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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for SW LRT to be Available Soon

By Barry Schade, Area 6

The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Southwest Light Rail Transit project is now expected to be made available for public review in late September. The release of the DEIS will initiate a 45-day review process during which all interested parties will have an opportunity to comment on the draft document. The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association (BMNA) is planning a process to formally respond to the DEIS.

The SW LRT (Green Line Extension) has been important for Bryn Mawr both because of the broad neighborhood support for light rail transit in general and because of the likely impact of the SW LRT on Bryn Mawr. Two stations are planned for location in Bryn Mawr: the Van White station and the Penn Avenue station. Because of access challenges, the Van White Station will probably present very limited light rail access for Bryn Mawr residents. However, the Penn Avenue station would offer easy access to the light rail system, provide a gateway opening to the park system, open connections with the broader transit system and advance local development opportunities.

Because of requirements for greater physical security such as fences, the SW LRT also has the potential to further restrict neighborhood access to the existing trail system. In addition, we share the concerns of the Cedar Lake Park Association about the likely impact

on the trail system itself. The route of the SW LRT will co-exist with walking and cycling trails heavily used by Bryn Mawr residents.

Because of the high level of likely impact on the neighborhood, the BMNA has been an active participant in groups reviewing the SW LRT project. These groups include the Southwest Community Advisory Committee, the CAC for the Parks and Recreation Board and the Southwest Corridor Coalition. All of these groups will have a voice in shaping the proposed project.

The release of the DEIS at the end of September will be the next step of an environmental review process that began in the fall of 2008. Controversy over the relocation of the freight line has added to the cost of the SW LRT project and increased the amount of time needed for environmental review.

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association will certainly comment on the DEIS during the 45-day period, and individuals may want to comment as well. The DEIS will provide a great opportunity to learn more about the SW LRT project and will allow the neighborhood an opportunity to express our interest in the impacts of the project. Anyone interested in participating individually or with the BMNA, or simply learning more, should contact Barry Schade, 612-



Neighbors

Cedar Lake Road & Thomas Ave S, Area 4



Entertainment for this Upton Avenue block party was provided by a marimba band. Photo by Dick Borgan

SAVE THE DATE: 2012 BMNA Harvest Dinner Thurs., October 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria

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BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Minutes Wed., August 8, 2012, 7:00- 8:45 PM Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Call to Order and Introductions

Marlin called meeting to order and participants introduced themselves as follows:

- BMNA Board Members-Marlin Possehl, President; Scott McLaughlin, Co- Vice President; Goran Pujic, Co-Vice President; Sandie Gay, Secretary; Liz Pederson, Co-Treasurer; Dave Holets, Co-Treasurer; Jeanne Carter, Area 3; Chris Kirwan, Christopher Etz, Area 4; Jay Peterson, Vida Ditter, Area 6; Stephen Harvey, Area 7; JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor.
- Guests-Lisa Goodman, City of Minneapolis; Jeneen Hartley Sago, Matt Stark

Approval of Consent Agenda -Including:

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

City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman

• Senior Advisory Committee-City Council is reviewing having an alterrate for this committee. Matt Stark has volunteered.

- No Lunch with Lisa planned for Sept.
- Voter ID issue may be on future agenda for Lunch with Lisa.
- Primary will be held on Aug 14. BM is now split into two voting precincts. Absentee voting and on-site registration allowed.
- City of Minneapolis Mobile 311 APP available. The 10 most popular items are available on APP. Phone 311 is still available for all maintenance requests for the City of Minneapolis.
- NUSA, a national neighborhood organization, will hold its 2013 National Convention in Minneapolis. They are looking for neighborhood tours. The BMNA garden tour and/or Solar Panel Installations were mentioned as strong possibilities.
- BMNA is still working on getting a "Nice Ride".
- The Minneapolis One Read Event is featuring "Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past" by local author, Diane Wilson. The subject matter deals with the Dakota War of 1862 and the effects upon her family. With the 150th anniversary of the Dakota War coming up, it is a pertinent read. Garrison Keillor and the author will be at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Monday, Sept. 24 at 7 pm for a discussion of the book.
- Drop off your hazardous wastes at Pillsbury School. See Minneapolis website for more info.
- City of Minneapolis issued an RFP for the intersection of Penn/Plymouth. A proposal was submitted

for a grocery store with emphasis on fresh, healthy foods. Incorporating mixed use housing is biggest issue for financing.

Garden Tour report - Scott McLaughlin

Attendance over 333. Several thousands of dollars were made. The money will be seed money for future tours and should be tracked.

Ice Cream Scoop Off Report -Marlin

350 to 400 people attended, country band well-liked by attendees, Not too much revenue-\$638-Delivered left over ice cream to Crossroads and La Creche. The Board is grateful to Crossroads for their participation. The number of participants is down from our target of 400-500.

Proposed public forum on two state constitutional amendments - Vida-

Talked with League of Women Voters and the Speakers Bureau but could not find anyone to present. Lisa mentioned that an informational report was prepared for the City Council. It is neutral and explains how it will affect current laws. Lisa volunteered to do introductions to author of report. No speaker was found for the Marriage Amendment. The tentative date is Oct 9th at 7pm at BM school. It will be confirmed and published in the Bugle. Vida will contact William Mitchell for recommendation for a speaker. A debate of the issues was suggested.

Neighborhood Project -Rick/Jessica-

Parks and Recreation is looking at alteratives to the brand of the solar trash can. They may use it system wide but they don't know the vendor.

