transportation
- Community (ex Laurel Garden Redesign)

The committee evaluates the suggestions using a set of criteria including:

Is it possible (politically, physically)? Does it meet the budget (\$0 -\$2000)?

Is it sustainable long term? Does it have neighborhood wide

impact? Is there leadership (an identified neighbor) to get the project done?

We will review the priority ideas from past years and add any new ideas contributed this winter. Please submit ideas for projects to jesswiley@comcast.net, or 612-374-3481, by March 15, 2012

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - March 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, (Spring Break March 31-April 8, 2012) unless otherwise noted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	SAVE TH	E DATE!!		1	2	3
	BRYN MAWR G	ARDEN TOUR				
S	SATURDAY, JULY	14, 10 am-2 pm	l			
4	5	6	Land Use Meeting at ⁷ Bryn Mawr School in Rm. at 7 pm	8	9	10

11	12	13	BMNA Monthly 14 Meeting at Bryn Mawr School in the cafeteria at 7pm.	15	16	17
18	Bassett Creek Valley 9 Redevelopment Oversight Commit- tee(ROC) Meeting, 6:00 PM, Harrison Community Center	20	Safety Committee 21 Meeting, 6:30pm, basement of Cuppa Java	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	Lunch w/Lisa Goodman, at St. Thomas, 10th & LaSalle, RM 257, 12:00 noon, \$10/person, Bryn Mawr School Family Fun Night/Silent Auction, 5:30-7:30	30	31

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS REDISTRICTING - 2012

Rather than restating the whats, hows, and whens of Redistricting 2012 in Minneapolis, I will copy directly from the City's Redistricting website, where the City's Charter Commission and its Redistricting Committee have posted very clear information on the purpose, guidelines and process of Redistricting in 2012.

Following the Redistricting information below, is a copy of Bryn Mawr's formal Redistricting position. The letter was drafted using some text from Bryn Mawr's Comprehensive Plan and some text after very lively discussion by members of the BMNA Redistricting Committee members. The letter was reviewed and discussed in great detail by the BMNA at its February 8, 2012 Board meeting, The letter, with changes requested by the BMNA, was formally submitted to the Charter Commission's Redistricting Group on February 11, 2012.

A member of the BMNA Redistricting Committee has attended most of the Charter Commission meetings over the past 2 years, and many of the Redistricting Group's meetings also. The criteria used by the BMNA Redistricting Group in making its requests of the City's Charter Commission's Redistricting Group, follows the criteria laid out by that body.

Please visit the City's Redistricting 2012 website to learn more about this process. Dates for future public hearings will be posted on this site. - Vida Y. Ditter

"What is Redistricting and Why Do We Have to Do It?

Redistricting involves setting boundaries on a map to create election districts with equal populations. Whether people are voting in a local election, or a statewide or Congressional election, having districts with equal populations helps ensure there is fair representation no matter where you live.

The United States conducts a count of its residents (called the census) every 10 years. The U.S. Constitution requires redrawing Congressional and state legislative district boundaries every 10 years, reflecting population shifts identified in Federal census data. The Minneapolis Charter requires redrawing Minneapolis City wards and Park and Recreation districts every year ending in '2' using the most recent census data.

"Who Draws the Minneapolis City Ward and Minneapolis Park and Recreation District Maps?

In 2010, Minneapolis voters approved an amendment to Chapter 1, Section 3 of the Minneapolis Charter giving authority for redistricting the City to the Charter Commission. In addition to the thirteen Minneapolis City wards, the Charter Commission will set boundaries for the six Park and Recreation districts (three commissioners are also elected at large). The boundaries from 2002 must be adjusted to reflect changes in the distribution and number of City residents. While authority for approving final boundaries rests with the Charter Commission, an Advisory Group of up to nine members appointed by the Charter Commission in May 2011 will work with the Charter Commission (which together is called the Redistricting Group) and staff to prepare the maps. Information about the Advisory Group selection process may be found on the Charter Commission website.

Minneapolis Park and Recreation district boundaries or create its own boundaries.

When Will Redistricting Occur?

