

# BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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# 5th Annual Bryn Mawr Sip & Stroll

## October 10, 2013, 6-8 pm

ead to downtown Bryn Mawr on Thursday, October 10th and Sip and Stroll through the local businesses 6-8 pm.



#### Here's how the event works:

- **1.** Look for the Sip and Stroll 2013 poster on the front door of any Bryn Mawr business.
- **2.** If a business has the poster on the front door, step inside and pick up your punch card and see what the business has to offer for the event. Have your punch card initialed before you move on to the next business.
- **3.** Continue on and visit all participating businesses and have your punch card initialed at each business.
- 4. If you visit every participating business, drop your punch card in the

vase at Cuppa Java by 8:30pm for a chance to win a prize provided by local businesses. WRITE YOUR NAME AND PHONE # ON THE BACK OF YOUR PUNCH CARD!



**5.** Drawing begins at 8:30pm.

I hope you will join the fun. It is a great opportunity to see the amazing services, food and merchandise we have in our neighborhood.

- Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator

# Leam More About Ranked Choice Voting Before You Go to the Polls

his November 5 marks only the second time voters in the City of Minneapolis will use ranked-choice voting. Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is a method of voting allowing voters to rank multiple candidates in order of preference. RCV was passed by the voters of Minneapolis as an amendment to the City Charter in 2006 and was first used in the city in 2009.

RCV combines the primary and the general election into one event. In Minneapolis, voters may rank up to three different candidates for each municipal office.

Ranked Choice Voting is used for Minneapolis municipal offices: Mayor, City Council, Board of Esti-



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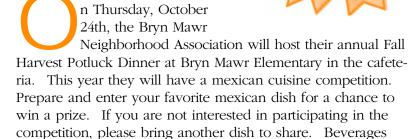
More information on Ranked Choice Voting, along with absentee voting, voter registration, sample ballots and the history of RCV can be found at:

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Residents can also call Minneapolis 311 for information.

# Come One, Come All!

Thursday, October 24th BMNA Harvest Dinner & Mexican Cuisine Competition!



will be provided by the BMNA.

Adults and children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

Come and join your friends and neighbors at this wonderful event.

- Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator



# **Election Day Bake Sale - November 5th**

Bring your appetite and cash to the polls! Bryn Mawr Elementary School PTA will host a bake sale during the election. All

items are donated and the PTA appreciates any amount you would like to donate. So...grab a coffee and a baked good and give yourself a pat on the back because you voted AND supported Bryn Mawr Elementary programs. Love to bake? Anyone can donate baked goods, just drop them off at the school on November 5th!





BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 11, 2013 7:00- 8:45 PM Bryn Mawr Elementary

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

Marlin called the meeting to order and the introductions were made. **Board members attending were:**Marlin Possehl-President; Scott
McLaughlin-Vice President; Sandra
Gay-Secretary; Dennis Fazio-Treasurer; Lynda Shaheen-Area 2 Co-Rep;
Susan Verrett-Area 2 Co-Rep; Jessica
Wiley-Area 3 Co-Rep; Chris Kirwan-Area 4 Co-Rep; Jay Peterson-Area 6
Co-Rep; Barry Schade-Area 6 Co-Rep; Vida Ditter-Area 6 Co-Rep;
Steve Harvey-Area 7 Co-Rep; Jeneen
Hartley Sago-Area 7 Co-Rep;

Wycoff-Neighborhood Coordinator, Guests attending are as follows:

Lisa Goodman-City of Minneapolis; Rowenna Holmes-City of Minneapolis; Anissa Hollingshead. Matt Stark-Neighbor in Area 4.

Yonathan Guthmann-Area 7 Co-Rep;

JoEllyn Jolstad-Bugle Editor; Patty

#### **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

• Lisa thinks no municipal consent will be forthcoming for the LRT shallow tunnel proposal from the Minneapolis City Council. According to reports to the City Council, there would be significant environmental impacts.

- Hennepin County is moving forward on Penn Avenue public works project. Jay Peterson will be serving as Lisa's delegate on the Project Steering Committee. Steve Maurelli will be the BMNA representative and Clarence Shallbetter will be the alternate on the Project Implementation Committee.
- Volunteers for voter ambassadors and election judges are needed. Training classes will be given and time served will be paid. The need for this volunteer position will end on election day, Nov 5 from 7am to 8pm. Some college students are training to be election judges.
- Street Sweeping-There will be signs on streets starting Oct 21st. A reminder to not sweep leaves on street.
- Boards and commissions-One can volunteer on line or let Lisa know.
- Retiming of street lights will happen in City of Minneapolis, with downtown the first priority.
- Met on Accent Signs Memorial-The City of Minneapolis will partner with the volunteer group.

#### **Update on Accent memorial -**

The group met with Anita Tabb, her assistant and a representative from the Governor's Office at the site to see area. They have proposed a new name, The Bryn Mawr Garden of Hope and Healing. They are proposing to use the "paper street" for access to the creek. Who owns the land must be determined prior to designing the garden, fund raising and providing for maintenance. The two candidates are the Park Board or Shereen. The group is planning a cleanup of the site with

a pot luck supper near the anniversary date. BMNA will donate refreshments. Also, buckthorn chippers are needed for the clean-up. Perhaps, the Garden Club will maintain it. Patty will meet with the Park Board to discuss how BMNA has maintained the BM gardens.

#### **Andrea from Park Board**

- BM Path-The path around outside of the Bryn Mawr meadows is scheduled for refurbishing. There were no bidders for the project and it will be rebid in Jan.
- Basset Creek Erosion Control-The project ends at the Fruen Mill area. It involves repairing banks, stabilizing water flow and may go into the spring. It is a complicated permitting scenario and may go into 2014.
- The Fruen Mill design is available for review. Next Thursday it will be presented to the Watershed District for 50% design review. The project is intended to re-establish the trail as it occurred in the past. It is essentially an erosion based project.
- o Buckthorn removal-A grant for vegetation management in Wirth Park was submitted by the Park Board
- There is funding for the playground near Accent Signs but not for the park.
- Eloise Butler wildflower garden-They are planning a redo of the bridge and are currently working on community engagement. BMNA and neighborhood will eventually be a part of the planning process.

#### **Patty Wycoff, NC activity report**

- The membership drive has gone well and Patty has processed checks for \$6000
- Oct 10 is the date for the Sip and Stroll annual event.

#### JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Report -

A sign-up list for articles for next year was passed around. There will be Sip and Stroll, Harvest Dinner and political ads in the next Bugle.

#### Ranked Choice Voting Anissa Hollingshead

The City needs election judges and voter ambassadors. Training is available. Vote.mn.mpls.gov is website to educate on voting where one can see a sample ballot. An article on the new method of voting should be run in the Bugle.

#### **Treasurer's report-Dennis Fazio**

There is \$84,000 in BMNA accounts.

# Vice President's report - Scott McLaughlin

- All board members should save copies in a turnover file of what they do to pass on to next person. Scott passed out files for paper copies. Either digital or paper copies will suffice.
- Yonathan volunteered for NPP Coordinator. He will be meeting with the City. 2011 and 2012 Reports will be turned in by Patty and Scott. Yonathan will coordinate a planning group for a three year plan and volunteers are needed. Scott thinks approximately \$20,000 a

- year has been earmarked for BM. There is information on the City's website to see what other neighborhoods are doing.
- Grievance Policy-BMNA needs to approve a new one. Scott passed out a copy of the proposed one which is very similar to the old one. NPP is new name of former NRP. Send edits to Grievance Policy to Scott.
- Conflict of Interest Policy- The board needs to consider a formal Conflict of Interest policy.
- LRT Project updates-Station Area Strategic Planning- Barry attended a meeting of the Corridor Management Group. It is not the deciding body but will make recommendations to the Metropolitan Council. They eliminated the deep tunnel LRT option as being too expensive. A consultant has been hired to relook at co-location and relocation of the freight line and will report in 2 weeks. In 3 weeks, it is possible a decision will be made. BMNA supports preserving the Kenilworth and Cedar Lake trails, building the Penn Avenue Station, and re-location of the freight line.

# **Standing Committee Reports Garden projects -**

There will be a work session on Saturday.

