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Hennepin County is Looking to Improve Penn Avenue

Hennepin County established the Penn Avenue Community Works project by Board Resolution in May, 2012. As part of the resolution, the County Board directed staff to develop the Penn Avenue Community Works project and plan in consultation with the City of Minneapolis and community organizations.

Rochelle Olson of the StarTribune wrote "Penn Avenue North is a means to an end – a road somewhere else, not a place where drivers are likely to stop along the way. . . . The broad avenue provides a reliable north-south link within the city and connects to east-west thoroughfares headed to the suburbs, but Minneapolis and Hennepin County have a vision to make it more: a magnet for housing, small business and transit connections".

Bryn Mawr representatives Barry Schade and Vida Ditter met with Patrick Connoy and Lisa Middag of Hennepin County to see what the Penn Avenue Project hopes to accomplish and what role Bryn Mawr could have in assisting the County to achieve those goals and in what ways the project might also benefit Bryn Mawr. This is a long term project, stretching at least ten years out. The project is in its infancy, the project has yet to be designed, permanent staff assigned to it, in what form volunteers will be used, and what Citizen Advisory Committees will be created. Originally, the Penn Avenue Project was intended to reach from Glenwood Avenue north to 44th Avenue North (just south of Victory Memorial Drive). However, County staff recommended that the project should extend the entire length of Penn Avenue – all the way from Osseo Road and 49th Avenue North to I-394, so that Bryn Mawr would be the anchor at one end of Penn Avenue and 44th Avenue North would be the other end. Each end of the project would be anchored by a healthy commercial node.

The Community Works Project will focus on "creating jobs, providing access to employment, and enhance the long term value of communities by investing in infrastructure, housing, public works, parks and the natural environment."

At the first two meetings with the Bryn Mawr representatives, Patrick Connoy and Lisa Middag indicated that discussions with stakeholders along Penn Avenue identified a range of issues including aging infrastructure, economic development needs, and environmental challenges.

The Penn Avenue Project is interesting in that it ties to a variety of other projects with long term effects on Bryn Mawr – SW LRT and its station at Penn Avenue; the Bottineau line and the station it might have at Highway 55 and Penn Avenue; the Capstone Project and the Bryn Mawr Land Use Plans, both of which are plans with ideas and designs for Penn Avenue and the Penn Avenue Station.

At its February Board meeting, the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association, voted to create a committee that would focus its energies on the Penn Avenue Project. Anyone interested in working on this committee should send their letter of interest to Marlin Possehl,

bmnapæz@comcast.net. If you have questions, you're more than welcome to call me, 612-374-1481 or

Remembering Keith Basinski

Thursday, March 21st, 7-8 pm Harrison Community Center

eith Basinski delivered packages for UPS in the Bryn Mawr and Harrison neighborhoods for 29 years. He also brought an amazing capacity for caring and kindness to those on his route, as most neighbors and business owners in the area



know. An eight minute film on Keith's impact on our community will premier at this remembrance of Keith. Those that knew Keith will be given the opportunity to share their stories of this kind and generous man so



2013 Will Be A Big Year for LRT *by Barry Schade, Area 6*

This year promises to be a big year for Bryn Mawr's involvement with the Southwest LRT project. It

will be a time of decisions. Preliminary Engineering design will be done this year, completing 30% of the plans and specs for the project. The Metropolitan Council has selected

the plans and specs for the project. The Metropolitan Council has selected two consulting firms to do preliminary dearly missed in our neighborhoods. The film will screen at 7 pm and be followed by remembrances from neighbors and a reception. - Deacon Warner,

Area 6

residents. This issue is far from being resolved, and the neighborhood will have to be very vocal in opposing the co-location of a freight line with LRT in the Kenilworth corridor. Other neighborhoods are mobilizing against colocation and we are joining them.

It will also be a year in which decisions are made about which stations will be included in final design. For Bryn Mawr, this is especially important because, even though it is costly, the Penn Station provides the neighborhood its principal access to the LRT system

vyditter@vyditter.cnc.net.

I urge Bryn Mawr residents to step forward and volunteer on this committee. It would be good to have broad neighborhood representation because the project will touch on many issues for Bryn Mawr such as: transit, traffic safety, business development, land use, pedestrian access, housing, environment and community appearance. This is one of those rare projects where the efforts and outcomes of the committee and its members will affect what this neighborhood will be like into the future.

- Vida Y. Ditter, Area 6

engineering work, one for the western part of the line and one for the eastern. These consultants will identify the locations of LRT track, freight rail track, stations, roads, impacted trails, and other LRT systems components. These decisions will affect Bryn Mawr.

This engineering work will interface with Transitional Station Area Action Planning (TSAAP) done this year for each station. The City of Minneapolis will play a major role in developing plans for the stations and surrounding area. City staff have invited Bryn Mawr and other interested communities to play a coordinated role in that process. A major decision will be made when

Preliminary Engineering brings forward a conclusion on freight relocation this summer. This has been a controversial issue because of vocal opposition to relocation by a group of St. Louis Park and to the trails. This year, municipal consent will be required from each municipality along the SW LRT route.

Closely related to the LRT system is the development of Linden Yards West in Bryn Mawr adjacent to the Van White Station. This project includes 3 employment and 2 housing units, and all are oriented to transit. The development study will be completed in spring.

Planning for the Bottineau Transitway will also move forward, and Bryn Mawr will be represented on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for that LRT project. This will likely be the next LRT project for the area, and it now appears to have implications for the Bryn Mawr neighborhood.

Anyone interested in learning more about any of these issues or getting involved can contact Barry Schade at 377-8152.



Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 13, 2013 7:00– 8:45 PM

Call to Order and Introductions

The following Board members attended: Marlin Possehl-President; Scott McLaughlin-Vice President; Sandra Gay-Secretary; Liz Lindholm-Peterson-Treasurer; Jessica Wiley-Area 3; Chris Kirwan-Area 4; Dave Logsdon-Area 5; Vida Ditter-Area 6; Barry Schade-Area 6; JoEllyn Jolstad-Bugle. The following guests attended:

Lisa Goodman-City of Minneapolis; Anita Tabb-Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; Patrick Waddick, Kathryn Kaatz and Tamai Galvin-Accent Signage Memorial;

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

City update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman

Lunch with Lisa- "How do they do that?" presentation on water distribution and recycling will be on February 20, 2013.

Neighborhoods USA-Minneapolis will host this year on May 22,23,24,25. The website is

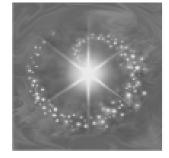
www.nusa.org. Business License Problems-City of

Minneapolis negotiated sale of rental units rather than revoking license of landlord having problems, preventing eviction of tenants.

Lisa is assigned to work on Target Center finance plan. Negotiations

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with Life Time Fitness resulted in agreement by them to upgrade facilities. Construction to start soon.

The Vikings Commission is considering hiring Mortenson Construction, a local company, or an out of town construction firm. The City is hopeful they will decide on a local firm which will bring more jobs for residents.

Anita Tabb, Parks and Recreation Board-

The trails in BM Meadows will be repaved this summer. Currently, taking soil borings and working on plans. The width will be for a combined path. A community meeting will be held to review the plans with the neighborhood. The interior walkways will not be redone. Basset Creek Valley watershed district has money for bank restoration. Bryn Mawr Meadows work and Ice arena work on future agenda.

Memorial update- Pat, Tamai and Kathryn

The concept for the memorial involves creating a contemplative, serene space along a walkway adjacent to Accent Signage property and connecting to Basset Creek. A visual presentation is being prepared. The committee requested a letter be sent from the Board to Accent Signage, the victims' families and UPS explaining the proposal prior to the presentation. Suggestion made to invite political figures to view the presentation. A motion was proposed that a memorial be created on the property adjacent to Accent Signage and across the "paper road" of Russell Avenue. Seconded and passed.

JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Report -Area 1 Rep., Greg Froehle volun-

teered for the March article.

Patty Wycoff, NC activity report

Reported on BM directory. 108 people responded which changed layout so costs will be higher. It will go to print Feb 28th.

Treasurer's report- Liz Pederson

Last month there was a temporary drop in reserves. Treasurer's Report available on BMNA website. approval from February to December of previous year.

NCEC report – Scott McLaughlin

Business façade report-A total of \$119,477 (construction costs) was spent on improving BM business facades. The NRP contributed \$29,053 and BMNA \$14, 526.

LRT Project updates

Station Area Strategic Planning-SWLRT hired 2 consultants that will complete preliminary engineering fall of 2013. Each city along the route has to sign off on the project this fall. To facilitate the process, the City's planning staff has called meetings to coordinate all neighborhoods' efforts to better compete for preferences and money. An effort to incorporate more art into city projects was presented at Intermedia Arts. Artists have been selected for various projects with two artists on Penn Avenue corridor. The City is moving forward with Linden Hills West-Phase 1 of Basset Creek Valley plan.

Hennepin Co CAC – Barry Bottineau Transitway CAC-

Barry recommended BMNA designate a committee from the neighborhood to participate in the Bottineau Transitway process and to solicit individuals to participate. Barry volunteered and made a motion to set up a committee representing BM neighborhood dealing with issues related to Bottineau Line and he nominated Dick Adair as representative. Seconded: Passed. **Hennepin County Community Works**

project for Penn Ave-

Community Works is developing a project to improve Penn Avenue north of 394. Barry proposed to start a committee for the planning process. Seconded and passed. An article will be written for the Bugle to solicit volunteers.

Website update

Submitted in writing from Carolyn Bastick-Carolyn estimates that she has spent 60 hours bringing the website up to date and 2 to 5 hours will be required to maintain it. She recommends the Board consider a paid position for Webmaster.

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Budget discussion/approval -

Scott presented the 2013 budget and moved to accept budget conditional on grants from city which will affect Item labeled "2210 City Grants". It was seconded and passed.

Proposed By-Law changes – Scott-

Before vote on By-Laws, 5 days public notice of proposed changes is required prior to Annual Meeting. Briefly, the changes are the following: revise wording of "NRP Chair" to "NPP Coordinator", removes language referring to Anwatin Community School Advisory Council which no longer exists, revises language "President of the preceding year" to "President of the preceding term", revise language to change budget

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Committee Reports

Land Use Committee Report— none this month

Schools Committee – Jessica Wiley

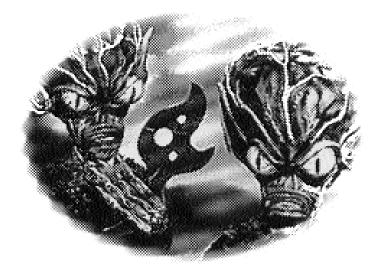
Met in January with School Board Directors, Josh Reimnitz and Rebecca Gagnon. They discussed how to engage with the school board, good communications.