In Minnesota, boundary lines are drawn in the following order:

- U.S. Congressional district lines and Minnesota Legislative (House and Senate) district lines [see maps on page 1]
- City ward lines
- City precinct lines
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation district lines and County Commissioner district lines

Generally, the goal is to finish redistricting to allow time for candidates to establish a residence and file for office in advance of the August 2012 primary and November 2012 general election.

Minneapolis must complete its work within 60 days after the Minnesota Legislature completes its task or by April 3, 2012. For a more detailed timeline, see Minneapolis Redistricting Timeline.

In May 2011, the Governor vetoed bills passed by the Minnesota Legislature to redistrict Congressional and Minnesota Legislative districts. The Minnesota Supreme Court appointed a special redistricting panel to draw these maps if necessary, but there is still an opportunity for the Minnesota Legislature and Governor to reach an agreement early in the next legislative session. For details about the State's work and redistricting in general, see resources on the State's GIS website.

How Does the Redistricting Process Work?

The Redistricting Group will work with nonpartisan staff skilled in using computer programs to crunch census data. Maps will go through a number of iterations based on feedback from the Redistricting Group and the public. As a part of this process, the Redistricting Group must hold at least four public hearings on the Minneapolis City ward and Park and Recreation district maps-two hearings on each first draft map [note: these first two hearings were held on February 29 and on March 2] and two hearings on the proposed [final] maps. Notices for all meetings of the Redistricting Group and all public hearings will be posted on this website on the Meetings and Agendas page and also on the Charter Commission's Published Agendas web page.

The Minneapolis City Council and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board have limited roles in redistricting. After the Charter Commission approves a Minneapolis City ward plan, it is forwarded to the City Council. The Council has no power to change proposed Minneapolis City ward boundaries, but it is required to pass an ordinance or resolution defining new precinct boundaries and designating polling places.

The role of the Park and Recreation Board is somewhat different. Under the Charter, the Redistricting Group must submit the proposed (final) Park and Recreation district map to the Park and Recreation Board for review and comment. However, the Park and Recreation Board has no power to change the proposed Park and Recreation district boundaries and must implement them once they have been adopted by the Charter Commission.

The current Ward populations (Bryn Mawr is in Ward 7), as counted in the 2010 census, are listed below.

Ward	Population	Population Average	Number Difference	Percent Difference
Ward I	28,681	29,429	(748)	-2.5%
Ward 2	33,457	29,429	4,028	13.7%
Ward 3	28,998	29,429	(431)	-1.5%
Ward 4	27,358	29,429	(2,071)	-7.0%
Ward 5	26,720	29,429	(2,709)	-9.2%
Ward 6	27,954	29,429	(1,475)	-5.0%
Ward 7	33,924	29,429	4,495	15.3%
Ward 8	29,352	29,429	(77)	-0.3%
Ward 9	29,245	29,429	(184)	-0.6%
Ward 10	27,975	29,429	(1,454)	-4.9%
Ward 11	29,426	29,429	(3)	0.0%
Ward 12	28,604	29,429	(825)	-2.8%
Ward 13	30,884	29,429	1,455	4,9%
Total	382,578			

districts to have equal populations. In addition, the federal Voting Rights Act requires that racial and language minorities have a fair opportunity to elect representatives of their choice. Providing this opportunity requires mapmakers to avoid "packing" (putting minorities into as few districts as possible so they have voting power in less districts) and "cracking" (spreading minorities among so many districts that their voting power is diluted). Note that under the Voting Rights Act, it is the effect, not the intent, of the plan that is important.

Maps for Minneapolis City wards and Park and Recreation districts mostly follow the same standards.

(1) The Charter requires the 13 Minneapolis City wards to have populations that are within five percent of the City population divided by 13, to keep them as close in population as possible. For 2012, the acceptable range is 27,958 to 30,900. Similarly, the six Park and Recreation districts must have populations that are within five percent of the City population divided by 6. For 2012, the acceptable range is 60,575 to 66,951.

(2) Minneapolis City wards and Park and Recreation districts should be contiguous (include an area with an unbroken boundary) and compact (closer to round than to long and narrow) and not more than twice as long as wide, allowing for lakes.

(3) Wherever possible, Minneapolis City ward and Park and Recreation district boundary lines should follow the centerline of streets, avenues, alleys and boulevards and run due East and West or North and South.

(4) District numbering must follow a few requirements listed in the Charter.