Treasurer's report- Liz Pederson/ **Dave Holets**

\$106,500 balance, Liz will report on investing in USAA income fund at next meeting.

NCEC report - Scott McLaughlin

Business façade report-One business, an insurance company, has finished replacing siding across the freeway and they've already gotten their check, The Market has installed new windows, the coffee shop has started a project to upgrade their stairway. There are signs out for the program and an article in Bugle. It won't be repeated.

LRT Project updates

Station Area Strategic Planning-Senators Dibble and Ornstein walked Penn Station site with Lisa, an advocate for building it. They saw development opportunities and felt it would be worth the capital. Met Council has multiple contractors working on engineering. Bryn Mawr will have access issues without Penn Station. BMNA Board is on record supporting the LRT.

Standing Committee Reports

- Schools Committee Jessica Wiley -A meeting will be held in Sept. There will be a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters.
- Communications Committee Jay-Will call meeting.

Information and Announcements

- Area 4 rep-Owner of Accent Signs is a BMNA booster, and will have candidates at his shop.
- Introduction of Chris Fields, candidate for Congressional 5th district-Introduced himself and explained his background. Go into website ChrisFieldsfor-Congress.com for more info.
- Striping for Cedar Lake Road complete.

Adjoumat 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wed, September 12 7:00 p.m., BM Elementary School **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Election primaries Tue, Aug 14
- TBD • Harvest Dinner
- Tue, Nov 13 • General Election

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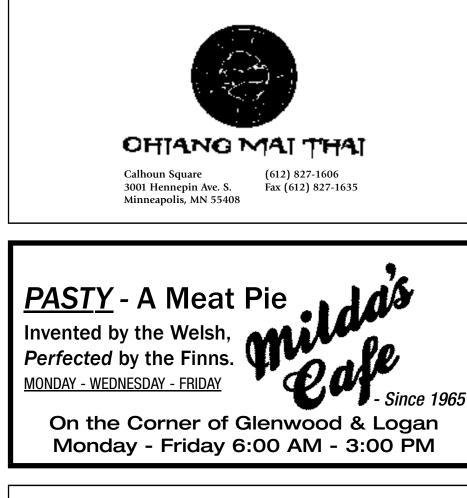


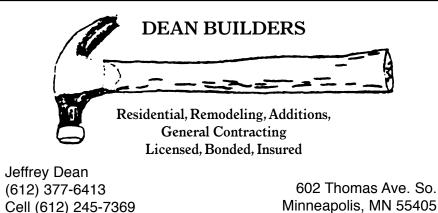
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	Monday	Tuesday
Area		September 4
1	September 17	
Areas	September 10	
4W, 5W, 6, 7	September 24	
Areas		September 11
2, 3, 4E, 5E		September 25

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From the Editor

ell, it finally happened! The Pierre Bottineau French Immersion School opened and is providing an outstanding education to 95 inner city kids. The amount of time and effort, spent by me and many, many others over the past three-and-a-half years, is immeasurable. I certainly never imagined just how difficult a task it would be, but now that the school is operational, it is all totally worth it!

Clearly, I was just a pie-eyed optimist when in May 2009, Gaelle Berg and I wrote a letter to the Minneapolis Public Schools Board of Education expressing an interest in starting the first Self-Governed School in Minnesota. Once our request was approved, we spent a summer collaborating with two other teachers on writing a 200+ page proposal. After many more months of meetings and adjustments, the final plan was presented to and approved by the Board of Education in March 2010.

We honestly thought that this was the hard part. We had an approved plan and all we had to do was implement it, right? Well, anyone who has ever worked in an organization as entrenched in bureaucracy as public education can tell you, nothing is easy - certainly not starting something completely new and innovative!

The next year was spent trying to figure out the who, what, when, where and most importantly, how (to pay for everything!) In 2011, we hired Christina Maynor to be the School Leader and set about recruiting students. Just as we were about to hire teachers, the tornado struck in north Minneapolis.

Although not damaged in the storm, the school was located right in the heart of the devastation. Three of our Governing Council members were directly impacted by the storm and many of our families did not even know where they would be living in the fall, let alone where their children would be going to school. A heartbreaking decision to delay the opening of the school until fall 2012 was made.

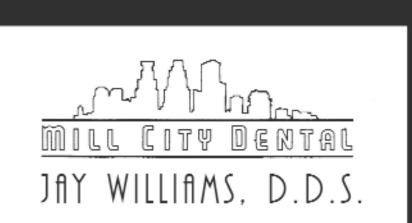
I was not as involved in the school development over the next 12 months. I started a new job and Christina, was the only paid staffer. But, thanks to her hard work and the support of many district personnel and community volunteers, I was able to attend the first day of kindergarten on Sept. 29, 2012.

Not surprisingly, the other three founders, with whom I spent that first summer were there as well. It was a wonderful experience to see our dream in action and a joy to share it with the inspirational women who shared this journey with me.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org

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In any electoral scenario there are flaws and strengths. This year's August primaries were no exception. Because of the new redistricting and the reality that this new district that covers the northern half of Bryn Mawr lives is overwhelmingly Democratic, the usually tiny primary vote turnout can, basically, elect a State Representative. Raymond Dehn edged Terra Cole in this Primary by 19 votes. Once again, the size of this margin indicates to me the importance of exercising your RIGHT to vote. Of course, I'm preaching to the choir because the three candidates, especially Ian Alexander and Raymond, underscored the voting power Bryn Mawr has by the inordinate amount time they spent wooing us.