**Schools Committee - Lynda Shaheen** Meeting on September 26.

#### Communications Committee - Jeneen-

- Accent Signs Memorial Event-Friday night, Sept 27th is the one year anniversary of the Accent Signs tragedy. The committee will email and publicize a memorial service. Current planning is to meet at the peace pole near the school at 6pm with candles and then walk to the memorial bench or somewhere else. Resolution to sponsor an event of Hope and Healing on the anniversary date of the Accent Signs tragedy and to advertise it. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Website-The committee is running a pilot program for 6 months and will make recommendations on how to manage it. The committee will update the site during this time. Send items to be put on website to Jeneen's email address, jeneen@hartleysago.com. Jessica will update the bulletin board. Send ideas to Jessica.

# **Discussion Items, Updates and Announcements:**

o Rowenna Holmes-The City has dedicated more officers to Bryn Mawr and will install another surveillance camera. Information on identifying vehicles and firearms was handed out to the group.

#### Adjournat 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wed, October 9, 2013 7:00 p.m., BM Elementary UPCOMING EVENTS:

- \$\text{Membership Drive/ Directory Underway}\$
- Harvest Dinner PotluckThursday, Oct 24

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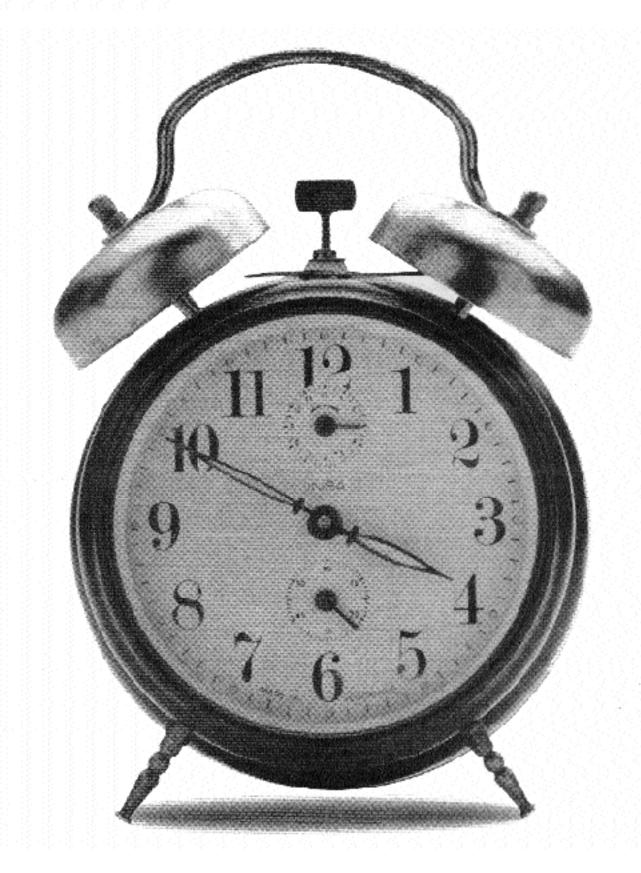
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# From the Editor

ere at the *Bryn Mawr Bugle*, we try to be a "family-friendly" publication. You will notice that once again, pictures of smiling children are featured on page one. I hope their happy, costumed images make you stop and read about and plan to attend the coming Harvest Dinner.

Most kids LOVE to see their picture in the paper. But, the *Bugle* also has content that appeals to a more mature audience. And since some of those kids can and do read, we have to be careful about what we print.

So, last year when violence invaded our neighborhood, we avoided printing the details of what transpired. Adult consumers of mass media could easily get this information from other sources. If you want to read about those details, you can find a nice article about it by Dylan Thomas in the latest *Southwest Journal*.

Instead, we focused on tributes and remembrances of lives well-lived. This work is ongoing. As people process their grief and loss, they long to create tangible evidence of what they feel and have experienced.

Last year, many neighbors participated in a film project about UPS driver, Keith Basinksi that Deacon Warner skillfully put together. In addition to being a lasting remembrance of how much Keith was admired,

loved and appreciated, the viewing of the film brought people together for another shared experience.

It is hard to believe that a year has passed and it is important to take time to recognized the work we are doing to help each other heal. Kathryn Kaatz, Pat Waddick and Tami Galvin have been leading an effort to create a physical place of honor for the victims. After many meetings and bureauchratic obstacles (not all resolved yet) the plan for a Bryn Mawr Garden of Hope and Healing is taking shape.

A work day is planned Saturday to cleanup and prepare the site for the transformation. In addition to a lot of hard work, the morning will wrap up with a classic "shared experience" in the form of a pot luck lunch. I just love how this neighborhood comes together and the Italian in me knows that nothing helps that along better than food!

Tomorrow is the first anniversary of the tragedy. The BMNA has planned a short candlelight vigil to mark the occasion. There will be a simple gathering at the Peace Pole in front of Anwatin Middle School, with a few words of comfort, followed by a walk to the future garden site. I think this is a lovely way to preface the work day and remind us why we have all come together.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org

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"Courage is not always a loud roar, sometimes it's the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "let's do this again"

-Marc Chereth-

The cool fall air is invigorating! When I see you folks at the store, the Deli, the coffee shop, you, my friends are my muse. You hold the funhouse mirror to my soul, so remember, whatever happens here, it's all your fault.

#### Did someone say "election"?

Minneapolis figured out how to get the vote out in an off year Citywide election year; everyone is on the ballot! We have 35 candidates and actually a fair number of legit candidates (I'm not running). We also have the exciting "ranked choice" voting system to keep going to the polls an interesting and even fun thing to do.

Judging from all the Mark Andrew signs around the neighborhood, I reckon I'm in the minority with my disdain for him. In light of the recent news stories of the esteemed Viking owners rampant fraudulent activities, the "irresponsible" politicians like Lisa Goodman who voted no to committing millions of Minneapolis tax dollars to this stadium boondoggle, don't seem too irresponsible anymore, do they Mr. Andrew. I'm just saying....

#### Sippin' and Strollin'

Sounds like my kind of neighborhood event, the Annual Sip and Stroll is back by popular demand. Sometimes referred to as the "Slurp and Stagger", this walkabout the

> WEEKLY MEETINGS OF **ALCOHOLICS** Anonymous

> are held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church,

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

All interested people are invited to attend.

downtown businesses is scheduled for October 10th., with many of the businesses participating in the meet and greet. You will get a card to be stamped at each business and after you fill it out (by going to all the businesses) you bring it to Cuppa Java to be eligible for a drawing for a valuable gift. Try not to drink a glass of wine at every stop because you might not ever get to Cuppa Java! Thankfully, this event does not coincide with the AA meeting at Bryn Mawr Church!

#### Celebrate the Harvest

Even right here in the big old city, October is harvest time. At the end of October the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association hosts the annual "Harvest Dinner". A great opportunity to participate (potluck) and meet some of your neighbors and sample some of their culinary creations. Unlike the "Sip and Stroll" there ain't no booze, which is nice and wholesome. Bring the little crumbcrushers...er..children along!

#### Random musings and...

Bryn Mawr resident Mark Skoro conceived the idea for a book called "Baba Yaga: The Wild Witch of the East in Russian Fairy Tales". Mark project managed the book and art directed the design. Colleague Roselyn Reza and Mark partnered with the Russian Museum of Art (one of my favorite little museums) to present scholar and translator, Sibelan Forrester on the weekend of October 11th to the 13th at three locations. On friday night you can have dinner at Moscow on the Hill and listen to her, Saturday morning at 10:30 Am for kids 5 to 10 years at

the museum, later a 5:30 PM appearance at the museum, and finally, at "The Bookcase" at 1:00 PM in Wayzata. (Baba Yaga and I will be there pounding back a few "Stolis"; My kind of gal!)Call for reservations for these events.

Rain-gardens are the bomb! They help keep our waterways clean, they preserve our water supply, save money on watering, and are pretty dang beautiful to boot! Check out the gorgeous rain-garden that the Bryn Mawr church installed, a win win for everyone. Speaking of gardens, have you been grokking the new boulevard gardens the Garden Group has created. The gradual design change is taking shape from the wildly creative and challenging to maintain design of the "Lecker

Era" to the landscaped, mulched and much easier to maintain new "ERA". Viva la difference!