(5) Minneapolis City wards and Park and Recreation districts can cross congressional and

Who Draws the Minneapolis School District Map?

Boundaries for the six Minneapolis School districts will be set by the Minneapolis Board of Education, which may decide to use the new

What Standards Must the Redistricting Group Follow?

Minnesota statutes (M.S. 204B.135 and M.S. 204B.14 and M.S. 205.84), Minnesota Rules (Minn. Rule 8255.0010 and Minn. Rule 8255.0020), the Minneapolis City Charter, Charter Commission redistricting principles adopted in 2011 and redistricting rules adopted in 2011 provide information about the process the Redistricting Group will follow to redistrict Minneapolis City wards and Park and Recreation districts.

Federal law, including the Voting Rights Act and court cases, also apply. Federal law requires legislative district lines. For example, there are currently 11 state house districts and 13 wards. Similarly, Minneapolis City wards and Park and Recreation districts need not be congruent.

(6) The Charter states that the Park and Recreation district boundaries in place during the 1970's shall be retained as nearly as practicable in readjusting the boundaries. The Charter also has some specific language about racial and language minority groups specific to the Park and Recreation districts, but this is similar to requirements under the Voting Rights Act discussed above. **In addition, the Charter Commission has established the following principles to guide redistricting:**

(1) Keep communities of interest (a group that shares common interests such as ethnic heritage or specific economic concerns) in one Minneapolis City ward or Park and Recreation district where possible.

(2) Change current boundaries as little as possible."

View From the Bridge

A Flower Grows in Mumbai

he impetus for this column was an MPR broadcast of Public Radio L International's "The World" on Friday, February 10, 2012, specifically, an interview led by host, Marco Werman. The profiled subject was Katherine Boo, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity, published February 7, 2012 by Random House. Without spoiling the plot, let me simply describe that the acclaimed non-fiction literary work is set in Annawadi, a slum of 3,000 residents who live in crowded huts sprouting on the shores of a vast lake of sewage and chemical waste, in marked contrast to the adjacent Mumbai International Airport and its luxury hotels.

As the radio interview ends, Katherine Boo explained research she conducted in India over several years, and in turn, related one short snapshot among incidents she witnessed. "...I would just follow people wherever they went. And I would watch them work; and I would watch the choices that they made in their lives. So I would watch a 13-year-old scavenger walking with his sack all over the airport picking up trash that rich people throw because that is the stuff upon which he makes his life. When he finds behind an airport wall six purple lotuses, it's as if he's found gold in a gutter, and he's terrified because he knows that if boys picked them they could sell them. But he refuses to pick and sell these flowers because he wants there to be some beauty existing and growing in the world. And so he's choosing this secret of beauty over his own ability to eat."

Within the Lotus genus, there are but two species: the Asian Lotus described by Katherine Boo and the American Lotus treasured by Eloise Butler decades earlier, and much closer to home.

Eloise Butler wrote about American Lotus in a letter to Gray Memorial Botanical Chapter, February 1931 "... an interesting discovery was made. A wild duck was given to a pair of ardent nature lovers (William and Martha Crone). In dressing the bird, some undigested seeds of American lotus (Nelumbo lutea) were found in the gizzard. This was enough to start an



investigation...The duck was shot near the neighboring town of Stillwater (actually Shakopee).... a vigorous search revealed much to their delight a large tract of lotus that had been concealed in blossoming time by a rank growth of tall grasses....The lotus is said to be the largest flower of this latitude. The appearance is striking when the flower is in full bloom. And the large top-shaped receptacle is very singular. It breaks off (and) rolls over and over in the water, shedding the seeds through the perforated disk....." American Lotus (Nelumbo lutea) Water-Lily family, 12" to 24" tall

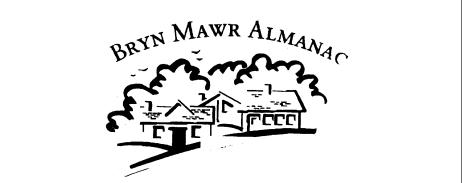
Enomous leaves, elegant flower stalks, and exquisite flowers all contribute to the rare beauty of American Lotus.