Announcements:

Deer shooting at Ewing and Franklin

Adjournat 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wed, March 13, 2013 7:00 p.m., BM Elementary UPCOMING EVENTS: Membership Drive



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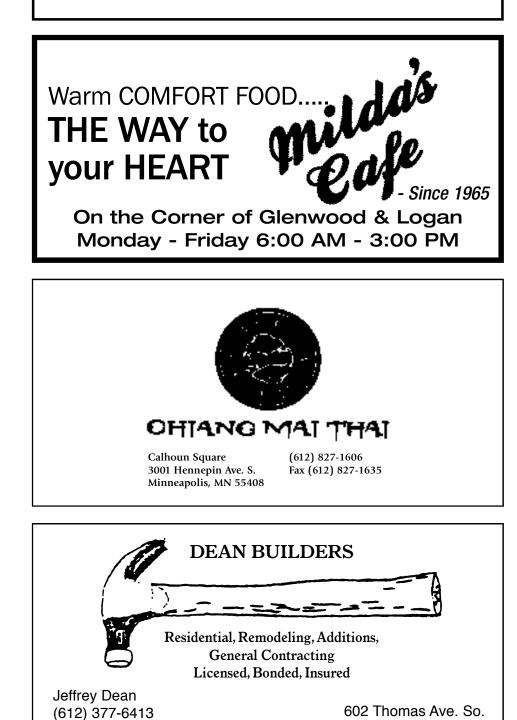
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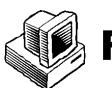
Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

Recycling

	Monday	Tuesday
Area	March 4	
1	March 18	
Areas	March 11	
4W, 5W, 6, 7	March 25	
Areas		March 12
2, 3, 4E, 5E		March 26

Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without. Recycle.





From the Editor

ast month, our mother-daughter book club read, "An Invisible Thread: The True Story of an 11-Year-Old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny" by Laura Schroff. The book was a fairly mature, sociallyaware selection made by one of the eighth grade girls in the group and it was plenty engaging for adults and youth alike.

In the book, the author shares the real life account of how her life changes when she first walks past a young man begging for food on the streets of New York, then stops, tums around and strikes up a conversation with him. She remembers that she re-thought her initial impulse to ignore him, as she had so many others before, because he said he was hungry.

I have been thinking a lot lately about those moments in time that change your life, either through action or inaction, sometimes for the better, sometimes, not so much.

This week I had the honor to speak to the Board and staff of Project SUCCESS on the occasion of their 20th anniversary. This amazing non-profit is responsible for the musial at Anwatin Middle School every spring and they do so much more for middle and high school students in Minneapolis/St. Paul. (I have gushed about them before.) As I prepared my remarks, I thought of the day that I took our oldest child to see "The Music Man" at Anwatin. At the time, our daughter was in 5th grade at Bryn Mawr Elementary and I thought going to the show would be a good way to help her transition to the school she would attend the next year.

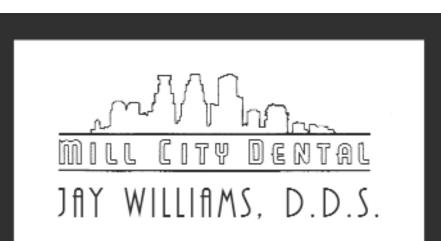
The following spring, she auditioned for and perf o med in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and someone at Project SUCCESS asked me to make the dreamcoat. This was a turningpoint in my life and I have been profoundly changed by saying, yes, to this simple request. I still work with Project SUCCESS and they continue to inspired me to do and be more than I ever thought possible.

Everyday, we learn, grow, and change, no matter how old or young we are. Maybe the real joy and enlightenment comes when we realize it and acknowledge the choices and influences that brought it about.

I wish I knew what it was about that warm Mother's Day in 1993 that made a then pregnant me, get in my car and drive from our condo downtown to an open house in Bryn Mawr. Because, I hold a profound gratitude in my heart for that day and those circumstances.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org





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his time of year is when you

catch yourself looking at the

seasonal clock on the wall

and wonder if Spring will eventually

show up. The wonder and beauty

of the snow lined branches starts to

get a little old, but Spring will come,

the birds will sing, and another Fes-

tival of Garage Sales will happen in

Maybe I haven't said enough, but

will be debuting a new magnet

that has never stopped me before! I

soon that has the image of William

Shakespeare and the words, "This

(bleep) writes itself." Well, that may

have been true for Willy but not for

this cowboy! My muse has forsaken

By now most of us have seen these

belong to the short term bike rental

program called "Nice Ride". Many in

Bryn Mawr, including myself, would love to have a Nice Ride hub right

here. I talked with Senator Bobby Jo

ty. Sen. Champion represents half of

Road). So this week I trekked to the

Bryn Mawr (north of Cedar Lake

Capital to meet with him at his

Champion (great name for a politician or athlete) about this possibili-

green bikes around town that

me! Just not feeling the flow, but I

Oh no, I said too much...

a blink of an eye!

got to go.....

Enough about me....

-Frederic Douglas-



 by Dave Logsaon davesmagnets@gmail.com

Nice Ride. We are in the discussion for a possible hub in the Spring of 2014. The hubs usually are placed in high density areas (apartments and condos) or places to link to other hubs. Our closest hub is on Glenwood near Milda's. This years' new hubs are part of a partnership with the National Parks Service and will be placed near the Mississippi River.

We are not guaranteed anything for next year, but we are on the radar and Bobby Jo is "championing" (pardon the pun, the devil made me do it) our cause.

Lunatic Fringed Gentian!

Now that got your attention, let me just say that the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden is not a terrorist organization! Of course if you are an invasive plant, like wild mustard, you might disagree.

