



BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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Great Neighborhoods— What makes them?

Each year the BMNA sponsors a number of events in the community. This past year, BMNA board members took a long look at the events offered- their purpose and their sustainability. In particular, was a conversation about whether or not we could continue to hold the Garden Tour every other year. After some rich discussion, we determined that the Garden Tour was a priority, and so were the other events, as they introduce people to the neighborhood and to each other, highlight neighborhood strengths, and promote neighborhood identity.

What makes a healthy neighborhood? There are many answers to this complicated concept, but according to Richard Florida, Good, April 2010, it's about relationships. "In essence, a neighborhood is

not just a set of individuals, but a set of relationships. And the relationships are fluid. Some are longstanding and some you can plug into and play. And the places that enable those relationships to form are the places that do better."

In a study by Jeffrey Morenoff (2003) on what makes a place healthy, he finds that "places where neighbors are more engaged in the social life of their community, residents are more likely to generate informal resources by assisting one another with favors; providing each other with health-related advice and other information; aiding one another with everyday tasks, such as childcare; monitoring each other's property; and participating in local voluntary associations, such as block clubs, tenants' associations, and religious organizations."

The events we hold, including our garage sale and annual meeting coming up this spring, build community by highlighting strengths and talents

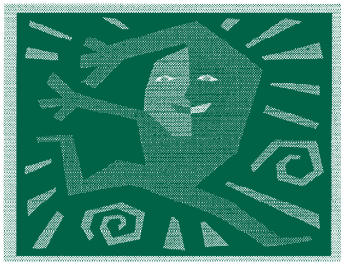
of community members, and getting neighbors to know each other. We hope you will join your neighbors in one of the eight formal events that take place throughout the year.

- Jessica Wiley, BMNA Vice President

2016 BMNA Events

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| April 22 - | Bryn Mawr Elementary Family Fun Night |
| May 7 - | Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales |
| May 11 - | Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner |
| July 16 - | Bryn Mawr Garden Tour |
| July 21 - | Bryn Mawr Ice Cream Scoop Off |
| October 27 - | Bryn Mawr Harvest Dinner |
| December 10 - | Saturnalia |

Bryn Mawr's Saturnalia



It was not a white Saturnalia this year but that didn't keep the neighbors away. Saturnalia is the last Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association sponsored event each year. This event gives neighbors the opportunity to connect before we all retreat indoors for the deep freeze of winter. We hope you enjoyed it this year. A special thank you to Cuppa Java, Bryn Mawr Market, Studio 411 and Cockadoodledoo for their donations and assistance with this wonderful annual event.





BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 9, 2015
7:00– 8:45 PM
Bryn Mawr Elementary School (Cafeteria)

1. Call to Order & Introductions:
Kevin Thompson called the meeting to order.

Members of the BMNA Board, Staff and Committee Members Attending are as follows:
Kevin Thompson-President
Jessica Wiley-Vice President
Dennis Fazio-Treasurer
Susan Verrett-Co-Rep for Area 2
Brian Treece-Co-Rep for Area 3
Dennie Juillerat-Co-Rep for Area 3
Joanne Michalec-Co-Rep for Area 4
Matt Stark-Co-Rep for Area 4
Crhis Etz-Co-Rep for Area 4
Beth Tu mbull-Co-Rep for Area 5
Britta Larson-Co-Rep for Area 5
Barry Schade-Co-Rep for Area 6
Jay Peterson-Co-Rep for Area 6
Vida Ditter-Co-Rep for Area 6
Jeremy Staffeld-Webmaster
Patty Wycoff-Neighborhood Coordinator
JoEllyn Jolstad-Bugle Editor.

Guests attending are as follows:
Terry Stark-Area 4, Jon Swanson, David Nilson, Michael Welch, Lois Ebert, Laura Jester, Liz Stout, Cathy Skalicky, Dick Adair, David Stark, Olivia Maitra.

2.Approval of today's agenda.
Moved, Seconded and Passed.

3. Approval of minutes of last month's meeting.
Moved, Seconded and Passed.

4. Basset's Creek Streambank Project—Michael Welch
Presentation on the planned erosion repair/streambank stabilization project.
- Basset's Creek Watershed Management Commission will manage the project.
- Project timeline = 2015 Feasibility study/Stakeholder Input; 2016 Project Design; 20107 Construction.
- Areas of focus = Fruen Mill area and Irving Ave. to where the stream goes underground.
- For information: Laura Jester, laura.jester@keystonewaters.com or 952-270-1990.

5. Neighborhood Coordinator Contract Renewal:
Board approved new 2 year contract for Patty Wycoff to continue as Neighborhood Coordinator. Additional funds included in contract for 2016 only for Patty to also help coordinate the 2016 Bryn Mawr Garden Tour.

6. Neighborhood Trash Containers:
Downtown trash containers are now being emptied by the city so no

need right now to take action on a different plan.

7. Neighborhood Coordinator Report
- Anwatin Art Fair December 10, 5:30 – 8pm. This event is sponsored by the BMNA Schools Committee.
- Saturnalia will be Saturday December 12, 4-7:30pm. Santa, drummers, horse-drawn sleigh ride, marshmallow roasting. Adult only party at Cuppa Java from 8-10:30pm with live music.
- 2016 Membership Drive to begin in January.

8. Standing Committee Reports
Communications: Survey for board to take about new website. Will be switching the calendar to a Google calendar.
Schools Committee Report: BMNA Craft Fair at Anwatin Middle School is Dec. 10th; Committee will be meeting in January; New MPLS superintendent was chosen, Dr. Paez.
Gardens: Met last Thursday to prioritize 2016 garden projects; Getting 3 bids on redo of iconic Bryn Mawr Hedge; Planning redo of Laurel Triangle garden space; planning changes to boulevard gardens in downtown Bryn Mawr.
Community Projects: 4 projects were approved for 2015. Murals and buckthorn removal were done. The other projects are not happening.