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Keith Ellison, despite a lot of money spent to attack him, squeaked by with "only" 91% of the vote. Somebody has a lot of money and a lot bad advice on how to spend it. Here's the best part; the 9% that did not vote for Ellison split their vote between TWO candidates! All the racists in the district must have been at the lake.(caveat; all who voted for someone other than Keith are not racists)

And Interesting Situation...

There was a story that I came across recently about a Little Falls woman who put a "We are the 99%" sign in her front yard. The City of Little Falls made her take down the sign, she received dire threats and endured other harassments from neighbors. I was outraged by this story of the repression of the freedom of expression. What would happen if the shoe was on the other foot?

What would we progressive, civil libertarians do if a neighbor put a flag up with a drawing of a automatic weapon on it that said, "try taking it from me". Obviously, the person with the flag is seeking not just to express an opinion, but trying to antagonize his neighbors. He has a right to his opinions, bad taste is not illegal, otherwise I would have been in jail a long time ago. The more I thought about it, the more I felt like, let it be. You put reactive energy into something like this and it gives the person making the statement exactly what he wants. At least you know where he is coming from, that's for sure.

Finding My Way Home

There is a finishing line here somewhere. You thought I was kidding around about having nothing, didn't you?

Let's see, Izzy Monk-O'Connor is still in Oregon, The Percolators are still percolating, the Bryn Mawr Market is still selling Heggies Pizzas, movie night at the "down low" cinema lounge is still packing them in, the HOUR CAR is still looking for members, Cockle-Doodle-Doo is still doing, Patti Wycoff is still running, and I am still walking along the razor's edge. Look out below! See you all next month for shizzle!

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realistically, I got plenty of nothing. You say, "Dave, that's what you normally write about!" True enough,

but....

truly endless".

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Cedar Lake Road and Laurel Avenue,on <u>Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.</u>

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If you spot one consider yourself informed that a change is in the works. The Bryn Mawr Façade Improvement program is underway and 16 of our businesses have decided to participate! Wow! For many of us it may be news that this many businesses even exist in our little village. Before the first snow these businesses have committed to make visual and energy saving improvements to their storefronts. In total over \$120,000 will be spent in the days ahead. Most of the funding is being provided by the businesses themselves. Of course, a little help from NRP and the BMNA makes the whole deal a nice collaboration. Specifically, NRP will be providing 25% of the funds while the BMNA is adding about 12.5%. Look for more news and a photo or two in the days ahead!

- Scott McLaughlin, BMNA Co-vice President

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - September 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
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9	10	11	BMNA monthly 12 meeting, 7pm @ Bryn Mawr Elemen- tary, Cafeteria	13	14	15
16	17	ROC Committee, 18 Harrison Community Center, 6:00pm BMNA Garden Group Meeting 7:00pm, Cuppa Java basement	19	BMNA Schools 20 Committee Meeting, 7:00pm at Bryn Mawr Elementary, Rm 136	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29



Who Let The Moms Out?

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

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For years the company has been supporting research in the Amazon on a wonder drug that maintains lifelong fertility for women, and has the potential to restore fertility to post-menopausal women. Reports on progress are few and far between, so researcher Anders Eckman is sent to find out what's going on. With the report of Anders death, the company sends his work partner, Marina Singh, to discover what happened to him and follow up on the research project.

The story calls to mind "Heart of Darkness," with characters who embody good and evil. There are numerous clashes of culture and a sub-plot involving a young boy called Easter, who becomes a pawn between cultures. Bugs, snakes, and heat invoke beautiful and frightening jungle images.

Patchett is unquestionably a good writer and a great storyteller. While some felt Bel Canto a better novel, we all recommend State of Wonder a good read. We loved the surprise ending.

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Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary

Summer is winding down and it's time to welcome in autumn. This is a time of year to enjoy cooling temperatures and make the most of the shorter days. Stop out and visit the prairie garden to witness the abundance of fall flowers in bloom from yellow goldenrods to purple asters. Settle in on a bench for a stint to watch a bounty of birds feast on seeds as many prepare to fly south for the winter. Look for the first signs of autumn's changing hues as you stroll along our woodland trails. Be sure to stop in to the Visitors Shelter to find out more about the current happenings at the Wildflower Garden.

Every Tuesday and Thursday and on the weekends, the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden Naturalists offer free naturalist led programs at the Garden. Learn about the latest blossoms and birds on these fabulous (and free!) explorations of the Garden. Each Saturday morning at 8:30am a free summer birding program is offered for new and experienced bird watchers. It's a wonderful opportunity to spend time in the field with a seasoned group of birders.

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

Program Registration:

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

Garden Information and Inquiries:

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

Garden Hours:

The Garden is open daily from April 1st to October 15th from 7:30am to 1/2 hour before sunset.