The wild flower garden in question is the Eloise Butler Wild Flower and Bird Sanctuary right in our own backyard. Not surprisingly, Bryn Mawr residents have always been big contributors to the garden. The current President is former Area 7 resident Pam Weiner. The editor of the Fringed Gentian, the fine organization publication, is current Area 7 resident Judy Remington. Folks like

Weekly Meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous

are held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church,

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

All interested people are invited to attend.

Susan Dean, Barry Schade, and Sally and Steve Pundt have been very active with the group for many years. I know I'm missing some of you but you're probably not in it for the recognition, but for the joy of seeing this garden bloom.

The garden will open, appropriately, in April. I'm pretty sure they could use volunteers or if you would like to become a member email Susan Dean at members@friendsofeloisebutler.org.

Emergency Milk Run...

As the morning guy behind the counter at the Bryn Mawr Market, I often see some of you on your emergency milk run. Folks are very appreciative, so glad you're here, yadda yadda.

The problem is the Market can't survive selling the occasional gallon of milk or lottery ticket. Many longtime readers of Counter Talk have heard this spiel before, but our local businesses are an important vibrant piece of a healthy community. The Market has added five hundred new items to their inventory in the last year including grass-fed meat, free range organic chicken, organic eggs and lots of gluten-free options. They don't expect you to do the bulk of your shopping here (I don't) but just a slice of the action would be helpful.

The End is Near!

Cue the fanfare music, here comes the grand finale! Wait, let me calm down, find my center, deep breath, there we are.

We are going to end this triumphant piece of journalism (Did he say journalism?) with a few shout outs.

Neil Trembly (Area 3) has written a book about the history of the Cedar Lake Trail association. While I'm not sure where to get my hands on a copy, I sure would. Perhaps there is a book opening in the works as we speak. It should be interesting reading though as Neil has put a lot of sweat equity into this amazing project and has been involved from the beginning.

My son Noah's car service (ITN) was named an Angie's list super server. The award is well deserved. I'm not sure where he got his business savvy from, but I do know where he got his ability to schmooze.

That's all I got, I'll try to better next time!





Dear Bryn Mawr Neighbors,

The BMNA 2013 Membership drive will begin in March. This year, we will be sending the membership letter and envelope with the new Bryn Mawr telephone directory. This will save the BMNA roughly \$800 in postage. Please take the time to read the membership information and consider supporting the efforts of the BMNA. Also, take a look at the new directory! We have more than 300 neighbors listed in this directory!

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 email to the BMNA email list to receive our 'Neighbor Notices' by going to the home page of the neighborhood website at bmna.org. You can sign up and see a sample of the email under STAYING CONNECTED in the left-hand sidebar. You will receive information about upcoming events, snow emergencies, crime reports, etc.



BMNA COMMUNITY PROJECT: Working on the 'hood!

he BMNA Community Project program has been in place for the last six years. Projects completed are:

- Redesigning the Upton garden in Area 4. Our first community project; we completed a remake of the Upton garden and created a plan 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 that benefited BMNA initiatives.
- 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; which culminated in a very successful 2012 BMNA garden tour.
- The construction of a Little Free Library on Penn Avenue in front of Bassett Creek Arts.

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 and create a prioritized list, making a recommendation to the BMNA board this spring. The categories of projects considered:

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

The committee evaluates suggestions using 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 ideas from past years and add new ideas contributed this winter. Please submit ideas for projects to jesswiley@comcast.net, or 612-374-3481, by April 1, 2013.

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Questions about placing an ad or submitting a story? Email bugle@bmna.org.



Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - March 2013

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
Coming in March! 2013 BMNA Membership Information and a new Bryn Mawr Directory				1	2	
3	4	5	Family Open Gym 6 6-8pm at Bryn Mawr School	7	8	9

10	11	12	Family Open Gym 13 6-8pm at Bryn Mawr School BMNA Monthly Meeting, 7pm, Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria	14	15	16
17	18	Basset Creek Valley 19 ROC Meeting, Harrison Community Center, 6:30	Family Open Gym 20 6-8pm at Bryn Mawr School	Remembering 21 Keith Basinski, 7-8 pm, Harrison Community Center	22	23
24 31	25	26	FINAL Family Open 27 Gym 6-8pm at Bryn Mawr School	Lunch w/Lisa Good 28 man at St. Thomas, 10th & LaSalle, noon Bryn Mawr School Family Fun Night/Silent Auction, 5:30-7:30pm	NO CLASSES - 29 Minneapolis Public Schools. (MPS Spring Recess April 1-5)	30

From the Board

Submissions from BMNA Board Members

On Composting

by Greg Froeble Area 1 rep

t a BMNA Board meeting last Fall our council member Lisa Goodman reported that she had received some calls from residents complaining about neighbors raking their leaves into the street before street sweeping. She pointed out that raking or blowing any organic matter into the street was illegal for good reason – preventing excess stuff ending up in lakes and streams degrading water quality. The obvious solution was to bag up leaves, etc. for city yard waste collections during the Spring, Summer, and Fall. This material is disposed of at a mass composting facility. I also know about another composting system that the city is involved with; a pilot program that every week collects organic waste including food scraps, yard waste, compostable paper etc., via green organic solid waste carts in a few city neighborhoods. I think this material also ends up in a mass composting facility. This program seems to be relatively popular and may be extended to other neighborhoods at some point

This got me to thinking about composting, an activity in which I have considerable experience. The city composting programs are good, but I'm going to suggest that the best alternative may be home composting where almost all organic solid waste is recycled right in your

own backyard with minimal city involvement. If you give her a chance, nature will turn any dead organic matter into great soil, and you only have to manage the process. This management is the key thing since you can engage in composting on lots of different levels, from a small manufactured container to a large constructed multibin enclosure. There is abundant information available, from books and magazines to online articles and commentary. The city has some limits to the size of your compost operation based on lot area, and other rules, but these are not overly restrictive. The only organic matter that is not compostable is certain prohibited food waste, i.e. meat, dairy and fat, and larger woody material like brush and tree limbs that won't break down easily. So in the interest of practicing good citizenship and possibly getting some personal satisfaction, I would encourage you to establish a goal of minimizing the amount of organic waste that is removed from your property by composting at home.