9. CPP/NPP Update
Last of NRP dollars will be transferred to CPP dollars in 2016.

10. 2016 Budget Adoption:
Dennis Fazio presented proposed budget for 2016. Board voted to approve. Further discussion in January 2016.

11. Reports from BMNA Representatives to affiliated groups
ROC: Linda Higgins (Hennepin County Commissioner) consulted ROC on possible name change of Penn Ave. Station/SWLRT to Bryn Mawr Station/SWLRT. Bottineau Line would also have a station at Penn Ave. and this would reduce confusion.
ROC requested that the city consider a new zoning classification for development in the Basset's Creek Valley area to include businesses who may engage in production and/or processing.

12. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements
None.

13. Adjourn by 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
7:00 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria

UPCOMING EVENTS: Saturnalia, December 12.

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1. Call to Order & Introductions.
Meeting called to order.

The following Board Members, Committee Members and Staff attended the meeting:
Kevin Thompson, President
Jessica Wiley, Vice President
Dennis Fazio, Treasurer
Dave Holets, Area 1
Susan Verrett, Area 2
Lynda Shaheen, Area 2
Brian Treece, Area 3
Joanne Michalec, Area 4
Christopher Etz, Area 4
Beth Tu mbull, Area 5
Britta Larson, Area 5
Jay Peterson, Area 6
Barry Schade, Area 6
Stephen Harvey, Area 7
JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor
Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator

The following guests attended the meeting:
Lisa Goodman-City of Minneapolis
Sophia Ginnis-SWLRT

2. Approval of today's agenda.
Moved, seconded and passed.

3. Approval of minutes of last month's meeting.
Deferred to next month's meeting.

4. City of Minneapolis:
Councilmember Lisa Goodman's Report
- 2012 Cedar Lake Parkway zoning change approved for fence.
- 252 Xerxes Ave. N. plans approved. No variances are needed.
- 20 Vincent Ave. N.- Board of Adjustment approved variance.
- 116 Cedar Lake Rd-tear down, no approval needed.
- Organics Recycling-Sign up by Feb 1st to get your cart by spring; after Feb 1st will get cart after summer. Call 612-673-2917 to get signed up.
- Lunch with Lisa-Jan. 27th (Lisa's 50th Birthday!) The topic is state legislature preview. Dehn, Hornstein, Dibble, Champion will attend.

5. SWLRT Kenilworth Landscape Design—Sophia Ginis, SWLRT Comm. Outreach Coordinator
Sophia Ginis-SWLRT Community Outreach, shared landscape plans for Penn Station and Van White Station. Go to swlrt.org., Design and Engineering, to view landscaping

plans for Penn Station and Van White Station.

6. Treasurer's Report and 2016 Budget Update—Dennis Fazio
FY 2015 final financial statements, including income statement and balance sheet, were reviewed and accepted by the Board.
A revised budget for FY2016, including the expected NRP and CPP revenue, was presented and approved.

7. Bryn Mawr Meadows Update—Kevin Thompson
Bryn Mawr Meadows playground redo will not be delayed. It will begin in 2019. BMNA will give Anita Tabb input about how small improvements can be made until the 2019 renovation.

8. Neighborhood Coordinator Report—Patty Wycoff
Saturnalia was well attended. Many families with young kids. This is a free event and great way to get neighbors together. The entire event is funded by BMNA.
Membership drive for 2016 will begin mid-February. We have a goal of \$12,000.

9. Bugle Report: JoEllyn Jolstad
- BMNA does not have a January Bugle.
- The Bugle has an advertiser with color for the entire year!
- A board member to write an article for Feb. Bugle is needed.

10. Webmaster Update: Jeremy Staffeld
WestWorks is still working on our new website.
The first presentation of the host site is due next week.

11. Standing Committee Reports
Schools-Committee Meeting will be on Jan 28th.

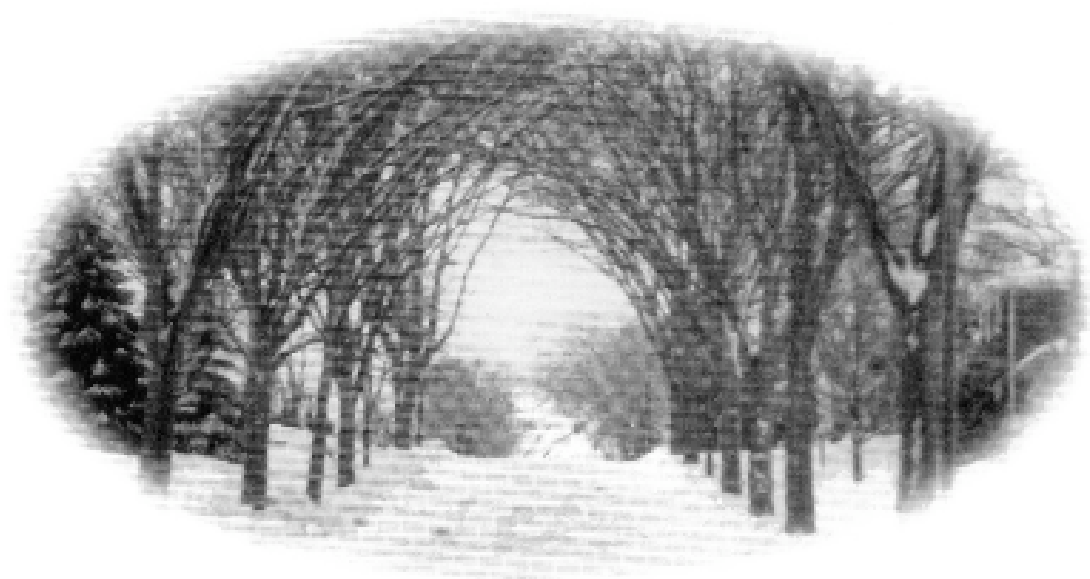
12. Adjourn 8:45 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
7:00 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria

The BMNA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by the BMNA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting our neighborhood coordinator at organizer@BMNA.org at least five days before our event.