And finally, let me close on an upbeat note. During "The Storm" last June an extraordinary thing happened amidst all the chaos and angst of that disruptive period of time, a child was born. Bryn Mawr's star crossed lovers, Kara and Hal Lovemelt welcome their son, Phoenix Rain (appropriately named) into this world. Kara wrote to me about the long wild journey that ended with their returning home with Phoenix Rain to a house devoid of electricity. Very fitting for a couple of off-the-gridders like

You've been a lovely audience, I'll see you next month!





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#### **Southwest LRT—Eyes on the Prize**

emocracy can be messy, especially when two roughly equal groups have opposing ideas. Because I often bike the Kennilworth corridor and enjoy Cedar Lake Park, I would like to see freight rail traffic relocated from what was supposed to be a temporary alignment. At the same time, my 6 and 8 year old grandchildren attend PSI Elementary School in St. Louis Park, directly adjacent to where the trains would go. And, as a member of the Bottineau LRT citizen's advisory committee I understand that every extra dollar for SWLRT has the potential to undermine future legislative support for rail transit funding. So it's easy for me to see both points of view.

The democratic process provides the opportunity to lobby for what we think is best, but does not guarantee we will get what we want.

I am asking that we keep the conversation civil (threats of lawsuits aren't helpful), respect each other's views, and--when a decision is finally made--ask our elected representatives to keep their eyes on why SWLRT is essential: it will get millions of people out of their cars, make the Twin Cities a better place to live and work, and do our part to keep our planet cool.

#### **REPRINT: A Letter to** Commissioner McDonough

just wanted to drop you a note responding to comments of yours I have read in the paper regarding SWLRT, Minneapolis, and more specifically, myself and my neighbors who have voiced concern about the direction the SWLRT project has taken.

into a small two bedroom home in Kenwood to live on the Kenilworth trail. Peter commutes to work via bike year round. Our family relies on the trail not just for recreation, but like a growing number of residents, for transportation. Our boys, now 10 and 12, play and bike on the Kenilworth Greenway. Our yard is very small and we, like most city residents, rely on public green space. It is a safe area with small wooded patches that have brought great joy and adventure to our boys. So, yes, the Kenilworth trail is - Dick Adair, area 6

quite literally, my backyard. But it is not a private backyard, it is very public. As a result, I feel an obligation to defend it for the hundreds of thousands of people who enjoy it, rely on it, but do not have the perspective of close, sustained proximity. That perspective gives me and my neighbors a responsibility to be stewards of this important space and the city parkland surrounding it. So, although we are but several hundred, we are acting on behalf of hundreds of thousands who use the Kenilworth trail each year.

Peter, my husband, and I moved

Moving bike trails from the Greenway might seem an easy and convenient solution to the freight problem from a distance, but the Kenilworth trail carries thousands of bikers daily. Rerouting them as well as pedestrians onto busy streets would create dangerous conditions. Conditions that will fundamentally diminish the quality, safety, and attraction of these trails. Transit was meant to displace cars, not the healthy, active transportation option of bikes the Greenways foster.

This project has always included removing the freight from the Greenway to make space in this narrow right of way for SWLRT. The county chose the alignment knowing the regulations of freight, and the significant costs associated with this choice. Yet no money was set aside to meet this project requirement. While Eden Prairie was allowed to have new right of way purchased for the project, so as not to use their HCRRA trail area, at a cost of approximately \$300 million, Minneapolis is criticized for simply asking to not have our green space obliterated.

St. Louis Park is concerned about the safety of the freight in their community, we have no interest in putting any community in peril. However, if the freight is dangerous in St. Louis Park, it is equally dangerous in the narrow corridor of the Kenilworth trail. In fact these trains run a mere 12 feet from homes at the narrowest point. My children sleep every night within a distance that St. Louis Park has identified as hazardous. If that is accurate, should these trains be in either community?

There have been a number of tunnels, bridges, and other costly mitigation measures made for this alignment, but when it comes to Minneapolis, there is simply no money left to even pay for the basic requirement of moving the freight. And in response to our concerns, we, citizens, are publicly cast as the wealthy, obstructionist scapegoats. Minneapolis, myself, nor my neighbors deserve that. I have always been committed to good public policy, and as a State Senator, to transit.

Although it is enticing and convenient for Hennepin County Commissioners to classify this as a poor vs. rich narrative, it just isn't that simple. But if that is the narrative the county would like to pursue, here are some statistics that you might be interested in, and we can get more. It looks like Minneapolis might actually be the narrative "poor".

- Eden Prairie median household income 2012: \$116,000 Money Magazine 9/12
- EP persons below the poverty level, 2007-2011: 5.3% vs. the entire state: 11.0%
- Minnetonka median family income \$109, 600 Money Magazine Aug 2010
- Eden Prairie 26 persons per acre of parkland.
- Minneapolis 71 persons per acre of parkland.
- Minnetonka = 51 persons per acre of open space
- Edina = 32 persons per acre of parkland/open space

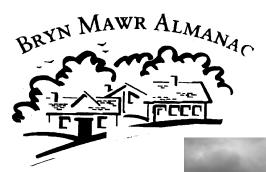
Please reconsider your perspective on this project and the words you choose to use publicly in relation to the city of Minneapolis and concerned citizens. We are simply expecting the government to act with integrity and honor the LPA by relocating the freight rail out of the Kenilworth trail. If that is not possible, then the alignment should be revisited to better serve the city of Minneapolis and region. If the project does not represent the kind of quality public works we expect in our state, in relation to cost and benefits, then please speak to that directly.

Thank you for your service.

- Julie Sabo (former Bryn Mawr Resident)

Any Service





October 9, 2012

Last sail for the Lake Calhoun sailing club, on a cloudy cold windy October day. A great program for local kids.

October 11, 2012

Female spruce grouse in Wirth Park. I've seen one before in the

Boundary Waters, but not in the Twin Cities.

October 18, 2013 Full moon, the Ojibwe Falling Leaves moon.



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# Elections 2013

# Plain Language Charter Ballot Questions

he Charter Commission is proposing to completely restate our Charter in modem, plain language, to organize it, and to delete obsolete and inconsistent provisions without in any way changing the roles of the Mayor, the City Council or our independent boards. We call it the Plain Language Charter and it will be on the ballot this November.

The existing Minneapolis Charter was adopted in 1920 and has been amended over 100 times since. It includes provisions relating to the cleaning of stables, the sprinkling of streets (to keep down horse manure dust), steam locomotives and the weighing of hay and straw.

The existing Charter contains four separate provisions dealing with appointment of officers in four different sections of the Charter. All of them are wrong if read in isolation.

The existing Charter still contains an entire 17 section Article dealing with the Library Board, which hasn't existed since 2008.

So the Charter's a mess. It's written in archaic language and very difficult to understand, even for lawyers.

For 11 years, the Charter Commission has been working on a complete rewrite of the Charter. We

have spent thousands of volunteer hours, held numerous hearings, involved the City Attorney's Office, the independent boards, city departments and other stakeholders. The Plain Language Charter is organized, easy to understand, written in today's language, consistent and one third as long as the existing Charter. That's what's on the ballot in November. There are actually two amendments on the ballot because state law requires a separate vote for provisions relating to alcohol.

And it's about time. The St. Paul Charter was modernized and completely restated in the 1970's, as was the Minnesota Constitution itself (which, before it was modernized, referred to Canada as the "British possessions"), leaving the Minneapolis Charter as the only one in the State that deals with horse manure and steam locomotives and uses the word "doth" (as in Shakespeare).

Our current Charter is too long, too complicated and too hard to understand. Please help us bring our Charter into the 21st century and vote yes (twice) on the Plain Language Charter in November.

- Barry Clegg, Chair, Minneapolis Charter Commission

# LWV Minneapolis Supports November Ballot Charter Revisions

inneapolis voters are being urged to approve two city charter amendments in November's municipal elections. The League of Women Voters of Minneapolis has joined the growing chorus of civic groups that urge voters to vote yes for the changes.

Voters will vote on two items at the "bottom of the ballot," which streamline the current charter language. The so-called Plain Language Charter puts the 150-year-old city charter into modern language, eliminates arcane language and outdated regulations and makes the entire document more accessible and readable by organizing it by topic. (Two amendments are necessary because state law requires that liquor provisions be addressed separately.)