My own involvement with composting goes back to growing up in the 50's and 60's with parents who were early adopters of the Rodale philosophy, including my Dad's organic gardening. Composting was a core part of organic gardening. Since we lived on a medium sized suburban lot Dad maintained a large



garden and a sprawling compost area. He would make a compost pile about 5 feet across, and then keep adding to one side until the pile was up to 20 feet long. Then he would start another pile adjacent to the first one. Any and all organic matter went into the piles including paper and even road kill. After a year or two finished compost could be dug out of the beginning of the pile and used on the gardens until the pile was gone. Most of the compost was used directly for fill or top dressing garden and planting areas, but Dad also put compost through a ? inch mesh to filter out small sticks, bones and other stuff not completely broken down, to make a fine soil for seeding beds and seedling pots. Composting seemed like the most natural thing to do then. Later at our Bryn Mawr

house we've been composting for

over 35 years and at some point I constructed the "cadillac" of compost areas back near the alley. It has a cedar fence enclosure containing 3 adjacent compost bins, each a 3 foot cube, and a larger leaf bin protected by a roof to keep the leaves dry. As food waste and green stuff is added to a pile, leaves are mixed in to create balanced compost. One bin is usually full and "cooking", another is the receiving bin for new material, and the 3rd bin is empty or being emptied so the contents of one of the other bins can be "turned" into it for mixing. This system is so efficient that it can even turn over 30 spent pumpkins each fall into a few buckets of soil in about a year. So in spite of a little extra work and a small "messiness" factor, I still cannot imagine life without composting.

Lawyer. Gardener. Neighbor.

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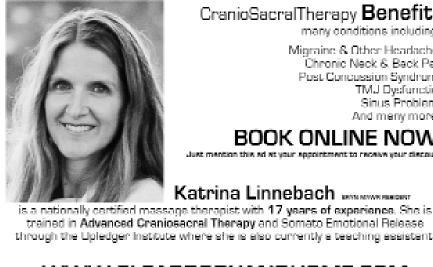


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Drawing on Nature - "Minor" Bulbs -Crocus, Snowdrop, Siberian Squill March 2013, Third in a Series

Until flowers appear outdoors, indoor gardens delight visitors of St. Paul's Como Conservatory. The Conservatory's Winter Flower Show (now through March 17) features Amaryllis and Paperwhites, the subjects of last month's column.

In late March or early April, after much snow has melted, look for the sprouting of spring bulbs such as Snowdrop, Siberian Squill, and Crocus - especially near the sidewalk edges of Bryn Mawr residential lots and gardens. The short stature and early appearance well position these flowers near the front of the garden. Bloom time for these "minor" bulbs is approximately three weeks. All three of these so-called "minor" bulbs are best employed in mass plantings of at least six to ten bulbs. Just five inches tall, the trim grass-like foliage suits them for naturalizing amidst ground covers and as spring accents in rock gardens. "Naturalizing" refers to their tendency to spread by seed or by reproduction underground, and to the habit of their foliage to fit within mowed height of turf grass, within which they can be used without detracting from the lawn's appearance.

Planting location depends on whether a gardener regards these flowers as annuals (one time use) or perennials (bringing returns year after year). Because bulbs contain a miniature pre-formed flower, planting and a period of cold is all that is required for flower production. However, to ensure a repeat performance in subsequent years, light and the resulting photosynthesis is required. Thus, an open spot with southemexposure encourages the best repeated bloom for these bulbs. Because these minor bulbs bloom and produce foliage so early - mirroring spring ephemeral wildflowers - such bulbs may be planted under deciduous trees, especially on the southemedge of the canopies of such trees. During the relatively short period between the sprouting of such bulbs and before these trees leaf completely, foliage is able to convert solar energy to stored energy in the bulb, the plant's "battery". These plants are very hardy for Minnesota gardens; little winter protection is necessary. Generous spring rains and hot, dry summers provide optimal growing conditions.

Snowdrop (Galanthus nivalis) Amaryllis family, 3" to 6" tall

Roots of the genus name -gala (milk) + anthos (flower) aptly describe this pure white flower. Snowdrop is native to a large part of Europe from Spain to Ukraine. Leaves appear in one pair per plant, accompanied by one drooping, bell-shaped flower with six tepals (not officially "petals"). Three tepals are slightly larger and pure white; three tepals are smaller and bear greenish-yellow marks. **Siberian or Wood Squill (Scilla siberica) Lily family, 3" to 6" tall**

Originating in Eurasia (Turkey and southwestern Russia, but strangely, not Siberia!), Siberian Squill grows in part shade and sun within in moist soils of open woodlands, roadsides, and gardens.