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From the Editor

Well, the holidays are barely over and the second half of the school year has begun. So that means school choice time is here again. This is the time when parents and students start thinking about where kids will be in school in the fall and beyond. This can be very stressful for families of students who are just starting their formal education, or transitioning to middle or high school.

It has been a while since this has directly impacted our family. Way back when our now adult children were small, we made the decision to go the community school route. All three of our children went to Bryn Mawr, Anwatin, and Southwest. Our youngest is now a junior at Southwest and although it has not been perfect, our experience has validated the choice we made so long ago.

I'm sure there are those who would say, of course we are happy with the education our child is getting at Southwest. It is considered one of the top high schools in the country. But I would add that our experience at SW is as good as it is because of all she learned and did at Bryn Mawr and Anwatin.

As a family, we value the fact that they were in classes with high achieving students and those who struggled with academics, language, behavior and poverty. I know that seems counter intuitive. But through this, our children learned how to be part of a genuinely diverse community and to look at life from a global perspective. I feel they are well equipped to function in the real world.

The Bryn Mawr PTA is hosting three meet-and-greets at Cuppa Java this month. The dates and times are listed in both the calendar and on the school page of this edition. (email ptabrynmawmn@gmail.com for more information.)

If you are a family with a student entering kindergarten in the next couple of years, I strongly encourage you to attend. I have talked to so many parents who sent their children to private, charter or out-of-district schools, who never even considered our own Bryn Mawr Community School. I am not saying that it is the right choice for every child, but at least learn more about it before you rule it out.

The things we learned and valued at our inner-city community schools are still guiding us, as that long-ago Bryn Mawr kindergarteners considers where to apply for college.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org

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From the ARCHIVES

Senior Citizen Essay Contest

As part of the Minneapolis Senior Citizen Bicentennial activities, there was a neighborhood history program and an essay contest. Three essays by Bryn Mawr seniors were selected by Annetta teachers, who used them in the classrooms. These essays will be published in the Bugle.

Bryn Mawr
-by Eino Hakarinen

Have you ever known a youngster, either boy or girl, who, seeing water, doesn't want to drink it, put his hands in it, stomp in it, or in sheer abandonment fling himself bodily into it? Such a stream of water was Bassette Creek on the northern boundary of Bryn Mawr.

I have known this "Crik", as we always referred to it, all of my many years and in my youth it was a tempestuous, raging thing in the spring flood. Never content to remain on its banks or confines, but spreading wide over the surrounding lands.

The creek at Fruen's mill was perhaps the most picturesque because of the large boulders in the creek bed which made the water dance and boil and sparkle in the sun. All of the creek, in its several parts, was used for different purposes, some spots for swimming, some for fishing, skating in the winter, rafts and canoes in the summer. In short, the creek was a refuge, a release, a companion.

Bassette Creek was by no means all of Bryn Mawr for a youngster. There was Farrier's Hill for sledding and skiing. The thrill of watching the horse-drawn sleds filled with ice cut from Cedar Lake being pulled along Cedar Lake Road, the lonely bluff overlooking the lake, the dredging of the channel connecting Brownie and Cedar Lakes, the sand pit just off Penn Avenue. These were all interesting interludes, but the "Crik" was a live thing, the brightest jewel in a mosaic of a delightful place in which to live.

(Eino Hakarinen, 616 Oliver Avenue South, President of the Bryn Mawr Senior Citizens, has lived in the Bryn Mawr-Glenwood area since 1914. For 27 years he sang with the Apollo Club, and is still singing with the Shalme Chanters).

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BMNA Yearly Community Project
Got a good idea?

The BMNA Community Project program has been in place for the last nine years. Each year we ask neighbors to suggest

projects that improve livability and safety in Bryn Mawr. Projects from past years include:

- Redesigning the Upton garden in Area 4. Our first community project; we completed a remake of the Upton garden and thanks to Cathy Skalicky, created a plan for ongoing maintenance. Drive by to enjoy the beauty.
- 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.

- Ash Bore identification project: Our team identified more than 800 ash trees in Bryn Mawr and presented neighbors with a variety of options.

- Downtown banner project: Part of a joint City of Minneapolis/BMNA NRP project. The banners are up!

- 2011 Pedal to Pedal garden bike ride; which culminated in a very successful 2012 BMNA garden tour.

- Construction of a Little Library on Penn Avenue in front of Bassett Creek Arts.

- Buckthorn removal in Chestnut Park/Fruen Mill area over a period of three years

- Construction of a bench at Brownie Lake

- Historical murals to be placed in neighborhood sites

Successful projects have a leader who is willing to carry out the work needed to finish the undertaking. In past years, the financial commitment from the neighborhood was limited to \$2000. This year some of our CPP dollars from the city are being allocated to the community projects program; we are looking for projects that might need up to \$5000 to complete.