LWVMpls is a non-partisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in all levels of government, especially at the local Minneapolis level. LWVMpls members studied the proposed Plain Language Charter this fall and voted overwhelmingly to support it and urge voters to approve it.

"The proposed charter language provides transparency, sustainability and flexibility," said Joan Niemiec former City Council member and committee chair of a major LWVM-pls study of Minneapolis city government structure in 2005.

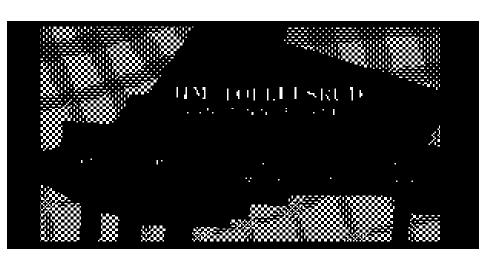
What's being changed? You might ask. Well, it will no longer restrict bakeries within the city to making loaves of bread of no more or less than one pound. It won't deny someone the right to swim across any of the city lakes. It also makes it easier for readers to find relevant sections and know exactly what the law says.

"Voters need to know that the League has studied city government for decades and continues to urge openness, accountability and accessibility," said Pat Kovel-Jarboe, one of the writers of the 2005 study. "After careful study we have concluded that the Plain Language Charter improves communication between city government and citizens."

The Minneapolis Charter Commission spent 11 years revising the charter, paring its language from 75,000 words to about 14,000 words. Gone are the often-confusing phrases, redundant provisions and language that is often more than a century out of date.

For more information or comments contact LWVMpls office at voter@lwvmpls.org, or 612-333-6319. Joan Niemiec can be reached at joan.niemiec@gmail.com

Pat Kovel-Jarboe can be reached at patkj@earthlink.net.



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#### **COORDINATOR CORNER**

My name is Patty Wycoff and I am the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Coordinator. Feel free to contact me at organizer@bmna.org or 612-377-4565.

#### **Neighborhood E-Mail**

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

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# From the Board

**Submissions from BMNA Board Members** 

# Domestic Abuse Project (DAP): Breaking the Cycle of Family Violence

ccording to a Star Tribune report (June 2013) Minnesota is on pace this year to double the 2012 total of 14 deaths due to domestic violence. Annual femicide reports, assembled since 1989, have shown the number of women dying from domestic violence varies from a yearly low of 12 to a high of 40.

DAP is a Minneapolis-based nonprofit agency founded in 1979 focused on providing tools for every member of a family to heal from domestic abuse they suffer or perpetrate and to break the cycle of abuse.

DAP specializes in therapy programming for women, children, men, and veterans. In addition, DAP's Advocacy Program works in collaboration with the Minneapolis Police Department to ensure notification of service and to help clients navigate the legal system.

Working with the criminal justice system, public policy makers, and other community agencies, DAP strives to open the conversation around domestic abuse in order to lead societal change.

"What did you learn from your experience at Domestic Abuse Project? "Tracy, a DAP child therapist asked 8-year old Peter. "That I matter in this world," he replied.

That's what happens at DAP. People discover that they matter.

On Tuesday, October 15, DAP will host their annual Transforming Families fundraising luncheon at the Earle Brown Heritage Center. The event is free; all guests will be invited to make a contribution. The lunch starts promptly at noon and is over by 1:00 PM.

Join DAP Board member Jessica Wiley, and keynote speaker, Mark Rosen to hear the compelling reasons why DAP needs your support.

To register, or for more information, contact Jessica Wiley, jesswiley@comcast.net, or DomesticAbuseProject.org.

## DAP was founded in 1979 on a few radical notions:

- Working with perpetrators of abuse is essential to ending abuse.
- Domestic violence affects every member of a family.
- Domestic abuse is learned behavior, and therefore can be unlearned.
- Domestic violence is a human rights issue.
- Many victims do not want their relationship to end; they want the abuse to end.

# Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - October 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 Monday, August 26 2013) unless otherwise noted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		MPS Enrollment Listening Session, 6-8 p.m. at Anwatin Middle School (256 Upton Ave S)	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	MPS Enrollment Lis-9 tening Session, 6-8 p.m. Ramsey Middle School (1- W 49 St.) BMNA Monthly meeting at Bryn Mawr Elementary in the cafeteria, 7pm	BMNA Sip and Strolloat Bryn Mawr Businesses, 6-8pm MPS Enrollment Listening Session, 6-8 p.m. Northrop Urban Environmental (4315 31st Ave S.)	11	12
13	MPS Enrollment 14 Listening Session, 6-8 p.m. at Northeast Middle School (955 Hayes St NE)	15	16	17	18	Buckthorn Cleanup <sup>19</sup> Community Project Arrive anytime between 1-4pm Chestnut Av between Upton and Vincent,
Buckthorn Cleanup Community Project Arrive anytime between 1-4pm Chestnut Av between Upton and Vincent,	21	22	23	Harvest Potluck Dinner/Mexican Dish Competition Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria, 6-8pm	25	26
27	30	* TOTAL		<b>DATE!</b> PTA Bake Sale of vember 5 at Bryi		ary



## **BMNA**

## Buckthorn Removal Update-We Need You!

2013 BMNA Community Project

Many hands make light work.
- John Heywood

In early October, a crew from Conservation Corps Minnesota will be cutting and treating the largest buckthom invaders in Bassett's Creek Park. After the crews take this big step forward, it's up to us to clear the rest. Can you help?

The small group of us who've organized this effort will be training volunteers the afternoons of Saturday, Oct 19 and Sunday, Oct 20. Show up to learn how to use specialized weed wrenches to effectively target and pull buckthorn.

We'll have 12 weed wrenches available during these sessions-so this is your chance to get trained and make headway on the remaining buckthom Plus, once you've had this training, you'll be authorized to work at other times using one of the four weed wrenches that will remain available in the neighborhood for check out. (Note that the park board requires that those using these tools be trained.)

#### Please join us!

#### When:

Saturday, October 19 Sunday, October 20 Come either day or both. Arrive anytime between 1pm and 4pm, and you choose how long you stay.

#### Where:

Chestnut Avenue between Upton and Vincent (west of the playground), look for trail next to alley

#### **Details:**

Wear sturdy shoes and clothes you can work in. Bring gloves if you have them (we'll also have some).

Help us keep this area beautifuland walkable. And to stay up to date on progress and events, Like our page on Facebook:

facebook.com/buckthombegone

- Deb Miner, Area 7

# About BMNA Community Projects

The BMNA Community Project has been in place for the last five years. The Buckthorn Removal along with a business "branding" effort are the 2013 projects. The committee keeps a running list of recommendations, and all ideas are considered. Submit ideas for future projects to jesswiley@comcast.net, or 612-374-3481.

Name(s):

# **2013 BMNA Membership Drive**

he BMNA 2013 Membership drive has begun! Our annual membership drive is our largest source of income and is necessary to continue to provide the valuable neighborhood staff and events that keep our neighborhood strong and connected.

2012 was a busy, productive year for BMNA. We hosted the Festival of Garage Sales, the BMNA Annual Dinner, the Ice Cream Scoop Off, the Sip and Stroll, the Fall Harvest Dinner and the wonderful Saturnalia Winter Festival. We also had new lighting

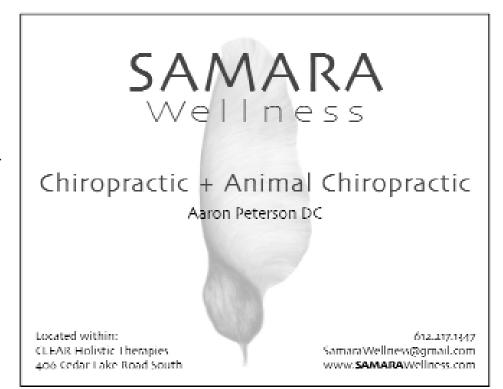
installed in downtown Bryn Mawr along with Bryn Mawr banners and facilitated the Bryn Mawr Business Facade Program to assist our local businesses with improvements to their buildings.