Flowers have six petals and six stamens and are borne most often in single drooping blooms atop a thin, naked, purplish-green stem. Sometimes, up to three blooms appear atop one stem. Flowers are usually bell-shaped, though petals may reflex backward in bright sunlight. The one-inch-wide flowers are usually blue, though a similar species is white. Rare among flowers, its pollen is dark blue! Reportedly, the plant emits a strong pleasant floral fragrance. After flowering, the flower stems go limp as the seed pods develop. When the dark brown seeds are mature, their pods turn purple and split open to release the seeds; leaves wither; and the plant enters dormancy until the following spring. A truly odd characteristic of these "self-planting" seeds is their contractile root. This specialized, temporary root enters soil next to the seed, and then contracts to "pull" the seed into the ground. Thereafter, the contractile root withers; and the bulb's regular string-like root system takes over.

Siberian Squill seed production is so successful that large colonies will form in lawns, ground covers, and gardens - and so some caution may be advised in planting. It does not seem to threaten Kentucky Bluegrass. Online forum discussions warn of its potential for invasiveness. In my observation of Laurel Triangle garden (Cedar Lake Road at the intersection of Laurel and Oliver Avenues), several small colonies have nearly doubled in mass from initial planting about fifteen years ago. Siberian Squill does not seem to affect growth of plants sharing the same space in a cultivated garden of the home or commercial landscape. The plant's potential invasiveness depends on the vitality of



other plants grown. The plant is easily transplanted when moving plants that share the same root zone. Siberian Squill tolerates disturbance well and it will resprout even when uprooted. Besides bees and pollinating insects that are attracted to the flowers, wildlife seems to ignore it. Thus it seems to have no natural enemies. Like the garden plant Periwinkle (Vinca minor), which has grown out of bounds at Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden; Siberian Squill has no place in high quality native plant communities.

Crocus (Crocus vernus, hybrid cultivars) Iris family, 8" tall

A waxy sheath protects the cluster of leaves and the flower as Crocus emerges from the ground, often thrusting upward through snow and leaves. Leaves display a showy white stripe along the leaf axis. Comprised of six tepals (not petals), the cupshaped flowers bloom in solid hues and variegated patterns of gold, white, and purple. Yellow-orange stamens and stigmas form a colorful accent within the tube-shaped neck As with many plants and animals, a myth is the source of the name Crocus. In one Greek myth, a handsome mortal named Crocos had fallen in love with a nymph Smilax. As so often happens in mythological stories, a transformation occurs, and Crocos is tumed into the purple Crocus flower.

Crocus flowers themselves are tough-tolerating temperatures of 14 degrees Fahrenheit and short periods of snow cover. Flowers open and close temperatures due to differing growth rates of cells of the outer and inner surfaces of flower tepals in response to air temperatures.

The good news is that, regardless of whether the groundhog is correct or not, spring will arrive in about six weeks, or by approximately mid- to late April. The bad news is that, at this point in 2013, too little time remains before outdoor gardening begins for the reader to provide cold treatment for one's bulbs for indoor blooms. The good news is that bulb gardens featuring Crocus, often teamed with Tulips and Daffodils, are available from retailers. Fall issues of this column will discuss not just outdoor planting but cold treatment for enjoyment indoors.

Minneapolis Audubon Society Monthly Events

Friday, March 8, 2013 1 p.m.

Karl Tinsley, a graduate student in Conservation Biology will speak on "Urban Turkeys".

Friday, April 12, 2013 1 p.m.

Warren Nelson will share with us more "Wildlife Scenes from Aitkin and Beyond."

The Bryant Square Neighborhood Center, just one block south of Lake Street, is easily accessible via the #4 bus, which runs every 15 minutes. Please join us for the program and refreshments! For more information call 952-926-4205.

at the base of the flower.

Pests and diseases rarely affect crocuses. A virus disease known as "breaking" afflict crocuses and tulips. Symptoms include dark speckles and loss of vigor. The best remedy is early removal of affected plants to reduce the likelihood of the virus spreading to unaffected plants.

An autumn-blooming crocus grown in Mediterranean regions, the Saffron Crocus (Crocus sativus), is the source of the spice saffron. Among the world's most expensive spices, a single pound of saffron involves hand harvesting of several stigmas (female floral part) from each of 75,000 flowers. The name Saffron comes from the Arabic word zafaran, describing the color "yellow" marking its use as a dye. Saffron scented baths of nobles in early Egyptian and Roman civilizations.

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Get to the root of the matter of bulbs ... it will be worth your effort!

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

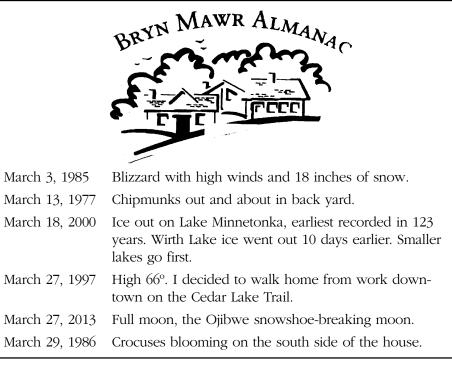
Volunteer Position Open at Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden

The Friends of the Wildflower Garden are searching for a new Coordinator for the Garden's Shelter Volunteer Program. The position involves scheduling of volunteers for shifts at the Martha Crone Visitors Center during the season (April-October) and being the contact for new volunteers.

Most of the duties are through online communication. Scheduling is handled via emails and a Google calendar link used by the roster of volunteers to choose shifts.

The coordinator inputs the volunteer names into the calendar and communicates with Garden staff, as well as the volunteers, to keep the Visitors Center open when no paid staff are on duty. The coordinator is also the contact for anyone wanting to become a volunteer and includes answering those inquiries and arranging training at the Visitors Center. The position is a way to connect with the Garden and get to know both staff and volunteers, yet you can be home in your pajamas to do most of it! Interested and want to know more?