How to participate:

The Community Project Committee will take suggestions and create a prioritized list, making a recommendation to the BMNA board in the spring. Committee members include: Steve Harvey, Area 7; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Joanne Michalec, Area 4; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Susan Verrett, Area 2; and Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator; The categories of projects considered:

- Environmental (e.g. Ash Tree identification, buckthorn removal)
- Energy (e.g. Energy Challenge project)
- Downtown (e.g. Banner project)
- Transportation
- Community (e.g. Upton Garden Redesign, historical murals)

The committee evaluates suggestions using criteria including:

- Is it possible (politically, physically)?
- Does it meet the budget (\$0 - \$5000)?
- Is it sustainable long term?
- Does it have neighborhood wide impact?
- Is there leadership (an identified neighbor) to get the project done?

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Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - February 2016

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, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	Family Open Gym, 6-8 PM, Bryn Mawr Elementary 3	4	February 5-7-14th Annual Loppet Winter Festival 5	Minneapolis School Fair Showcase. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Minneapolis Convention Center 6
7	Bryn Mawr School Parents Meet & Greet 9:30-11:30 AM Cuppa Java 8	9	BMNA meeting, 7-8:45 PM, Bryn Mawr Elementary cafeteria, Family Open Gym, 6-8 PM, Bryn Mawr Elementary 10	Bryn Mawr School Parents Meet & Greet 6:00-8:00 PM Cuppa Java 11	12	Bryn Mawr School Parents Meet & Greet 9:00-11:00 AM Cuppa Java 13
14	15	16	Family Open Gym, 6-8 PM, Bryn Mawr Elementary 17	18	19	20
21	22	23	Family Open Gym, 6-8 PM, Bryn Mawr Elementary 24	25	26	27
28	29	Deadline for submission: 2016 BMNA Community Project Please submit ideas for projects to jessicasusanwiley@gmail.com , or 612-374-3481, by March 1, 2016.				

Sculpture Garden at Walker Expands

The Walker Art Center announces an expansive new program of acquisitions and commissions by leading international contemporary artists for the redeveloped Walker campus and Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. The works will be installed following completion of the first substantial update to the 19.5 acre campus in more than a decade, with the Garden set to reopen to the public in June 2017.


The Walker opens this new chapter by adding 16 artworks in the Garden and throughout the campus via commissions, gifts, and purchases. Artists included are: Nairy Baghramian, Frank Big Bear, Tony Cragg, Sam Durant, Katharina Fritsch, Theaster Gates, Robert Indiana, Kcho, Liz Larner, Sol LeWitt, Mark Manders, Matthew Monahan,

Philippe Parreno, Eva Rothschild, Monika Sosnowska, and Aaron Spangler. These artists bring a range of diverse, global voices from seven countries, increase the number of women artists represented, and include many notable career firsts. Commissions include the first permanent outdoor works by artists Nairy Baghramian, Theaster Gates, Mark Manders, Philippe Parreno, and Aaron Spangler. Each of the commissioned works is site-specific, establishing a new contemporary dialogue with existing works and building upon the Sculpture Garden's strong historic presentation of both figurative and geometric abstract works.


"We are thrilled to announce the addition of these new works to the Walker campus and Minneapolis Sculpture Garden by some of

today's most significant artists," says Olga Viso, Executive Director of the Walker. "These acquisitions affirm the Walker's long-standing mission to collect artists in depth as well as to add important new global artistic voices to the collection. These additions enhance the strength of our collection and form a vital piece of our vision for the new campus to be shared with the Twin Cities community and visitors from around the world." These 16 works join recent additions to the Garden under Viso's leadership of works by Jim Hodges, Pierre Huyghe, Kris Martin, and Dahn Vo. First created through the vision of the Walker's Director Emeritus Martin Friedman nearly 30 years ago as a partnership between the Walker and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden was the first public/private urban sculpture park of


its kind and has served as a model for urban sculpture parks nationwide. Anchored by Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen's iconic Spoonbridge and Cherry, the Garden has welcomed more than nine million visitors since first opening in 1988, showcasing more than 40 works from the Walker's internationally renowned collection ranging from figurative, abstract, and historically notable sculpture. Part of the institution's 75th anniversary as a public art center, the campus renovation and Garden reconstruction includes: a new entrance pavilion, indoor and outdoor dining, expanded green space next to the Walker and along Hennepin Avenue, five added acres for artwork, modernization of outdoor spaces with sustainable technologies, and a seamless integration of the Walker and Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.




1. Katharina Fritsch
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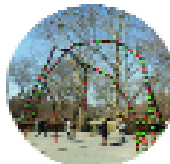
2. Theaster Gates
New Commission *