There are marked differences between lotus and water lily leaves, which float flat on the surface of lakes and ponds. When young, bluish-green lotus leaves float on the water surface. However, maturing stout stalks thrust up the expanding plate-like leaves. Consequently, one-foot to two-foot wide leaves stand about twelve inches above the water. The edges of the wax-coated leaves often curve upwards to form a shallow bowl.

Six-inch to ten-inch wide flowers rise up to three-feet above the water. The many, large, oval petals are pale yellow. Indeed, the Latin species name "lutea" may be translated as "yellow". Centered within the bowl of petals is a yellow hub bordered with a frilly fringe. Numerous yellow-orange stamens encircle the female ovary, a large, spongy yellow-orange pitted receptacle which grows as wide as four inches across.

The resulting fruit is cone-shaped with a flat top and roughly resembles the head of a watering can. It matures into a brown pod with many openings on top like a large salt shaker that releases seeds instead of seasoning. These large seedpods add unusual accents to flower arrangements. Waterfowl eat the one-halfinch long acorn-like seeds; and so too did some indigenous Native American tribes who also consumed the starchy potatolike tubers.

Humans have cultivated lotuses for thousands of years. American Lotus requires full sun and near-tropical condi-





tions for best blooming. Several weeks of temperatures above 80 or 90 degrees Fahrenheit trigger flowering, which is most likely to occur from July through early September. American Lotus is hardy in zones 5 through 11. In Minnesota, that limits their habitat to the southeast portion of the state. If lotuses are grown in Minneapolis metro-area water gardens, the roots must be stored over winter in temperate storage. Yet, if planted in a favorable location, lotuses will quickly take over available space, spreading via rhizomatous roots.

Pests and ailments include caterpillars, spider mites, and two Lotus Blight diseases: fungal blight and bacterial blight. Both blights result in yellowing and browning of leaf edges, which finally disintegrate. Fungal blight may be treated with a powdered fungicide. Bacterial blight is more difficult to control; and treatment includes removing infected leaves immediately.

American Lotus is a perennial, native, protected wildflower and is reportedly very difficult to grow from seed. Once established, it spreads quickly. It generally grows in quiet water from six inches to twenty-four inches deep, including ponds, lakes, and edges of slow moving streams and rivers. American Lotus grows from Southeastern Minnesota east to Ontario and New York, and southward. Paddlers have reported seeing thousands of American Lotus blooming in early August in the Mississippi River area of Weaver Bottoms in southeastern Minnesota, not far downriver from Wabasha, where the Zumbro River flows into the bottoms. Near Weaver, Minnesota; Weaver Bottoms is a 5,500 acre habitat dominated by open water, flowing channels, backwater lakes, isolated wetlands, and forested islands. This summer, I plan to travel by kayak to see first-hand these amazing flowers. The lotus plays a powerful role in a number of religions and meditative practices originating in Asia. The lotus is a common symbol in Buddhism. The lotus is rooted in mud, which represents human life and its materialism. The strong stem lifts the flower into enlightenment. Because lotus flowers open at sunrise and

close at sunset, the Lotus also represents the sun. The lotus is regarded as a sacred flower that symbolizes purity and tenderness. Among Yoga postures, the crosslegged lotus position promotes stability, advances relaxation, and encourages breathing that supports meditation. The arrangement of the folded legs resembles folded lotus petals.

The lotus form serves as a design element in visual arts as well. The Baha'i House of Worship in New Delhi, India is comprised of marble clad panels that take the form of a lotus flower petals. The lotus is associated with Hindu mythology; and the lotus appears as a decorative element on Hindu monuments in India. In ancient Jain religious sculptures, the lotus is pictured in floral decorations. Lotus forms decorate Buddhist textiles, ceramics, sculpture, and architecture. A "Lotus throne" refers to painted lotuses supporting images of figures in art and the actual physical throne decorated with patterns inspired by the lotus. A radio program titled "The World" is truly an apt introduction to the subject of the lotus. Sources:

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- March 8, 2012 Full moon, the Ojibwe Snowshoe Breaking moon.
- March 16, 1996 A week of warm days brings shoots of a few bulbs poking up from south-facing gardens.
- March 20, 2011 The James Barker leaves the Duluth harbor, opening the spring shipping season on the spring equinox. Her path was cleared by an icebreaker.
- March 28, 2009 The Red River crests at 40.8 feet in Fargo-Moorhead, an all time high. The dikes and sandbags held, barely. The river remained above flood stage for two months and the cities survived a second crest.