Martha Crone Visitors Shelter Hours:

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

Sunday: Noon to 1 hour before sunset

Directions:

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

Public Programs and Tours Schedule

Saturday, September 1st

8:30-10:00am Early Birders 11:00-11:30am Family Garden Ramble 1:00-2:00pm Berries, Drupes and Other Fruits 1:00-2:30pm Honey Production* Special Class \$30 per person 4:00-4:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

Sunday, September 2nd

1:00-1:30pm Family Garden Ramble 3:00-4:00pm Early Autumn Wildflowers Tour 5:00-5:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

Tuesday, September 4th

5:00-5:30pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike

Thursday, September 6th

5:00-5:30pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike 5:30-7:00pm Nature's Healers – Intro to Wild Medicine* Special Class \$15 per person

Saturday, September 8th

8:30-10:00am Early Birders 11:00-11:30am Family Garden Ramble 1:00-2:00pm Magnificent Mushrooms 4:00-4:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

Sunday, September 9th

1:00-1:30pm Family Garden Ramble 3:00-4:00pm Quaking Bog Tour 5:00-5:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

Monday, September 10th

2:00-3:00pm Autumn Sensory Hike PreK-K program* Special Class \$5.00 per child

Tuesday, September 11th

10:00- 12:00pm Using Prairie Plants in Your Garden* Special Class \$20 per person 5:00-5:30pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike

Thursday, September 13th

5:00-5:30pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike

Saturday, September 15th

8:30-10:00am Early Birders

11:00-11:30am Family Garden Ramble 1:00-2:00pm Wildflowers of the Wetland and Prairie

4:00-4:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk 7:00-8:00pm New Moon Creatures of the Night

Hike \$5 per person/\$10 per family

Sunday, September 16th

1:00-1:30pm Family Garden Ramble 3:00-4:00pm Birding Basics 5:00-5:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

Tuesday, September 18th

5:00-5:30pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike

Thursday, September 20th

5:00-5:30pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike 5:30-7:00pm Nature's Healers – Early Fall Medicines Special Class \$15 per person

Friday, September 21st

9:30-11:30am Wildflower Photography 101* Special Class \$15 per person

Saturday, September 22nd

8:30-10:00am Early Birders 11:00-11:30am Family Garden Ramble 1:00-2:00pm Magnificent Mushrooms 4:00-4:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

Sunday, September 23rd

1:00-1:30pm Family Garden Ramble 3:00-4:00pm Early Autumn Wildflowers Tour 5:00-5:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

Tuesday, September 25th

5:00-5:30pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike

Thursday, September 27th

5:00-5:30pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike Friday, September 28th

7:00-8:00pm Full Corn Moon Garden Tour

\$5 per person/\$10 per family

Saturday, September 29th

8:30-10:00am Early Birders 11:00-11:30am Family Garden Ramble 1:00-2:00pm Quaking Bog 4:00-4:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

Sunday, September 30th

1:00-1:30pm Family Garden Ramble 3:00-4:00pm Birding Basics 5:00-5:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

Special Classes

Preschool and Kindergarten Classes – Autumn Sensory Hike

Monday, September 10th, 2:00-3:00pm Cost: \$5.00 per child participating These programs are geared towards students ages 3 to 6 years. All programs meet at the front gate of the Garden. Please dress appropriately for the weather and walking outside for an hour.

While the prairie is still in bloom, the leaves of the trees in the woodlands begin to lose their greens and show off their reds, yellows, browns and oranges. See how many different colors there are in the Garden as summer winds down and autumn arrives. Listen for migrating birds and watch them feed on the berries and seeds before their long flights. Look for nuts from our many trees that the squirrels and chipmunks eat and bury in preparation for the coming winter.

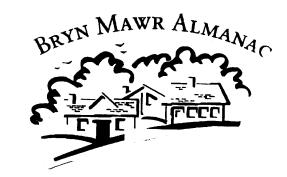
Nature's Healers- Medicinal Plants of the Garden

Led by Cynthia Thomas

Thursdays, 5:30-7 pm September 6 – Intro to Wild Medicines September 20- Early Fall Medicine Plants Cost: \$15.00 per class

Join berbalist Cynthia Thomas in the field to learn about the simple use of plants as medicine and food. Learn about the bealing properties of plants growing in the Garden and your own backyard. Discover bow to identify and use several favorite medicinal plants species.

Wildflower Photography 101: Autumn Foliage Led by photographer John Maciejny Fridays, 9:30am-11:30am



September 7, 2011 The annual retreat of summer ice in the Arctic Ocean has reached the point where for the first time a ship can sail from the Atlantic to the Pacific, a "northwest passage" that hasn't existed before, at least in modern times. Loss of ice cover is a symptom of global warming but also a cause, as blue water absorbs solar heat that white ice reflects.

September 25, 1985 0.4 inches snow, the earliest day recorded here with more than a trace.

September 29, 2011 50 mph winds and 30 foot seas on western Lake Superior.

September 30, 2012 Full moon, the Ojibwe falling leaves moon. Note there were two full moons in August, the second one qualifying as a "blue moon".

September 21st – Autumn Foliage Cost: \$15.00 per person

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

Using Prairie Plants in Your Garden

Led by Shirley Mah Kooyman Tuesday, 10am – 12pm September 11th Cost: \$20.00 per person

Learn bow to include prairie plants in your perennial garden to attract butterflies and birds to your yard. Many prairie plants have deep roots and are more tolerant of drought conditions. If you have a sunny spot you can grow any number of prairie plants with a range of colors from spring to fall.A hike to the prairie area to see plant examples is included.

View From the Bridge

Don't Call My Soil Dirty!

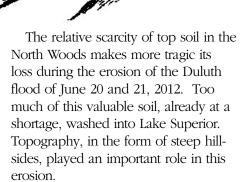
"All life is powered by the sun, but nurtured by the earth."