3. Robert Indiana
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4. Sam Durant
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5. Eva Rothschild
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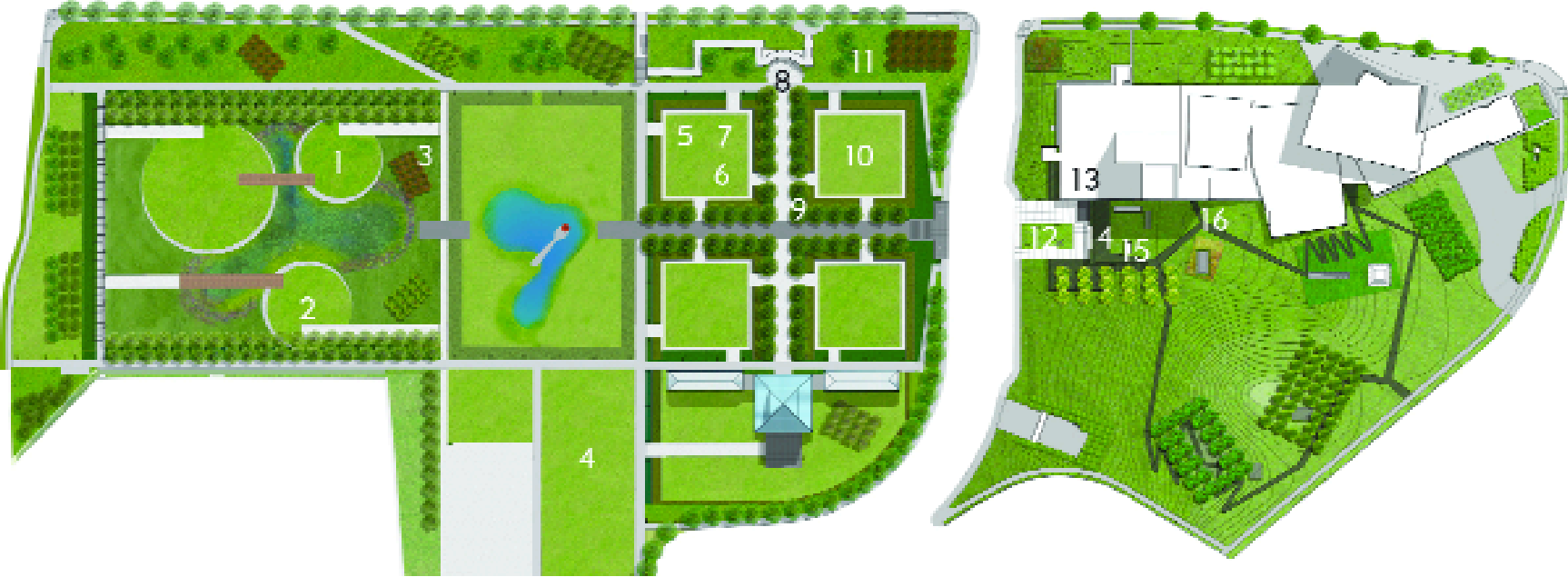
6. Nairy Baghramian
New Commission *




7. Monika Sosnowska
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8. Matthew Monahan
Hophaestus







9. Tony Cragg
Level Head




10. Mark Manders
New Commission *



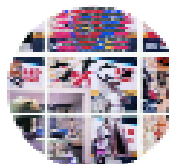
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Bryn Mawr Meadows Park

What follows is a correspondence between BMNA President, Kevin Thompson and MPRB Commissioner Anita Tabb.

12/1/15

Dear Commissioner Tabb,

At the November meeting of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association we discussed the projected delay of the long-planned renovation of Bryn Mawr Meadows. The board voted to express disappointment in this further delay and asked me to send a formal letter of complaint to you as our representative on the Park Board. It is our understanding that the project has now been pushed back to at least 2021. Board members and neighbors are distressed with the general condition of the park and feel that it has been allowed to deteriorate while other projects have been funded and moved forward. It is one of the largest parks in the city and as such takes up a substantial section of real estate in our neighborhood. The condition of the park affects not only the appearance of the neighborhood but also the perception of it given that a large number of people from outside the neighborhood use the park, particularly but not exclusively during the warmer months. Neighbors who live on or near the park express the most concern for its appearance and degradation. A few comments received from neighbors:

I thought I saw plans for a remodel, but nothing gets done. It's the worst park in the entire city, yet it probably gets the most athletic field use. The entire place is a dump.

The Meadows are always flooded, all the paved pathways are upheaved. There is not adequate parking space. The park board has zero quality standards for maintenance, mowing or weed control.

During the summer there are dozens of games at the Meadows with hundreds of cars. The neighborhood near the park is overrun. The traffic, drinking and associated nuisance behavior has grown without planning by the Park Board to mitigate the impact.

The park is being used as a regional sports center without the road infrastructure to support it and it significantly impacts the livability of the neighborhood. The park looks like it has been forgotten by the Park Board, essentially. Just doing the bare minimum to get by.

As the projected renovation gets pushed back further and further, there are young children for whom the years are passing by without a neighborhood park that meets their needs. Parents of these youngsters have been among the most vocal in expressing their disappointment in the quality of the facilities and grounds at the park.

We have iterated our concerns to you previously and have yet to see impactful action on the Meadows and so reiterate our concerns at this time in light of the recommended further delay in renovating the Meadows. We find such a long delay in restoring this asset to be unacceptable. The BMNA board is requesting a meeting with you and Superintendent Miller to further discuss the Meadows.

Thank you,
*Kevin Thompson, President
Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association
president@bmna.org*

12/15/15

Dear Kevin,

First of all, I apologize for the delay in getting back to you. I wanted to make sure to relay your concerns to the Superintendent and staff before I responded and we have been talking about Bryn Mawr Meadows to see if there are things that can be done on an interim basis until adequate funding is available.

Just so that you'll be aware, many projects in out years were pushed out at least a year (including Bot-tineau, Farview, Fuller, Holmes, Lux-ton, Lyndale Farmstead, and many others – I have just started down the alphabet!) because so many of our projects have been coming in well over budget. In fact, one of the beneficiaries of our pushing off projects is the Bryn Mawr park at Bas-setts Creek which was allotted additional funding last year to put in a new playground that would meet safety standards as well as deal with the many water issues plaguing the area. We need to allocate additional funding to many projects in order to complete them and replace them with AT LEAST the current level of amenity. Our bids for the past two years have been coming in so far over target that we've been unable to do so. We've had to find ways to address these issues and one of the tactics that the board agreed to was the delaying of out year projects in order to complete current projects at an acceptable level.