Please contact the current Volunteer Coordinator, Melissa Hansen melissa@larshansenphoto.com or volunteer@friendsofeloisebutler.org.





Illegal Deer Shooting in Bryn Mawr

n 1-23-2013 at 7:00 am gun shots were heard on Ewing Avenue and West Franklin. A pickup was parked on the sidewalk by the Ewing Wetland. Two men were seen putting something into the back of a pickup truck. A neighbor called 911 and alerted other neighbors. More gun shots were heard later that day at 10:30 am, SW of the wetland area. At this time the DNR was called and through his investigation we learned that a deer was shot and killed in Minneapolis and St. Louis Park (SLP) had a permit to "cull deer". The deer culling contractors did not have a permit to kill deer in Minneapolis. Shots fired were 50 feet from homes, by bike/walking trail and a MTC bus stop during rush hour.

Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman was called and she contacted SLP city officials. Gail discovered these contracted deer cullers acted outside their legal authority. The contractor Superior Whitetail was fired immediately and the deer culling program in SLP was suspended for 2013.

The DNR officer stated people contracted to kill deer have strict regulations on issued permits. These contractors baited the deer with corn one day before the shooting just a few feet from the frequently used Ewing Wetland bike/pedestrian trail and the MTC bus stop, knowing they were not allowed to shoot deer in this area. This premeditated baiting behavior proves they intended not to follow the law or permitting process. This unethical incident left citizens with many good questions. Why aren't contracted deer cullers held to the same legal standards as an average citizen would be if they illegally discharged a fire a m baited and shot a deer in Minneapolis? These unlawful conceal and carry gun people were hired as deer management authority figures and that is scary. Citizens are appalled at the deliberate lack of respect for the issued permit and the potential danger caused to citizens. On 2-5-2013 Minnesota State Representative Frank Hornstein held a

public meeting. Gail Dorfman, DNR, SLP city planner attended and residents from Minneapolis and SLP. The DNR explained the permitting process, SLP city planner sincerely apologized and they responded to questions and listened to comments.

The public comments focused on danger of stray bullets to home owners, commuters, pedestrians who were in the line of fire, frustration at the lack of a notification process which could have lead to an armed confrontation between homeowners and the shooters; due to the fact no one knew what these men with guns were doing in our neighborhood and the desire for criminal prosecution to take place against those who endangered human life.

Minneapolis area DNR officer is doing an investigation of this incident to see if criminal charges can be filed. Results of this investigation are pending. We presume the City of Minneapolis and the Hennepin County attorney's office will step up and support the DNR investigation, since that is where the crime was committed.

- Lynn Levine & Kim Ramey, Area 1





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Bike Safety Event at Bryn Mawr Elementary School

Casey from Venture North Bike Walk and Coffee (above left) volunteers at Bryn Mawr School for a 3 day Bike Blizzard. Volunteer parent, Hugh Morris (above right) helps a student navigate a bicycle maze. Kids learned about the proper fit for a helmet, bike mechanics, how to use a bike lock, and most of all, got to ride bikes around the gym in a bike maze! The new bike/coffee shop is open on Glenwood.



Minne-Loppet 2013

Neighborhood kids ski in MinneLoppet as part of the Bryn Mawr Skis program. The 4th and 5th graders at Bryn Mawr Elementary School get up to 9 weeks of ski instruction during Physical Education class, taking advantage of their location next to Wirth Park. All equipment and instruction is provided by the City of Lakes Nordic Ski Foundation.

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Schools Committee Meeting

inneapolis Public School Board members Rebecca Gagnon and Josh Reimnitz attended the January 24, 2013, BMNA School Committee meeting. Reimnitz and Gagnon articulated their priorities as school board members, which include a focus on teacher evaluation. focused instruction, and fiscal responsibility. We discussed how lines of communication could best occur between the school board and our community. Reimnitz and Gagnon are open to ideas for how to engage the Bryn Mawr Community.

The committee also debriefed the December craft fair, community education offerings, and future projects.

We are soliciting representatives to the school committee, specifically from Areas 1 and 7. Anyone interested in representing their area on the school committee should contact co-chair, Lynda Shaheen at Lynda.shaheen@gmail.com.

Anwatin Middle School to Host **District History Day Competition**

'inneapolis Public Schools will hold its 2013 District ▼ **⊥**History Day Event at Anwatin Middle School on Saturday, March 23, 2013, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The event, which is free and open to the public, will feature students whose projects took top honors at their school History Day event.

National History Day is an interdisciplinary research project for students in grades 6-12. History Day teaches students to:

- Conduct in-depth research
- Use primary and secondary sources
- Read a variety of texts
- Analyze and synthesize information
- Write and present historical content

Students choose a topic that relates to an annual theme, research that topic, and develop their research into one of five presentation categories: research paper, exhibit, documentary, performance, or website. Students may then enter their projects into History Day competitions at school, regional, state and national levels.

Win children's books, jump ropes, 'hacky'sacks and other great prizes, just for having fun!

Dinner will also be available for an incredibly low price, with your choice of veggie lasagna with garlic breadsticks or homemade egg rolls with Chiang Mai Thai veggie fried rice.

While you're there, don't forget to stop in at the Silent Auction fundraiser. Below are just a fraction of the items that will be available plan your bidding strategy!

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

> - Lisa Mills & Lynda Shaheen, Bryn Mawr PTA

March is Final Month for Family Open Gym at Bryn Mawr **Community School**

Tuesday nights from 6-8 p.m.