Artist's Statement of Seitu Jones, describing his sculpture "The Amazing Mother Earth Composter" at Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Summer 2012. ext to light and water, soil is the limiting factor governing plant growth. A few weekends ago, I learned about the importance of soil during a tour of Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, a large ecological research site in central Minnesota with natural habitats that represent the entire state. Small differences in soil makeup - sand, silt, clay, moisture define the type of plant community that is likely to become established and to persist.

Soil scientists bristle when their subject is called dirt, and yet that is the term used by most lay persons, as well as by the Arboretum in describing their special Summer 2012 exhibition and events: "Dirt-O-Rama", running now through October 14. I encourage you to visit the Arboretum for the exhibition and special events.

University of Minnesota Extension educator Carl Rosen defines soil as the "unconsolidated mineral and organic material on the surface of the earth that serves as a natural medium for the growth of plants".

Soil formation is governed by five factors: parent material, climate, biota (collection of plants and living organisms), topography, and time. Parent material consists of the rock from which the mineral portion of soil is produced often by weathering, sedimentation, but also by the action of glaciers. Wind, water and ice deposits the remains of the weathering. Climate plays a part in the weathering – warmer areas with greater rainfall are often more subject to erosion. In general, precipitation increases as one moves from southeastern Minnesota to northwestern Minnesota. Temperatures drop as one travels from southwestern Minnesota to northern Minnesota. This combination has led to the formation of the three biomes (plant communities); western and especially south-



Topography also affects the moistness of a site: the western sides of mountains typically wetter than the eastern sides, which lie within a "rain shadow" of eastward moving storms. Southern slopes are typically sunnier and drier than their shadier northern sloping neighbors.

Finally, the passage of time can allow for the various factors to take place. Hard rock, such as the exposed granite and basalt of the North Shore may remain relatively unchanged, requiring much time for it to be weathered into soil. Relatively softer rock, such as limestone and sandstone, more readily decays into soil. Such sedimentary rock, especially within the Minnesota National Wildlife Refuge and Fort Snelling State Park, was eroded thousands of years ago by Glacial River Warren. Now, the Minnesota River flows within the broad river valley and floodplain. A more youthful river, the Red River of the North, has not had time to carve a valley – the result being its frequent flooding over the flat landscape of western Minnesota. But time may also provide humans the opportunity to disturb or compact soils, negatively impacting the success of native plant communities.

On a weekend that brought three art fairs to Minneapolis (Uptown, Loring Park, and Powderhorn), I explored three of the five juried outdoor sculptures, collectively titled "Art of the Earth", at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Here I explore these sculptures, their construction, and their significance.

"The Amazing Mother Earth Composter"

Seitu Jones used plywood, wire mesh and hardware to create the sculpture placed at the beginning of Three-Mile Drive, on the right-hand side of the roadway. Our earth spins on its axis; so too does "The Amazing



Oswald Visitor Center, this ant hill is crowned by an ant earth mover.

When I crawled inside the ant hill and looked up, the sun reminded me of an importance source of energy for life on earth. And yet other inter-relationships are important to life's growth on soil. Animals and microorganisms decompose and distribute soil. Insects such as ants affect the soil and plants. Another relationship, one that is invisible to the human eye is the symbiotic relationship between mycorrhizal fungi and roots of trees and plants. Mycelium intertwines and fuses with small roots of trees; and mycelium derives energy and the tree gains needed nutrients.

"Earthly Coat"

"As soil beautifully clothes the earth's mantle, soil also clothes us." – Artist's Statement.

Wendy J. Johnson wove her "Earthly Coat" from wool felt, dyed and undyed fibers, steel pipe and wire. Visitors may try the coat on for size – or at least crawl or gingerly enter the sculpture that sits on the hillside uphill from excessively organic soils (greater than 20-30% organic) can have drainage problems and are slow to warm in the spring.

Exploring the art installations are just one of many features of "Dirt-O-Rama" that runs through October 14. A few interesting hands-on activities include: Diggin' for Critters, Discovery Dirt Stop, and Mud Kitchen. Visit the Dirt-O-Rama portion of the Arboretum website for more information: www.arboretum.umn.edu/dirtorama.aspx

Sources:

http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/dirtorama.aspx Dig into the subject of dirt...it will be worth your effort!

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

Urban Reforestation

t a time when researchers warn that global warming and widespread western US wildfires are

western prairies, northeastern coniferous (boreal), and between, a transitional zone of mixed hardwoods – big woods/forest.

Plants and animals, together called "biota", contribute organic matter to soil. The mere presence of plants also affects soil erosion, lessening the speed and quantity of runoff. Over many centuries, the growing biomass of the prairie added to the depth and richness of the soil available to native plants or to farmers on the Great Plains. By contrast, northeastern Minnesota has relatively shallow soils, as anyone hiking on the Superior Hiking Trail or on a Boundary Waters portage may attest. Shallow soils overlaying the relatively exposed bedrock/"Canadian Shield" leaves little space for tree roots; and so these creep and crawl close to the surface.

Mother Earth Composter", a tumbler style bin.

Adding compost to garden soil has many positive effects: is one of the single most beneficial improvements we can make to the growing medium on which to add plants.

Addition of compost or other organic matter improves garden soil in many ways: increases water holding capacity of soils, supplies plant nutrients and moderates chemical imbalances, improves ease of cultivation, and promotes biological activity.

"Ant Venture"

"Enter into the ant hill and learn the way of these prolific creatures" – Artist's Statement.

Albert Belleveau crafted an eight foot tall and wide ant hill from a steel lattice framework and captured stone. Outside the entry to the Arboretum's the Sensory Garden parking lot, to the right of the entry to the garden itself.