Bryn Mawr residents have been strong supporters of our work. We hope you will continue your support by contributing a tax deductible donation to the BMNA.

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### **Local Creatives Launch Children's Book**

artin Skoro, an Area 2 Bryn Mawr resident, is organiz-Ling a book launch weekend for a book he has been working on for many years: "Baba Yaga: The Wild Witch of the East in Russian Fairy Tales". He conceived the idea and project managed the creation of the book, engaged 3 literary scholars to work on it, gathered illustrations of Baba Yaga, old and new, and art directed the design. Baba Yaga is a folk-figure known around the world, but best in her cultural origin of Russia and Eastern Europe. Now readers can enjoy this first authoritative collection in English of this new translation of 29 enticing (and sometimes bizarre) tales of Baba Yaga. Martin has partnered with The Museum of Russian Art for the book launch and support.

# **Book Launch Details:** Friday, Oct 11, 6:00 PM

Moscow on the Hill by, reservation & limited to 40 people. 651.291.1236

Scholar and Translator, Sibelan Forrester, will speak about the book and Baba Yaga. Dinners start at \$14.95.

#### Saturday, Oct 12

The Museum of Russian Art, by reservation (612) 821-9045 10:30-11:15 AM: This is an event for children from 5 - 10. Sibelan Forrester will read a story and talk about Baba Yaga. The children are encouraged to dress in Halloween costumes.

5:00 - 7:00 PM: Scholar and Translator, Sibelan Forrester speaks briefly at 5:30, free exchange follows. Two other contributors to the book, Martin Skoro and Helena Goscilo, will also be available for questions. Free admission. Women in Soviet Art will be on exhibit at the museum

#### Sunday, Oct 13

The Bookcase in Wayzata (952) 473-8341

2:00 PM: Scholar and Translator, Sibelan Forrester will do a short reading and talk about Baba Yaga and the book, then she is open to questions.

#### Below is a review of the book by Jack V. Haney, editor and translator of The Complete Russian Folktale and Long, Long Tales from the Russian North:

"Tales about witches have never been more popular, and Sibelan Forrester's selection of folktales featuring the Russian witch Baba Yaga is a welcome addition to our stories featuring them. This is a solid contribution to the growing body of translations of Russian tales into English. A foreword by folklorist Jack Zipes adds to the quality of this attractively illustrated volume of folk stories. It's great fun for readers of all ages!"

Martin and I have had our graphic design business for over 25 years. The two main areas of our business are books and branding. Some of the books we've done include history books for Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi, Dunwoody Institute of Technology and the Woman's Club of Minneapolis; art books for the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and St John's Pottery Studio; and personal interest books such as travel experiences and art collections.

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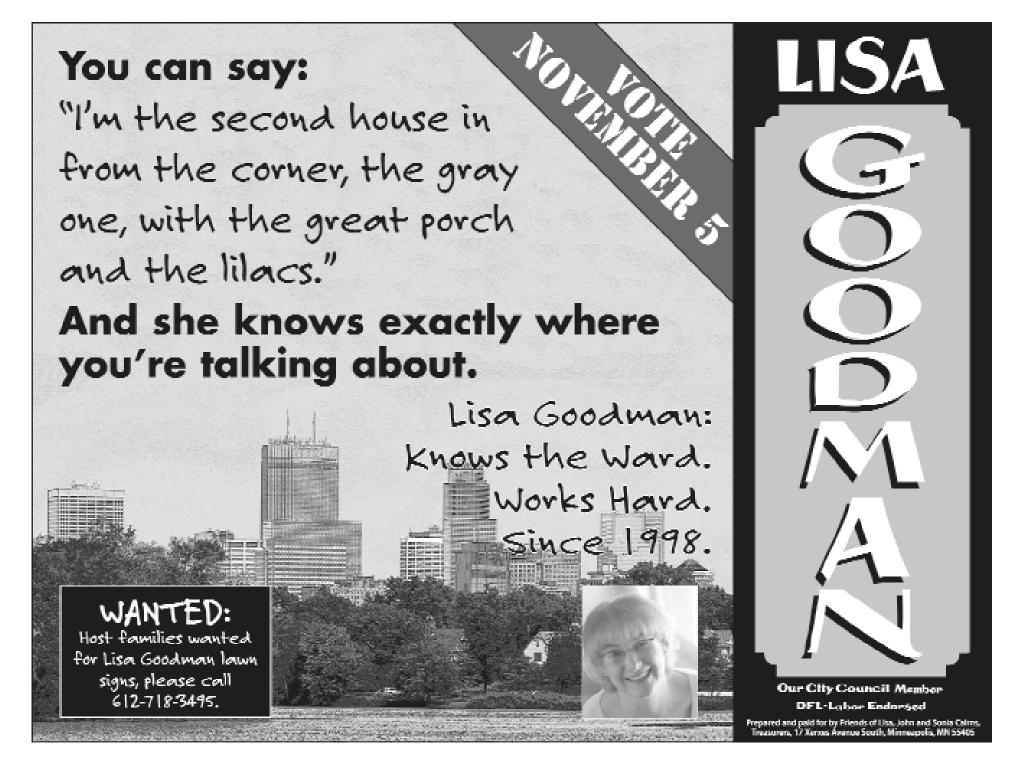
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port businesses and non-profit organizations. These projects include the design and development of branding strategies and visual identities, publications, web sites, marketing brochures, informational materials, signage and packaging. We manage projects from design, writing, photography to production and distribution.

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# Composting Workshop at JD Rivers' Garden

ome and learn how to compost in your backyard! Fall is a great time to start composting since there are plenty of dry leaves available to keep your compost balanced. You will learn what materials are compostable, the types of containers you can use, and what you can do with the finished compost. Composting is a great way to reduce waste and add nutrients to your soil!

Class will be held at JD Rivers' Children's Garden in Theodore Wirth Park, weather permitting. If it's raining, please go to the picnic pavilion up the hill on the other side of Glenwood Ave to the west of the garden.

Tuesday, October 8, 6-7pm JD Rivers' Children's Garden address: 2900 Glenwood Ave, Minneapolis, MN Picnic Pavilion address: 3275 Glenwood Ave, Minneapolis, MN

Register online: https://minneapolisparks.apm.active communities.com/Activity\_Search?act ivity\_id=31207

- Kira Berglund

# **Bryn Mawr Meadows to Host Washburn Games**

ashbum Center for Children will hold its annual Washbum Games, Sunday, Sept. 29 at Bryn Mawr Meadows in Minneapolis. This is an opportunity for Twin Cities kids to boost their physical health while supporting children's mental health.

The Washbum Games is a fun and non-competitive community event. By donating \$10 or fundraising, kids ages 4-12 can participate in more than 20 athletic activities including baseball, yoga, soccer and lacrosse, all while raising money for and providing hope and support to their peers struggling with depression, anxiety, loss or trauma.

Members of the Minnesota United FC soccer team will also be on hand to show support and play games.

This is an active way for kids to come together for their at-risk peers, and we thought the following interview idea would really get that message across:

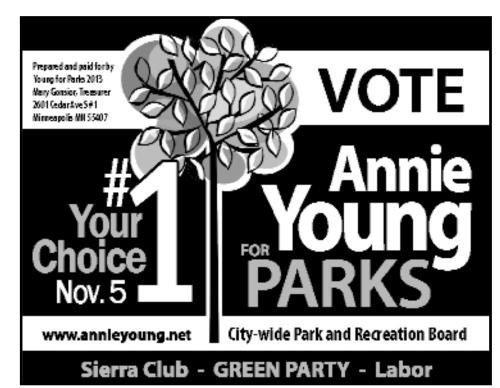
#### About Washburn Center for Children

With 130 years of experience in assisting high-risk children in the Minneapolis area, Washbum Center for Children is the leader in helping children with social, emotional and behavioral problems and their families. As a community mental health center focused on children's mental

health, Washbum serves children from birth to age 18. In 2012, Washbum Center for Children served nearly 3,000 children and approximately 7,200 family members of all races and incomes.

Washburns three office locations serve the entire Twin Cities metro area. The nonprofit also offers inhome services and its school-based services serves the Eden Prairie, Bloomington and Minneapolis school districts.