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



Area 1

Peg Meier, area 1, discovered a 1927 diary of a 13-year-old girl that has become a book and now is a play. "Coco's Diary" will run March 3-25 at the History Theater in downtown St. Paul.

The play is a new comedy adapted from the diary of Clotilde (Coco) Irvine. It leads audiences on a winsome romp alongside the smart, adventurous, mischievous heroine, accompanied by the beguiling music of the 1920s. "Coco's Diary" is charming, funny and delightful entertainment for the whole family.

The book, "Though No Fault of My Own," was published last year by the University of Minnesota Press. Meier found the diary in the Minnesota Historical Society archives.

Coco grew up in what is now the Governor's Residence on St. Paul's Summit Avenue. Her father was a wealthy lumberman. As adults, she and her sister donated their deceased parents' mansion to the state for use by the governor.

Meier is a former Star Tribune reporter and has written seven books about Minnesotans, past and present. The History Theatre has based several plays on her articles and books. For information on tickets, see www.historytheatre.com or call the box office at 651-292-4323.

Area 4

Bryn Mawr resident Terry Hempleman is appearing in the classic mystery, DIAL M FOR MURDER, now until March18 at the Jungle Theater's Lyn-Lake theater, 2951 Lyndale Av. S., in Minneapolis.

The play follows Tony Wendice who has married his wife Margot for her money. Now he plans to kill her for the same reason. He arranges the perfect murder and a brilliant alibi for himself, but plans go horribly awry. Hempleman plays Max Halliday, the American crime fiction writer and Margo's old flame..

Tickets are available at (612) 822-7063 or at www.jungletheater.com





Who Let The Moms Out?

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

Ast month we headed to Pig and Fiddle, a pub located in the old Pearson's on 50th and France. The head chef is featured as "a hot young chef" in the March issue of Minnesota Monthly. And she's attracting young crowds; we were the most mature customers in the place. We loved the mussels cooked in beer. The Polish pierogies were rich, as they should be, and the craft beer choices expansive. Our waitress was attentive, despite the crowd she had to fight to get to us.

Those of us over 50 channeled Paul Pearson's Drive- in on Hiawatha and Minnehaha, featuring the big burger wrapped in foil. The highway department bought the land in 1973 and the drive-in closed, but the family opened Pearson's in Edina shortly after. Pearson's served grandma's favorite comfort food next to a large stone fireplace, which was saved and has a prominent place in Pig and Fiddle.

Sex Lives of Cannibals, by J. Maarten Troost, is a delightful, quirky travelogue of two young twenty something's in search of adventure (and themselves) in a tropical paradise on the Tarawa atoll in the Pacific Ocean. Reality sets in quickly; it's really hot, and dry, and there's not much to eat except fish and more fish. There are laugh-outloud descriptions of Kiribati customs, and some subtle insights into politics, history, and culture. We loved it.

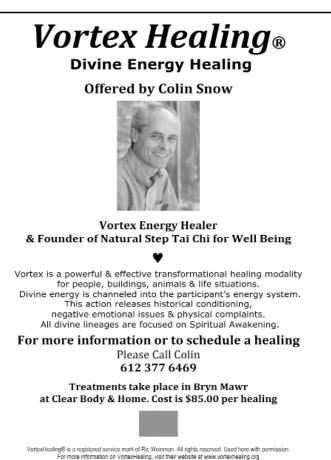
Minneapolis Audubon Society Programs

Programs begin at 1:00 p.m. the second Friday of each month at the Bryant Square Neighborhood Center, located at the corner of 31st Street and Bryant Avenue, in Minneapolis. The Center, just one block south of Lake Street, is easily accessible via the #4 bus, which runs every 15 minutes. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – EVERYONE WELCOME

- Dorene Scriven, Minneapolis Audubon Society Program Director 612-922-4586

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Anwatin Middle School Students Honored at "Centennial Student Project Awards Luncheon"

The first essay contest was piloted at Anwatin Middle School in 2009 as means for celebrating Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" and the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis. Since then, Rotary has been invited back to Anwatin every year to encourage seventh-grade language arts students to immerse themselves in a service project.