The texture of "Earthly Coat" reminds one of the importance of soil texture: a mixture of sand, silt, clay, as well as organic matter. Finely textured soils, such as clay, are the most difficult to manage. The small particles form "heavy" soils with poor drainage. On the opposite end of the spectrum of particle size, sandy soils and other coarsely textured soils too quickly drain, resulting in loss of both water and mobile nutrients. Medium-textured soils often contain silt, soil particles of intermediate size, as well as smaller portions of sand and/or clay. These medium-textured soils are ideal. These well-drained soils have moderate nutrient- and moisture-holding capacities. As good as organic matter is, too much of a good thing is bad. Overly

inflicting permanent change on forests, you have the power to make a difference here in Bryn Mawr. The urban forest is not a self-sustaining venture. Maintaining our overhead canopy requires continual replanting. A healthy natural ecosystem that includes native shrubs and grasses may reduce the need and expenses of turf maintenance. Our neighborhood is blessed with many potential planting sites: front yards, boulevards, and frontage roads. Adults and young people alike can make contributions to urban reforestation efforts. Those who are interested in learning more and forming a committee to explore public-private partnerships are encouraged to call Matt Stark, 612-377-2211, a Garden Group representative. Don't delay, call today. There are discussions that need to happen before the autumn ends!

Travel the world in the kitchen with Anwatin Community Education!

Call Jenny Pilon at 612-668-2470 to register or register online at www.mplscommunityed.com

Cooking Indian Style-Curry and Khichdi Maharajas Food Monday, October 1, 2012 6:30-9:00 \$15 class fee \$21 supply fee payable to instructor.

This authentic dish that comes from Guajarat is absolutely mouth watering and wonderful to eat. Kichadi is a combination of rice and beans cooked with light spice, and served with curry soup. The curry soup is made out of tomato, plain yogurt, chick pea flour, herbs, and spices. It is very easy and nutritious for your body; two things that are hard to come by! \$21 supply fee collected by instructor.

Cooking Indian Style-Veggie Biriani and Palak Paneer

Monday, October 15 6:30-9:00 \$15 class fee \$21 supply fee payable to instructor

Discover healthy and easy vegetarian recipes from India and the flavoring spices that will bring you health. We will be making homemade cheese with two ingredients in a creative way. We will also be making curry called palek paneer with spinach and homemade cheese, and vegetarian biriani with rice and fresh vegetables. Learn how to reduce unneeded starch and cards that are not needed from rice and don't taste great. Say goodbye to preservatives and hello to nutrients! \$21 supply fee collected by instructor.

Cooking Indian Style-Indian Appetizers with Masala Chai Tea Monday, October 29 6:30-9:00

\$15 class fee \$21 supply fee payable to instructor *Tired of eating boring food? Well, this* is the class for you! It is time to step away from the plain fries and take out. This class will teach you how to make some great snacks that will have your mouth watering! We will be using potatoes, spices, herbs, and nuts and a wheat flour outer layer to make a wonderful Indian Samosa. We will also make many different varieties of appetizers. We will also show you some classical Indian tea, known as chai! We will learn how to make the masala that makes the authentic tea of India! \$21 supply fee collected by instructor.

Easy French Dessents Monday, October 22 5:45-8:45

\$15 class fee Instructor collects a \$10 supply fee.

Instructor Said Abdelli will show you bow to make wonderful French desserts. In this class, we explore the basics techniques used in French desserts: Make flan, pound cake, and Tarte Tatin (a classic inverted and caramelized apple pie). We will also discuss more elaborate desserts like crème caramel and crème brulee. The class emphasizes fundamental techniques that you can use to create your French desserts at home. Due to the number of recipes presented, this class is mostly demonstrations. Bring *\$10 for food fee payable to the* instructor.

Making Éclairs and Napoleons Monday, November 5 5:45-8:45 \$15 class fee Instructor collects a

\$10 supply fee.

In this fun and relaxed class, instructor, Said Abdelli, a native of Paris, will show you how easy it is to prepare two of the most classic French pastries found on the streets of Paris: Napoleons and chocolate eclairs. Bring \$10 supply fee payable to the instructor.

Thai Cooking Wednesday, September 26 6:00-9:00 OR Wednesday, November 7 6:00-9:00

\$15 class fee Instructor collects a \$10 supply fee.

Join Chef Pat of the Royal Orchid in preparing a delicious Thai meal. Register early as his classes fill immediately. Instructor collects a \$10 supply fee.



Bryn Mawr Soap



Sunday School Open House! Come one, come all...It's almost time for Sunday School!

Please stop by Bryn Mawr Presbyterian on Wednesday, September 5th between 6 and 7 to learn more about the Sunday School program that kick off on September 9th. All friends and neighbors are invited to join us for dinner and and introduction to the Sunday School program at BMPC. The new Sunday School program includes something for everyone: art, technology, science, drama, music and more. Kids kindergarten and up are welcome to participate from 9:30-10:30 Sunday mornings. See you there!

Open house: Wednesday, September 5th at 6 pm

Sunday School: Sunday mornings at 9:30am, beginning September 9

For more information call 612.377.5222 or visit us online at www.brynmawerchurch.org

Calling all kids to Bryn Mawr Meadows for The Washbum Games

Submitted by Mike Brennan

Did the summer Olympics inspire your children to try a new sport? Are you looking for your kids to get exercise, burn off energy and help the community? You don't have to look far - just join us for The Washburn Games from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. on September 30 at Bryn Mawr Meadows!