Let me make sure you have a clear picture of the work we will be performing. Our first order of business will be to do a service area master plan that will include Bryn Mawr Meadows. Our purpose in doing these master plans is to look at the parks holistically rather than have one neighborhood park serve all functions. As an example, there may not be a wading pool in every park but there would be one in the area. This planning will begin in 2017 and includes Bryn Mawr Meadows. So specific discussions about the functions at Bryn Mawr Meadows will kick off that year. It will likely consume the majority of the year and will start at a very high level and then drill down. As the process progresses, specific details related to each park will be completed and we will have a plan for Bryn Mawr Meadows park (along with all of the remaining parks in the service area). I am not sure if you noticed but the playground at BMM is NOT being pushed off to 2021. It is still planned for 2019. And I fully expect it will be replaced during 2019. But the fields, paths, possible new or changed location of parking lots, etc will be delayed until 2021 and can be planned in conjunction with the SW LRT work. In the meantime, I am working with staff to see what temporary measures we can use to address some of the worst path. For example, it is possible that we could add gravel to make the paths more usable during this interim peri-

od if that might be an acceptable interim plan.

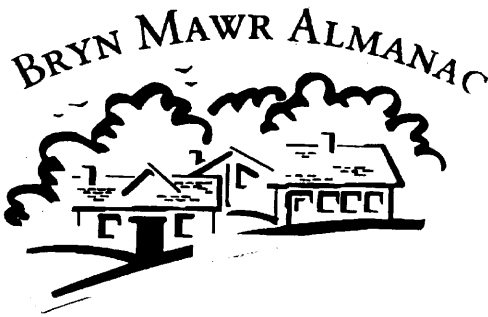
And speaking of SW LRT, we will actually be doing some of the BMM planning starting in 2016 because that project will have a significant but temporary effect on the park and we would like to obtain some neighborhood input as we make certain decisions. We'll be in touch when we have enough information from the project office to provide information as ask the right questions. For example, we believe that the Project Office desires to use the park to facilitate construction of a new pedestrian bridge as a part of the SWLRT project. Their plans would include reconstruction of a path through the center of the park—a route they would use to access the construction area. However, as that route cuts through the center of the park and would likely be disruptive to park activities, we intend to ask the SPO to access their construction area using a route along the south edge of the park—near 394, and then reconstruct that trail when their construction is complete. It is important to consider the impacts of the SWLRT project construction on the park; completing improvements in advance of the LRT work would likely compromise those improvements, so sequencing becomes critical.

Because of the SPO's work in the park, we should begin an engagement process to define at least initial directions for any evolution of the park so the bridge and a trail leading to it are fully considered relative to the park. The SPO's plans show an alignment, but it's based solely on their understanding of the park. For SW LRT impacts park aspects, we'll be framing an engagement process that can happen in 2016 and will use staff resources to develop a concept/master plan.

None of us on the board are happy about the delays in any of our parks. Nor are we happy about the cost increases that we've seen in the past couple of years since so many construction resources in the area have been allocated to the building of the Vikings Stadium. We are hopeful that we will have more and more realistic bids once the "construction boom" is over but that is looking unlikely. So we are adding an inflationary factor into our estimates and hope that it helps to keep our budgets realistic. This has been a particularly difficult year because so many bids came in so far over budget.

I would like to suggest that we have staff sit with the neighborhood to determine some interim measures we can take to address some immediate concerns and "take the rough edges" off the park until it is fully funded. Please understand that these might only be putting lipstick on a pig but perhaps the appearance of better manicured areas can work in the short run.

Anita [Tabb Anita@Robtabb.com]



- February 4, 2012 A group of about 6 wild turkeys in the ditch along Highway 55. The original range of these birds, from Missouri to Pennsylvania, is rapidly expanding northward, related to warmer winter temperatures. Ben Franklin, from Philadelphia, proposed the wild turkey as the national bird.
- February 5, 1984 Sudden blizzard in western Minnesota with 70 mph winds. 23 people died on a Saturday night in stranded cars, the 4th highest blizzard death toll ever in this state.
- February 13, 2014 Large number of ducks on the wing over Wirth Park but no open water nearby that I'm aware of, during a prolonged cold snap.
- February 22, 2016 Full moon, the Ojibwe crust of snow moon.
- February 25, 2015 Northern Harrier swooping from tree to tree along Hawthorne Av. These medium-sized hawks are slim, have long tails, fly close to the ground, and stick around during the winter. Bigger than kestrels, don't soar like red-tailed hawks.



Out & About

Romance in Bryn Mawr

So many romantic places around Bryn Mawr to share with a special someone on Valentine’s Day or any day really... The park bench tucked in by Bassett’s Creek to snuggle and enjoy some quiet in the heart of the city, the hilltop table just perfect for a picnic and a lovely view of the downtown skyline, a corner table in one of our local purveyors of deliciousness or a rejuvenating shared

yoga class or tai chi...I have even heard of a very special garden shed that could be available for anniversaries and the like, just room enough for two. There are so many wonderful options to choose from to celebrate togetherness right here in our sweet little corner of Minneapolis. Finding a special spot is just a short stroll out your front door! Have a wonderful time! - Beth Turnbull, Area 5



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

The Painted Girls
by Cathy Marie Buchanan

The story of the three Van Goethem sisters, Antoinette, Marie, and Charlotte, struggling to survive in the slums of Paris after the death of their father, is based in history. Marie was, in real life, a model for Edgar Degas. She was the inspiration for his wax statue of “Little Dancer Aged Fourteen.” This is a book filled with tension from the beginning. We were drawn in from the opening paragraph; Maman wringing her hands as she pleads with the landlord to let them stay, “we just put my husband into the ground.”