This year, 135 seventh-graders at Anwatin submitted an essay describing how they are working to improve their community using the principles of the Rotary Four-way Test.

1. Is it the truth?

2. Is it fair to all concerned?

3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The Centennial Student Project is for all seventh-graders at Anwatin. Teachers select 20 semi-finalists to work on visual presentations representing their essays. Rotary club members then select nine winners based on whose visual presentations best represent their essays, as well as their efforts to make a difference in their community.

The nine winners and their guests, and Anwatin faculty, were honored by the Rotary Club of Minneapolis on Friday, February 24, 2012, at the club's weekly lunch meeting held at Windows on Minnesota, 50th Floor of the IDS Tower.



City of Lakes Minne-Loppet Race



or the 8th year in a row, the ▪ Bryn Mawr fourth and fifth grade students skied in the City of Lakes Minne-Loppet. The cross country ski race was held on Saturday, February 4th.

Unfortunately, the children's wishful snow dances didn't produce enough snow and the Loppet events had to be relocated from Lake of the Isles to the man-made snow at Wirth Park. Typically, the students have eight weeks to practice their "kick and glide" on cross country skis but this year mother nature only provided a few days of ski-able

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snow. Yet, under the excellent tutelage of the Nordic Ski Foundation coaches Margaret Adelsman and Mary Bolla the skiers courageously tackled the more challenging, hilly course at Wirth Park. The students admitted there were a few spectacular spills at the bottom of the hills but they all made it to the finish line to receive their medals.

The mission of the City of Lakes Nordic Ski Foundation is to promote cross country skiing in the Minneapolis Area, especially among its youth. Consequently, the coaches, ski equipment, hats, race medals, as well as, an awards banquet are all provided free of charge. Thanks to the Foundation and its sponsor UCare, for providing this opportunity to the students at Bryn Mawr Community School.

Many thanks to Bryn Mawr's physical education teacher Anita Chavez for her continued dedication and support of the cross country ski program and first grade teacher Kim Yamamoto for photographing the race and providing photos to all the participants.

Cathy Skalicky, Area 4

Classes at Anwatin Community Education

Register at www.mplscommunityed.com or call 612-668-2470.

Cooking Indian Style-Hbindi Masala, Roti, and Sooji Halwa

Monday, March 5, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm; Tuition: \$15.00 Materials Cost: \$21 supply fee payable to the instructor.

Cooking Indian Style-Curry and Khichdi Maharajas Food Monday, March 12, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm; Tuition: \$15.00 Materials Cost: \$21 supply fee payable to the instructor.

Bryn Mawr Elementary School **PTA Silent Auction** 2012 Catalog

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INSTRUCTOR Erin Threfkeld has been teaching yoga since 1980. She is certified in classical Hatha yoga from the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centre. on Paradise Island, Bahamas and Vinyasa yoga from the White Lotus Foundation in Santa Barbara. She has augmented her learnings with studies. in the traditions of lyengar, Jivamukti, Bikram, Kripelu, Ashtanga, Anusara, Kundalini, and Para. Erin's yoga classes are designed to help the student. develop a kinesthetic sense of how to intentionally generate flow. She does not subscribe rigidly to any one doctrine, but prefers to move fluidly between several schools of thought and discipline.

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INSTRUCTOR From Britain, Colin Snow is the Founder of Natural Step Tai Chi Minneapolis. He currently offers Tai Chi-Classes, Guides Effortless Sitting Meditations & is a practicing Vortex Energy Healer, www.NaturalStepTeiChi.com



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INSTRUCTOR Kerry Cronchosfer is the owner of CLEAT: Inspired by spece, form and function. Kerry's original degree is a BFA in sculpture from MCAD (Minnespole College. of Art 6. Design). She is inherenity motivated by any challenge to minimize the clutter that can stagnate life and sap energy from the things we actually love. Kerry is nationally certified Shietao Therepist through the NCC/CM (Netional Certification Commission for Acopunctures and Oriential Medicine), Henatudy and practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine furthen influenced and guided the connection of these practices, creating the CLEAR Body & Home concept.