The gym at Bryn Mawr Elementary School will be open for families with kids of all ages to get out some energy while playing with neighbors. The Family Open Gym hours are Tuesdays from 6-8 pm. Some equipment is available, but please feel free to bring your own jump ropes, balls, hula hoops, and unicycles! All Bryn Mawr families are welcome!

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Family Fun Night & Silent Auction

ryn Mawr Elementary's Family Fun Night carnival and dinner will be on Thursday, March 28, 2013, from 5:30-7:30 pm. Come and enjoy activities galore, including hula hoop contests, gunny sack races, the ever-popular cake walk, face painting, the 'moonwalk' jumping house and much more!

Contact Information For Community Schools

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Who Let The Moms Out?

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

he Bryn Mawr Moms met in February for a lively discussion of their latest book selection, Bridge of Sighs, by Richard Rosso. It's a great book club read because there are so many very relatable characters to discuss. The story is set in the late sixties. Louis C. Lynch, who got his unfortunate nickname "Lucy" on day one of kindergarten, is writing the story of his seemingly ordinary life in small town Upstate New York. Using this 'story within a story' format, Russo introduces us to the inhabitants of Thomaston: Lucy, his parents, Tessa and Big Lou, his friend Bobby, their teachers and classmates. We follow the two boys, their families and other townspeople over two generations. The shifting times and points of view make for a complicated but interesting story despite the fact that there is no high drama involved.

Thomaston itself is a major character in the book. It's a slowly dying town dominated by its main industry, a polluting tannery. It's a town of three geographic divisions, the working class West End, the middle class East End and the Boroughs, where the town fathers live. The book asks how much are we shaped by our background. Are we doomed by our lineage (Bobby runs from the thought that he will become his father), or can we live up to our lineage (Lucy can think of nothing better than becoming his father)? How much choice is involved here?

This book about family life in our own growing up years hit a pretty high note for most of the Moms despite the fact that it is quite a long book, over 500 pages. It's worth the time spent. Look for a copy soon in the Bryn Mawr Little Free Library.



Area 1

Alma Rasins Passed Away

Ima was bom in Ventspils, Latvia. Alma was a registered nurse, traveled the world and had great stories about her worldly adventures. She never met an animal she didn't love and honored all Earth's creations, as she walked gently to preserve our planet.

Our thoughts go out to Alma's childhood friend Milda who knew Alma since age 5, and to her relatives from Riga, Latvia; Guntis and Guna Skangalis who visited Alma often and came to Minneapolis for the funeral. The neighborhood will not be the same without Alma.

Rest in peace sweet Alma.

- Kim Ramey, Area 1

Area 3

New Children's Book by Bryn Mawr Author/Illustrator

Congratulations to Area 3 resident, Lauren Stringer on her new children's book, *When Stravinsky met Nijinsky - Two Artists, Their Ballet, and One Extraordinary Riot.*

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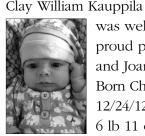
Saturday, March 9, 11:00 AM, Publication Party & Book Signing, Wild Rumpus Book Store, 2720 W 43rd St., Minneapolis, MN



Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 PM Lecture on the making of *When Stravinsky Met Nijinsky* with an exhibit of art from the book. The Loft at Open Book (Performance Hall), 1011 Washington Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN *Saturday, March 16th, 10:30 AM*, Publication Party and Book Signing, The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Avenue, St.Paul, MN *Thursday, April 18, 7:00 PM* Children's Literature Network's Chapter & Verse Bookclub, The Bookcase, 824 Lake Street East, Wayzata, MN

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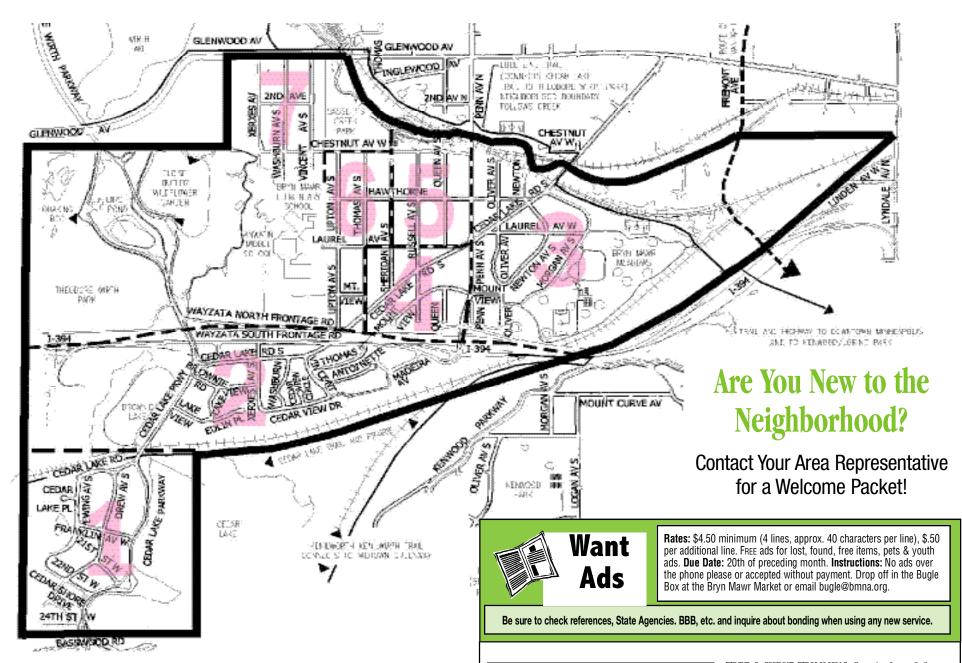


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