Children ages 4-12 can try their hand at 20 different sports activities, including soccer, karate, yoga, baseball, basketball, hockey and even cricket. Kick the ball with former World Cup player Tony Sanneh and MN Stars professional soccer play-

Anwatin Students Perform for Minnesota Superintendents

For the second year in a row, Project SUCCESS kicked off the Minnesota Department of Education Back-to-School Superintendent's Conference on August 7 with a student performance! The conferers. Run with marathoner Chris Erichsen. There is no competition only a steadfast commitment to having a good time and giving kids a chance to be active.

All proceeds from The Washbum Games benefit Washbum Center for Children, a leading children's mental health center which cares for children experiencing trauma, anxiety, depression and learning difficulties. Washbumhas served as a critical safety net for Twin Cities families for nearly 130 years and offers hope to more than 2,700 children each year. When children with social, emotional and behavioral challenges receive early intervention, they are less likely to fail academically, drop out of school or become involved in the juvenile justice system.

How can you get involved?

First, have your child join the fun of The Washbum Games and /or spread the word to others. This event gives kids a chance to give back to other kids. Children can participate by paying a \$10 registration fee or raising funds for Washbum If a child raises \$100 or more, he is entered in a drawing for great prizes from The Minnesota Vikings, St. Paul Saints, Timberwolves and others. The top fundraiser will win an educational grant of \$1,000. Sign up at www.washbumgames.org.

Second, volunteer! Register as a volunteer at www.washbumgames.org/volunteer to help make this event be successful.

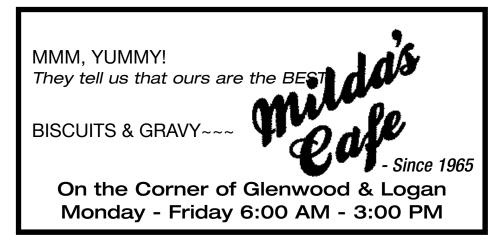
Join Washbum Center for Children in raising awareness and funds for children's mental health because a child's physical health is as important as their mental health. See you at Bryn Mawr Meadows on September 30!

This year the performance, was created by seven talented Anwatin, Sanford, and Marcy, middle school students to address the achievement gap as seen through their eyes. They worked with Project SUCCESS

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ence, called "2012 School Leadership Summit: Minnesota on the Move" was hosted by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA), and held to inform and inspire Minnesota's statewide leaders in education including superintendents, principals, and central office administrators as they anticipate the new year.



Resident Artist Jeffry Lusiak to incorporate their personal stories and experiences.

The audience was mezmorized by the performance and gave a standing ovation to the students.

Check out the Project SUCCESS YouTube channel to watch their creative process and the final performance!

> Students with Project SUC-CESS Executive Director, Adriene Dierks, MPS Superintendent Bernadeia Johnson, State Commissioner of Education Brenda Cassellius and Director Jeffry Lusiak performing for the MASA - Minnesota Association of School Administrators - Minnesota Department of Education School Leadership Summit.



Bryn Mawr Elementary School 8th grade class of 1951

Ut of the original 36 students who went from K to 8th grade together in the 1940s, at the old Bryn Mawr elementary school, ten gathered on Saturday, August 18 at Sparks Restaurant in Bryn Mawr. All are about 75 years old. After 8th grade all scattered to various junior and senior high schools, and many to colleges around the county, but would gather occasionally through the next 61 years. While much has changed, Bryn Mawr seems the same. Home!

In Memory of E mest J. Reinsmith 8-18-1922 - 8-07-2012

Finite was born and lived on Queen Avenue South all his life and his survivors are several nieces and nephews. Ernie was the kind of person that gave Bryn Mawr a reputation as a great neighborhood. He was an usher at the Basilica of St. Mary, a volunteer at the Courage Center for many years and served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. Ernie will be missed dearly!



Bryn Mawr Alums: Back row from left: Gary Rappaport, Al Fulkerson, Stu Van-Valkenberg, John Bergford, Judy (Freer)Sarles, Chuck Schrader. Front row: Margie (Loftus)Niebergall, Elaine (Pelto) Otten, Rita (Miller)Parvey, Jean Fuchela



dren's book. "Tell Me About Your Day Today" by Mem Fox, is the story of a boy and his favorite stuffed animals who share their days with one another in this cozy bedtime picture book. Given a starred review from Publisher's Weekly, this book is a celebration of imagination, play, and friendship.

There are a few events coming up where the artist will be sharing activities inspired by the book or presenting about making the book, with the Alphabet Forest at the Minnesota State Fair on Saturday, September 1st.

The official Publication Party will be held at Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave, St. Paul on Saturday, September 8 at 10:30 a.m. Come and see the window Lauren painted at the store. She will read from the

Local Author/Illustrator Has New Children's Book

Lauren Stringer (Area 3) has released a new chil-

cake.

be presenting a slide show about the making of "Tell Me About Your Day Today" as well as leading activities from the book at the Loft Literary Center's Tent during a wonderful afternoon celebrating children's literature:

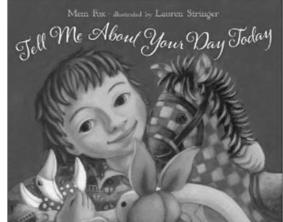
book and sign copies. Bring your

meet the illustrator and enjoy some

On September 15th Lauren will

favorite stuffed animal friend to

And finally, if you were not able to make any of the events above, Mem Fox, the author of Tell Me About Your Day Today, will be the speaker at Book Week, Monday, November 12, 2012 at 3:00 – 8:00 PM, in Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, University of Minnesota. Lauren will be there to sign books too!