To learn more about Washbum Center for Children, please visit Washbum.org or on Facebook.



#### Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary

Nestled in Bryn Mawr, Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary is the oldest public wildflower garden in the country. Help us protect it from invasive plants.

### Pull some buckthorn this fall ~ Bring a friend!

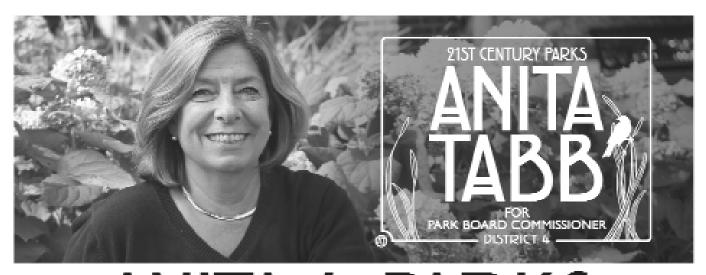
Sunday Sept 29, 2:00-4:30 Sunday Oct 6, 2:00-4:30 Saturday Oct 12, 2:00-4:30

- Come for as much or as little time as you have.
- We provide tools, know-how, and snacks!
- The Garden has metered parking.
- Signs at the Garden's front gate direct you to the pull site.
- Wear appropriate shoes and clothes that can get dirty. We supply gloves.

If weather is questionable, call the **Shelter**, **612-370-4903**, in the hour before the event.

If you can help, please let us know so we can plan. Email us at invasives@friendsofeloisebutler.org

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# **Eloise Butler Widflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary**

Autumn Colors and Splendor in the Garden!

It may be the end of the season but there is still plenty to see at the Wildflower Garden. Visit the prairie to see the last of the asters. Bring along binoculars (or borrow ours) and look for migrating raptors and waterfowl as they head south for the winter. Take a quiet walk through the woodlands to see to gorgeous autumn foliage of the Garden's maples, hickories, and oaks. Spend a quiet day or two at the end of the season to take in the beauty of another season, nearly spent and yet again splendid, at the Wildflower Garden.

Every weekend and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30pm Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden Naturalists offer free programs about wildflowers and more. Learn about the latest blossoms and birds on these fabulous (and free!) explorations of the Garden. Each Saturday morning at 9:30am a free autumn 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. 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**

#### Tuesday, October 1st

4:30pm-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike

#### Thursday, October 3rd

4:30-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike

#### Friday, October 4th

6:30-7:30pm New Moon Creatures of the Night\* \$5 per person/\$10 per family

#### Saturday, October 5th

9:30-11:00am Autumn Early Birders 11:00-11:30am Family Garden Ramble 1:00-2:00pm Tremendous Trees Tour 4:00-4:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

#### Sunday, October 6th

1:00-1:30pm Family Garden Ramble 3:00-4:00pm Berries, Drupes and Other Fruits 4:30-5:00pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

#### Monday, October 7th

10:30-11:45am Nature Tots – Leaf Hunt\*\* \$5.00 per child/\$2.00 per adult

#### Tuesday, October 8th

4:30-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike 5:00-6:30pm Nature's Healers\*\* Special Class \$15/person

#### Thursday, October 10th

4:30-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike

#### Saturday, October 12th

9:30-11:00am Autumn Early Birders 9:30-11:30am Biology of Autumn 1 of 2\*\* Special Class \$20/person 11:00-11:30am Family Garden Ramble 1:00-2:00pm Magnificent Mushrooms 4:00-4:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

#### Sunday, October 13th

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

#### Tuesday, October 15th

4:30-5:00pm Garden Highlights Nature Hike

#### Saturday, October 19th

9:30-11:00am Autumn Early Birders 9:30-11:30am Biology of Autumn 2 of 2\*\* Special Class \$20/person 11:00-11:30am Family Garden Ramble 1:00-2:00pm Quaking Bog Tour 4:00-4:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

#### Sunday, October 20th

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

#### Saturday, October 26th

9:30-11:00am Autumn Early Birders 11:00-11:30am Family Garden Ramble 1:00-2:00pm Autumn Wildflower Tour 4:00-4:30pm Weekend Wildflower Walk

#### Sunday, October 27th

1:00-1:30pm Family Garden Ramble 3:00-4:00pm Season's End Garden Tour

#### **Naturalist Led Hikes and Tours**

#### **Autumn Early Birders**

This program is designed for individuals who have some experience with field guides and binoculars, and wish to practice finding and identifying birds. In addition to bird identification, we will focus on birding by ear, bird behavior, and bird habitats. Bring binoculars and a field guide or borrow ours.

#### Autumn Wildflower Walk

Join us for an afternoon walk to find the flowering plants of autumn scattered throughout the 15 acres of prairie, woodland and wetland that lie within the Garden gates.

#### Berries, Drupes and Other Fruits of the Garden

Although many visitors come to see the spring wildflowers, it is later in the season that the flowers of spring have fully transformed into the glorious fruits of the Garden. Come to the Garden to explore fascinating fruit topics including: fruit formation, edibility of native plant fruits and uses of fruits by animals and humans.

#### Family Garden Ramble

Autumn is here! Enjoy the late season blooms in the wetland and the prairie and look for dragonflies, butterflies and other insects. Come often for a short naturalist led walk to see our Garden blooms in the autumn.

#### Garden Highlights Nature Hike

Leam about the current blooms, bird sightings, and animal antics in the Garden while hiking the trails with a Naturalist. The Garden Highlights Hike will focus on what is of interest on the day that you visit, so each hike will be a new exploration into the most up-to-date curiosities and wonders of the Wildflower Garden.

#### Magnificent Mushrooms

Behind the scenes of the Wildflower Garden, hosts of mushroom species are hard at work recycling nutrients and helping plants grow. You will learn the basic structure of mushrooms and how to identify some species.

# New Moon Creatures of the Night Hike \$5 per person/\$10 per family Pre-registration required

As darkness washes over the Garden an array of sounds, smells and sights greet our senses. This is also a great time to see nocturnal wildlife of the Garden, including bats, nighthawks, owls, and raccoons. Come to learn more about these

wonderful creatures of the night at the Garden this autumn. Meet at the front gate.

#### **Quaking Bog Tour**

The bog is home to many unique plants with interesting adaptations for survival. Discover the characteristics that make a bog habitat what it is and take part in hands-on analysis of the water in the bog. Learn about what is being done to preserve this special habitat. Meet at the Quaking Bog parking lot.

#### Season's End Garden Tour

Join a Garden Naturalist for the year's final stroll through the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary. Enjoy the colors of autumn and the sights and smells of this magnificent place before the gates close on this glorious season.

#### **Tremendous Trees Tour**

The Garden's diverse woodland habitat offers a great opportunity to delve into the fascinating world of tremendous trees. You'll learn what to look for when identifying trees, hear some tree lore, and discover where the Garden heritage trees are located. Appropriate for children ages 8 and up.

#### Weekend Wildflower Walk

Join a Naturalist on a wildflower-focused tour of the Garden. You will have a chance to walk the Garden trails while learning about and looking for wildflowers of early autumn including asters, goldenrods, and more.

#### **Special Classes**

#### **Biology of Autumn**

Dates: Saturdays, October 12th & 19th

Time: 9:30am-11:00am

Cost: \$20.00

Why do tree leaves change into countless different colors in the autumn months, but evergreens don't lose their needles? How can some flowers blossom in September after a heavy freeze while others fade away at a touch of frost in June? Join one of our Garden naturalists for a hands-on foray into interesting fall-themed facts about the natural world. Each class will consist of field study and classroom discussion with informal and interesting labs.

#### Nature Tots

Bring your favorite adult along to explore nature with you throughout the Wildflower Garden and beyond our Garden gates too! Each Nature Tots program will have activities, hikes, crafts and stories for children ages 2 ? to 5 years old and adults to share in exploration together. Pre-registration is required and space is limited to 10 participants. Cost: \$5 per child; \$2 per adult

Leaf Hunt – October 7th

Autumn arrives and the plants and animals begin to get ready for winter. Acorns and other nuts are buried by the squirrels and chipmunks. Leaves change color from green to red to yellow and more. Discover how many different kinds of trees we have in the Garden as they all drop their leaves along our trails. Make your own leaf rubbing tree guide as we stroll along our woodland paths. You will be surprised by how many trees we find!