Buchanan has fleshed out the fictional lives of these three sisters in the context of Emile Zole’s 7th novel, *La Assommoir*. Rife with alcoholism and poverty, *La Assommoir* grapples with a universal question, “is birth destiny?” Marie struggles with this throughout the book, wondering if a descent into wretchedness is inevitable. Does her physiology determine her destiny, no matter how she fights to succeed?

Paris in the late 1800’s is a time of artistic and cultural change, and the sisters are at the heart of it. All three yearn to be dancers at the Paris Opera Ballet, one way out of poverty and despair. But staying the course to achieve this end becomes difficult, as Antoinette falls in love with an abusive criminal, and Marie follows her mother’s spiral into alcoholism. In the end, the power of their bond as sisters gives them the strength to prevail over the brutal reality of their lives.

What the Moms are reading now:
In the Sanctuary of Outcasts
by Neil White

Bradstreet Neighborhood Crafthouse
1930 Hennepin Avenue

The Bradstreet Neighborhood Crafthouse, previously located in the Graves Hotel (now Lowes), has moved next door to Burch Steak and Pizza Bar. And they brought their premier cocktails with them, along with an expanded menu. This Lowry Hill spot once housed Auriga (1997 – 2007) and then Rye Delicatessen for a few short years.

We started with some tasty cocktails—the Black Walnut Old Fashioned, Franklin Mint, and Off the Balcony—all featured exotic ingredients, like absinthe, pisco, Demerara, and various bitters. No point in picking a favorite; they were all great.

The small plates were perfect for sharing. We tried the broccolini, polenta fries, and cauliflower fritters, which were so good we ended up ordering a second plate. The citrus yogurt chicken with cilantro chutney was excellent, the lamb burger got a big thumbs up, and the ginger chicken with snow pea slaw really delivered a punch. The togarashi fries that come with the sandwiches were a real favorite. We liked them better than the polenta fries.

The desserts topped off the night, no chocolate and still a delight. The Yuzu Crème Brulee was the best ever. The Ricotta cheesecake with hazelnuts elicited a big “wow!”

The bar anchors the space, (it’s in the same spot as it was in Rye, on the wall as you enter the restaurant) with smaller spaces surrounding; cozy and quiet enough for friends to talk on a cool Friday night.

Home Tour Needs Nominations Soon



The Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour, April 30-May 1, 2016, is accepting nominations at www.MSPHomeTour.com, click on “submit a home” for the option to apply online. Or request an application by calling Margo Ashmore at 612-867-4874. For 11 hours, homeowners and contractors open their doors to share ideas with other home enthusiasts, based on their remodeling

experience. Visitors are particularly interested in period-accurate restoration and expansions sensitive to the surroundings. Being on the tour gives homeowners great feedback as well as the incentive to finish those last few projects. If you or someone you know needs more information, contact coordinator Margo Ashmore at mfashmore@aol.com. Organizers want to have visited nominated homes by early February, so inquire “today.” Later nominations will be considered if they help reach tour goals. - Margo Ashmore, Coordinator
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School Awards and Honors



ABOVE: the GISE and GEMS at Bryn Mawr won multiple awards at the Citywide Robotics tournament. This year's theme was recycling.

LEFT: Anwatin 8th grader, Grover Warner (Area 6) won this year's Geography Bee. BELOW: The Spelling Bee winner was Will Marshall (Area 2) with Hannah Sholen and Elizabeth Neitz tying for second place.





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Youth & Schools

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November through April

Open gym every Wednesday, 6-8pm starting on November 18, through March 30th. Small gym and big gym. We will be looking for other adults to commit to supervise, as 2 gyms will require at least 2 adults per night. Contact: Steve.Lish@mpls.k12.mn.us or Lisa Mills: mills018@yahoo.com.

It's School Choice Time!

Bryn Mawr School Open House

Looking into kindergarten or high five for next school year? Attend the Bryn Mawr School Open House. Call 612-668-2500 or visit www.brynmawr.mpls.k12.mn.us for date and time and information about scheduling a tour.

Meet Parents of Bryn Mawr Elementary Students.

Are you curious about whether your neighborhood school is right for your kids? Please stop by Cuppa Java, to meet parents of current Bryn Mawr Elementary students, for candid & congenial conversation! Ask us why we chose, and continue to choose, Bryn Mawr Elementary for our kids. We will also have information from the school and district, including a booklet explaining 'Advanced Differentiation,' which all teachers learn to

use, in order to meet & challenge students at their level.
Monday, February 8th, 9:30-11:30 AM
Thursday, February 11th, 6:00-8:00 PM
Saturday, Feb. 13th, 9:00-11:00 AM

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Bryn Mawr School Family Fun Night Carnival & Silent Auction:
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Bryn Mawr School Annual Plant Sale:
Order starting in April; delivery Thurs. May 5
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Let us help you navigate through middle school

Carrie the Musical at Southwest HS

Congratulations to the students of Southwest High School on their recent “Unhinged Theatre” production of Carrie the Musical. Unhinged is a theatre program at SWHS where students (and only students) act as the cast, crew, directors and production team.

Set in Chamberlain, Maine, Carrie the musical focuses on Carrie White, an outcast teenage girl who is bullied by her classmates. Her lonely life is controlled by her religious fanatic mother; through her isolation, Carrie discovers she possesses supernatural telekinetic powers. Things seem to be looking up for Carrie when she is asked to prom. After an elaborate prank is pulled on her, Carrie gets her revenge when she uses her powers to wreak havoc not only on her classmates but on anyone and anything in her path.



Great work by all the youth involved in the show!