Join the Morris Family as we CELEBRATE & DONATE

Sunday October 7, 2012 7:00pm

\$25 admission includes Live Music Light Appetizers Chance to win Door Prizes



As a 44 year old nonsmoker Amy was diagnosed with stage 4 non-small cell lung cancer in October 2010. Since then she has undergone surgery and chemotherapy. She was fortunate enough to have a life-saving drug called Crizotonib that was effective at slowing the disease for 10 months. Currently she is participating in a new study for a drug being developed for people who have built up a resistance to Crizotonib.

After her diagnosis Amy immediately went on disability, as she was not able to work a full scheduleand fight the disease at the same time. Due to her significant salary reduction it has been a struggle for the family to fulfill their financial obligations. One of the biggest obstacles has been finding affordable health insurance. All of the available options for someone in Amy's situation are expensive and they are facing over \$3,000 of newly incurred medical bills a month. As Amy has said, "It's like paying for the vacation home we always wanted but don't own."

Silent Auction 7-9 Cash Bar

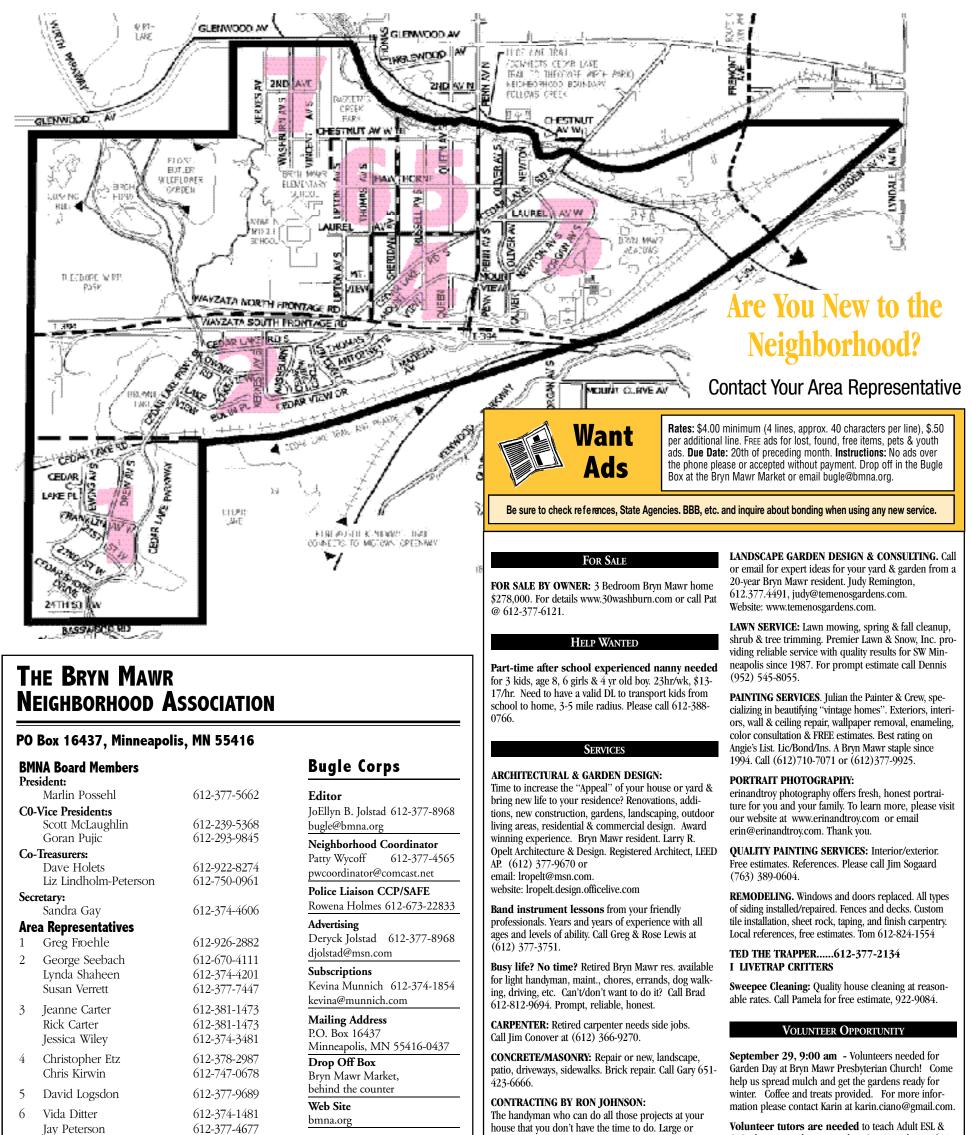
Chester Bird American Legion 200 N. Lilac Drive Golden Valley, MN 55422 Hugh and Amy have two daughters Quinn (13) and Charlie (7). We have watched them maintain as consistent a life as possible during this time.; after school activities, winter sports, and summer camps are just some of the things they participate in - with family outings a regular occurance.

This benefit is a way, for those of us who love and care for the Morris', to help them pay off some of their current and future medical expenses. Any contribution is welcome and sincerely appreciated.

Unable to Attend? Celebrate and donate by:

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