# Nature's Healers- Medicinal Plants of the Garden "Fall Medicine Roots and Barks"

Led by Cynthia Thomas

Tuesday, October 8th, 5:00-6:30 pm

Cost: \$15.00 per class

Join herbalist Cynthia Thomas in the field to leam about the simple use of plants as medicine and food. Learn about the healing properties of plants growing in the Garden and your own backyard. Discover how to identify and use several favorite medicinal plants species.

# Drawing on Nature



## October 2013, Tenth in a Series Planning Bulb Planting

The month of October is a good time to plant springblooming bulbs. Columns of the past year (available at www.bmna.org) offer descriptions of the many types of bulbs that may be planted now for enjoyment next year. This column offers reminders of the most important considerations as well as additional suggestions to help you plan one's bulb garden. For ease of reading and writing, this column will use the tem "bulb" to refer to true bulbs and corms. In addition to the information presented in this column, refer to instructions supplied with the bulbs that you purchase.

Bulbs may be planted in a variety of patterns: in borders or edging, drifts, in a select accent bed, as a key or focal point, or scattered and naturalized throughout lawns or other ground covers. Bulbs may be planted in homogenous mass plantings to create large impact, or planted in a mixed bed with two or more types of flowers. Do remember that one is more likely to notice and to appreciate a spring bulb garden if one can see it from indoors or from the entry, access paths, or sidewalk that one frequents on a daily basis - even when spring weather is not warm and sunny.

"Naturalizing" describes a method of planting bulbs or other plants in a carefree pattern that appears as if these flowers had "planted" themselves in a natural setting. Beyond this appearance, "naturalizing" refers to the fact that these bulbs are selected because they will spread and sustain the planting for years into the future.

Some bulbs are especially hardy and will spread. Other bulbs will reliably return year after year but don't spread. Still other bulbs will bloom the year following planting but may not reliably function as perennials. Examples of naturalizing bulbs include Snowdrops and Siberian Squill. Daffodils, Allium, and Species Tulips will generally return year after year. Hybrid Tulips may or may not return in years following the initial year of blooming.

Before one's lawn needs to be mowed, Snowdrops and Siberian Squill will typically emerge, flower, and convert collected solar energy into stored energy. Thus, these bulbs may be planted in a relatively random pattern throughout the lawn. White Snowdrops and blue Siberian Squill offer special interest early in the growing season.

Consider flower color when selecting bulbs for planting. Red and yellow colors will advance. Cool colors such as blue and violet will recede. White flowers brighten shady areas and the general landscape in the relatively weak spring sunlight. An additional consideration is whether you intend for flower colors to complement colors in background structures.

Do consider wildlife in your selection of bulbs. Rabbits and deer will eat a variety of foliage and flowers. Snowdrops, Siberian Squill, and Daffodils are generally ignored by wildlife.

Consider planting a variety of bulbs – a selection that will bloom over an extended period of time in early, middle, and late spring. As demonstrated in 2013 columns, there are bulbs that will bloom across this time period as well as throughout the summer and into autumn.

Do remember that bulbs and annuals or perennials are not always compatible! Annuals and perennials prefer ample soil moisture throughout the summer. Most spring-blooming bulbs do better in a planting bed that is somewhat drier during the summer growing season so that the dormant bulbs do not rot. An alternative – one that large display gardens practice – is to remove spring flowering bulbs after flowering and to plant newly purchased bulbs in the fall.

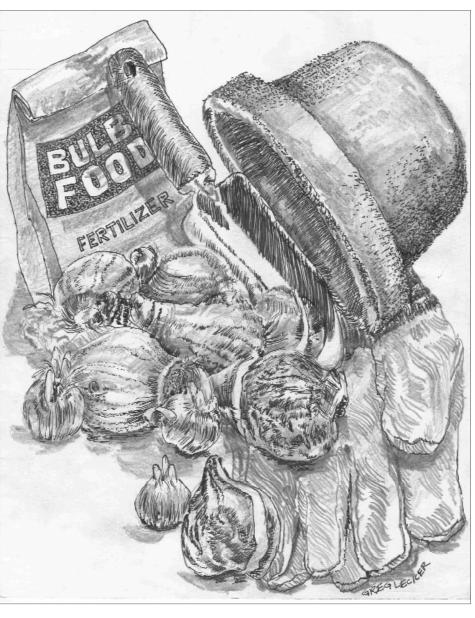
After selecting the largest bulbs available that you can afford, carefully examine your bulbs – discard any that are soft or otherwise disfigured. Determine the top and bottom of the bulb. Often, the pointed end of the bulb is the top; and the end with small bumps is the bottom from which roots will sprout.

Remember that, in general, bulb diameter often offers guidance for planting depth. The larger the bulb diameter, the greater the planting depth. The smaller the bulb diameter, the lesser the planting depth.

An interesting planting composition is to layer together different types of bulbs with small early bulbs planted amidst late spring blooming bulbs. In combining two or more, remember to plant the largest bulbs at the bottom of the hole, then to add the smaller bulbs above. The smaller bulbs will emerge and flower first. Then their spent foliage will be overshadowed by the foliage and blooms of the larger bulbs.

Make the proper preparations before planting. Loosen soil to a depth of at least one to two inches deeper than the recommendation for the bulb. Work into the soil slow release fertilizer and organic material such as compost or peat moss. This is the single best place and time to add such soil amendments – at the root zone, and before adding plants.

After planting and covering bulbs with soil, water well and keep watered – damp to moist, but not wet – until soil freezes. Doing so gives bulbs the opportunity to grow roots and to become established so that they are ready to sprout and to



flower the following spring. Consider whether wildlife is already a nuisance in your garden. If rodents dig in newly planted flower beds, you may need to restrict them from your bulb planting bed. Lay chicken wire segments flat over the planting area and secure with flat rocks. Remember to remove the barrier after the soil freezes or in late winter or early spring – or else the foliage will grow up through and around the wire netting. Then, you must leave the chicken wire in place until after foliage dies back to avoid dislodging the bulbs by pulling up foliage along with the chicken wire. It's essential to remove the chicken wire before planting annuals and perennials around the bulbs.

After planting and watering bulbs, monitor soil conditions for signs of freezing. After soil has frozen, add mulch – wood chips or shredded leaves. Adding mulch yields many benefits. It reduces water loss and frost depth. Mulch also helps to lock in the cold and minimize the potential for an early warm-up teasing emergence of bulb foliage before spring has truly arrived. Under such unstable spring conditions, a hard frost can permanently damage flowers and possibly even the bulb itself. Do not remove mulch until foliage sprouts and then only enough to allow leaves to unfurl without damage. Do keep mulch nearby so that you can tuck it around the foliage to protect and

trap heat around the plants should unseasonably cold temperatures follow a temporary warm-up. A light layer of mulch may be maintained around plants in the spring to retain moisture.

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Unlike other flowers and plants that we add to our landscapes, planting spring blooming bulbs is a lesson and investment in patience and faith. One has to trust that foliage and flowers will appear from the bulbs that we plant in the cooling soil. One must wait throughout five or six months of cold, dark, snowy winter. In most years, all will perform well. The 2012-13 winter was a bit of an exception. With inconsistent snow cover and an incredibly late return to spring, some flowers did not emerge or flower well in my garden, even though they were newly planted in the fall of 2012. Snowdrops and daffodils are two examples. Whether or not these will return in future years will be determined by watchful waiting.

Next month's column will review proper storage methods for tender bulbs such as Begonia, Caladium/Elephant Ears, Canna, Begonia, Gladiolus, and Calla Lily.

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

#### **Minneapolis Audubon Society Monthly Events**

Friday, October 11, 2013 1 p.m.

Tom Will of the US Fish & Wildlife Service will speak on Reversing the Decline of Golden-Winged Warblers.

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.



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#### **French Desserts 1**

Oct 7, 5:45-8:45, \$21

In this demonstration class, students will learn the fundamentals of French baking. We will learn how to make French cherry flan, pie crust, pound cake, and Tarte Tatin. Instructor collects a \$10 supply fee.