- Save the Dates:**
- Legally Blond** - March 3-12, 2016
Washburn High School
 - Guys and Dolls** - March 10-19, 2016
Southwest High School
www.southwesttheatre.org
 - Grease** - March 10-12, 2016
South High School



Bugle Notes

Area 4 Obituary

Our beloved neighbor, Steve Holbeck, died on December 26th. Steve had worked part time at Bryn Mawr Market before leaving to use his talents as a handyman for many neighbors. Those who knew Steve appreciated his generosity and kindness towards others. He will be sorely missed.

Area 7 Job Openings

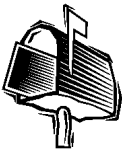
The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden is currently hiring for three positions, including a new seasonal gardener position that runs from April 1-November 30 each

year. We are also hiring for the seasonal interpretive naturalist position and horticulture internship.

Visit the MPRB jobs page at www.minneapolisarks.org/jobs and view Temporary/Seasonal Jobs. All applications must be submitted by February 5 at 4pm.

Thank you for your support with spreading the word about these great opportunities at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden.

- Susan Wilkins, Garden Curator
Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and
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Letters

Meet a School Board Candidate

As a parent of two kids in Minneapolis Public Schools, I've seen our district become overly focused on standardized tests. To change this, I'd like to see a more responsive and visionary school board, a more transparent administration and policy that is student-centered.

The next election will bring choices for school board and I would love to see my neighbors get behind a great candidate who is running to represent our area. Bob Walser is a parent and strong supporter of public education. He is very active in the community and has past board experience. Maybe some of you have been to a square dance at Kenwood School or the Eagles Club and had the pleasure of dancing to his calling?


Please join me for a meet and greet on Friday, February 5th from 6-7 PM at Uptown Plumbing and Heating to meet Bob and learn more about and his great ideas for the district.

- Jenny Warner, Area 4



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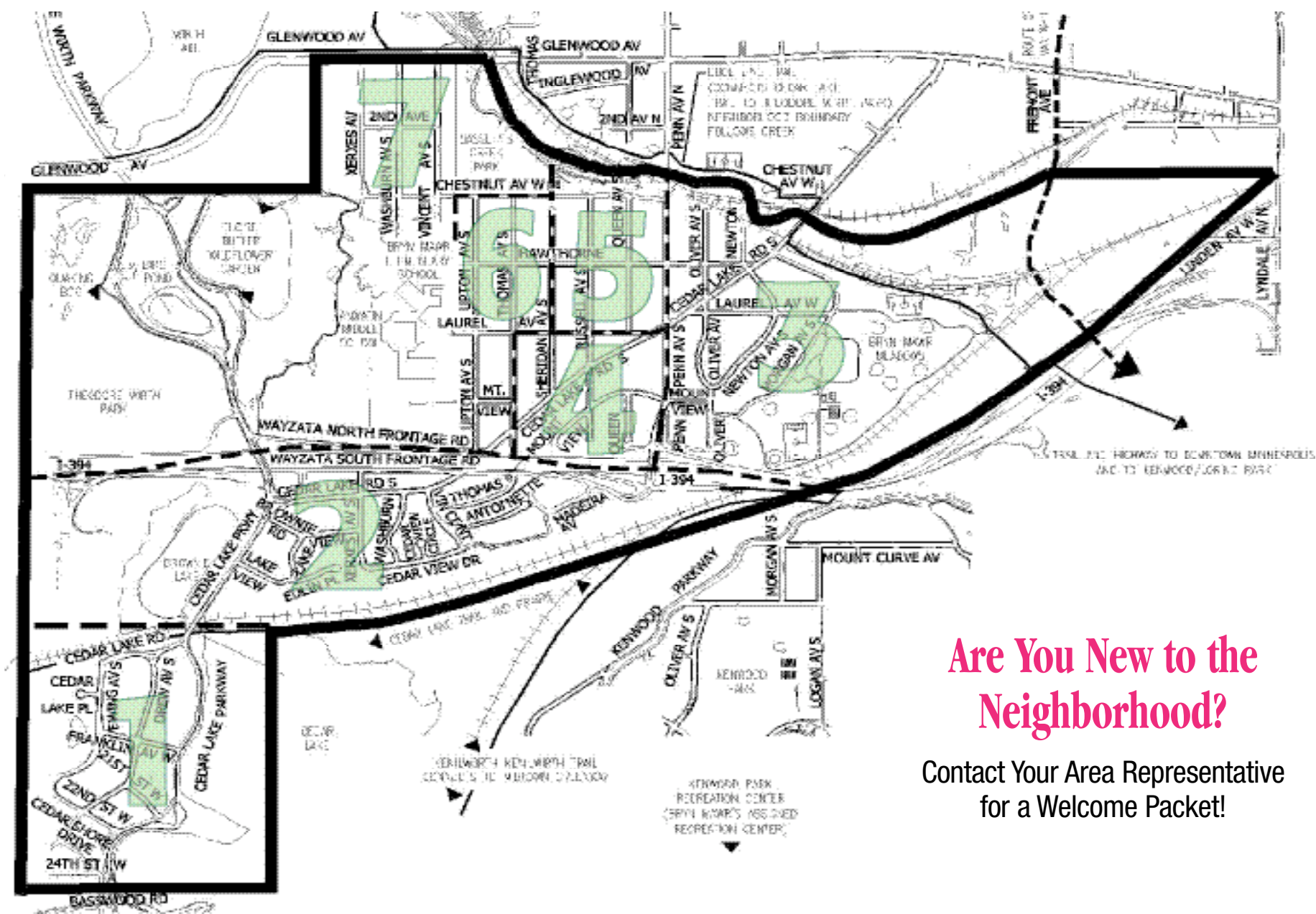
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COORDINATOR CORNER

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