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INSTRUCTOR Kimberly Galvin is a Massage Therapist, Herbalist, & Kundalini Yoga Instructor. She is member of the ABMP [Associated] Bodywork and Massage Professionals). She graduated from the Minneapolis School of Massage & Bodywork, and received Dertification from the International Kundalini Yoga Teachers Association. Kimberly has studied with Herbalist Lise Wollf AHG, ompleted an apprenticeship with Herbelist Metthew Wood AHG, completed Level One Training in Bach Flower Essences, presented by Nelson-Bach, end is corrently enrolled in the Flower Essence Society's Professional Certification Program. Kimberly has completed Level One training in Cranial Sacral Therapy, presented by Upledger Institute and is completing a Reflexology program offered through the Institute for Integrative Fiealth Care Studies.

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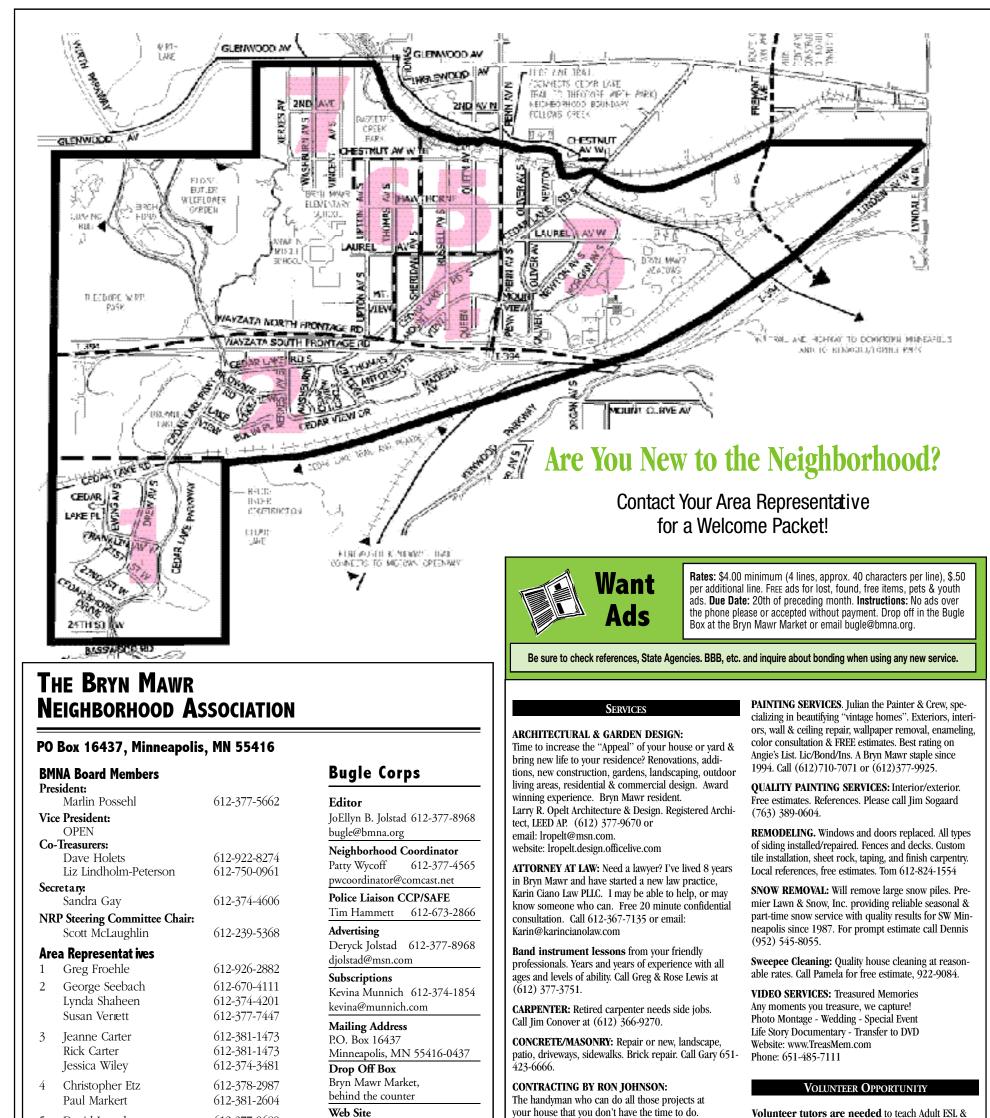
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