#### **French Desserts 2**

Oct 21, 5:45-8:45, \$21

After a quick review of French Desserts 1, instructor Said Abdelli will demonstrate more elaborate desserts: creme caramel, chocolate eclairs, and French sponge cake. Instructor collects \$10 supply fee.

# **Breads: Sourdough Sorcery** Oct 14, 6:00-9:00 pm, \$21

Learn the dos and don'ts of making great sourdough bread. You'll make French-style sourdough, whole wheat, and a sensational sourdough rye from scratch. Starter will be provided. Instructor collects a \$10 supply fee.

# An Essential Guide to Buying your Home

November 11, 6:30-9:00 pm, \$21

Take this class to get the best deal on your first home. After taking this class you will know how to get the best financing, access government grants and first time buyer programs, including zero down loan programs. Instructor will walk you through step by step the best process for going about maximizing your money and having the lifestyle you want. This could be the best time to buy a house, don't miss your opportunity.

#### MPS presents five-year plan to address increasing enrollment through academic transformation and facility planning

inneapolis Public Schools' (MPS) enrollment is expected to exceed 34,000 students this fall, an increase of about 600 students, and some 3,000 in the next five years. MPS saw growing enrollment at the elementary level over the past several years and is now experiencing growth in the upper grades. The growth is the first increase at the high school level in over 10 years.

MPS administrators presented a five-year enrollment plan Tuesday evening to address increasing and changing enrollment across the city through academic transformation and facility planning. The plan is driven by proposed academic programs that will serve MPS' growing and changing student population.

Highlights of the plan include: all-day kindergarten in each zone, early childhood expansion, individualized English Learner services and dual immersion expansion, a college preparatory program for first-generation college students, and opening several new educational programs including Science, Technology Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM), career academies and an audition based performing arts school. Under the recommendations, 12 buildings will require renovations/additions.

"We are pleased that more families are choosing our schools. This growth allows us to rethink our program placement and offerings in every area of the city," said Dr. Bemadeia Johnson, superintendent of schools. "The plan was developed with students and families in mind, providing programs that our current and future students will need as they prepare to become productive global citizens."

MPS will continue to conduct enrollment planning on an ongoing basis to best meet student needs and plan for academic programs that will accelerate student learning. The recommendations will be shared with the community this fall. The school board is planning to vote on the recommendations in November.

Below is a list of listening sessions to discuss the school district's five-year enrollment plan. Families and the public are encouraged to visit the MPS website for more information and opportunities to learn about the recommendations.

#### Area A/Zone 1 Enrollment Listening Session Tuesday, October 1, 6-8 p.m. Anwatin Middle School (256 Upton Ave S)

Area A/Zone 1 Enrollment Listening Session Monday, October 14, 6-8 p.m. Northeast Middle School (955 Hayes St NE)

Area B/Zone 2 Enrollment Listening Session Thursday, October 10, 6-8 p.m. Northrop Urban Environmental (4315 31st Ave S.)

Area C/Zone 3 Enrollment Listening Session Wednesday, October 9, 6-8 p.m. Ramsey Middle School (1- W 49th St.)



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### **Community Educator Passes Away**

ary Lou Carmichael passed away on August 25, 2013 at the age of 87. Mary Lou brought the warmth of the south to Minneapolis. For over 50 years, she lived in Bryn Mawr.

We have lost a person who made a difference in our community. She belonged to the group of neighborhood residents behind the establishment of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association.

Mary Lou's involvement with Community Education started at the first Bryn Mawr School. Along with a few other residents, she saw the need for a program for children and adults held in the school. When Bryn Mawr School closed, she moved to Anwatin Middle School where the program flourished.

Classes were offered that appealed to people of all walks of life. She also established a summer activity program called Summer Sports & Arts Olympics.



Mary Lou Charmichael

Mary Lou herself taught Creole cooking with a special flair being from New Orleans. Mary Lou and her late husband John Carmichael raised two sons in Area 6.

- Mary Duffy, Area 1



### **Who Let The Moms Out?**

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

A Choice of Weapons, by Gordon Parks

ne critic pointed out that memoirs are worth reading for two main reasons, the life is fascinating and keeps the pages turning, or it's written with style and panache. Park's memoir is definitely worth reading for the incredible life he describes.

Upon the death of his mother in 1928, a teenaged Gordon Parks escaped the violence of Kansas to live with his sister up north, but continued to experience brutal racism in Minnesota. Hearing about the history of segregation in St. Paul during the 1930's and 40's from his perspective sheds light on the struggle of black families to maintain strong, healthy communities.

Parks determination to live up to the expectations of his mother lends itself to a compelling story of anger and despair, conquered by hope. Although he came from a tight knit family, they were unable to protect him from painful experiences that might have defeated a less driven person. He was a photographer, filmmaker, poet, novelist, and composer; a restless risk taker who collected mentors throughout his life. His final legacy of photographs, plays, and movies is a tribute to the persistence of a man driven by inner strength.

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While Park's writing at times was eloquent, some of his descriptions seemed to lack emotion, as if he had removed his feelings from the events he was recalling. His narrative was short on reflection that would have placed the book into the category of fine writing. But despite a dearth of analysis, this book is a must read. We found ourselves discussing his story late into the night.

What the Moms are reading now: *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese



# Friends of the Sumner Library Book Sale: Oct. 17-19

riends of the Sumner Library will host a book sale to raise funds for Sumner Library. Located at 611 Van White Memorial Blvd., the book sale will feature hundreds of adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books in hardcover and paperback. Most books are priced at \$2 or less. A special collector's room will feature first editions of popular novels (some signed), Minnesota and Wisconsin authors, as well as collectible books.

For the first time, the book sale will be held for three days, October 17-19, with a special feature every day:

October 17: sale is open 3:00-7:00 pm and will be free entry for Friends of the Hennepin County Library. Non-members may join at

the door or enter with \$5 donation. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres while shopping.

October 18: sale is open to everyone 12:00-5:00 pm. Teachers can save 20% off purchases of \$20 or more with an educator ID.

October 19: sale is open to everyone 10:00 am-4:00 pm. The last two hours will be a \$5 per

Friends of the Sumner Library support the library through volunteering in the library, raising funds, and speaking up in the community on behalf of library programs. For more information about Friends of the Sumner Library, please visit www.supporthclib.org/group/sumner-library.

- Marilee Tuite, Area 4

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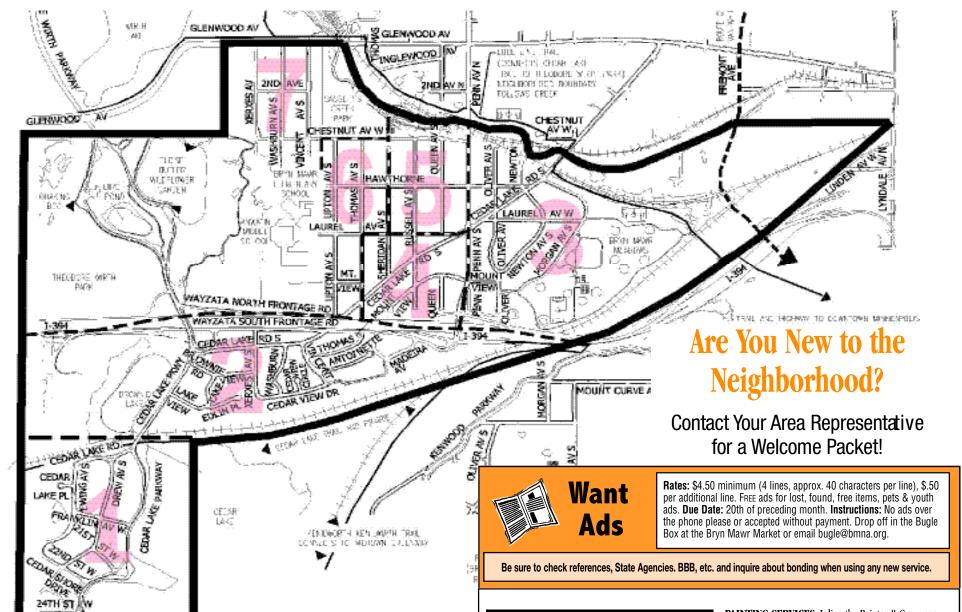
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