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atumlia was a delight, as always. The weather was chilly, yet tolerable. We hope all that attended enjoyed the festive event. Many thanks to Cuppa Java, Bryn Mawr Market, Cockadoodledoo and Studio 411 for donating items needed to pull off this magical, annual event. Our local businesses are the heart of Bryn Mawr.





- Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator





Thanks to Project Starfish Carolers and Contributors 2013

This year the carolers raised \$100 for St. Anne's Women's Shelter on Saturnalia. A huge thank you to Wendy Jerome, for leading the carolers when I was unable to attend due to a medical emergency. Thanks also to Rie Gilsdorf, and the others who joined in singing.

- Mindy Macy, Area 6

SWLRT STUCK IN THE KENILWORTH

he proposed Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) is shrouded in uncertainty as L the Metropolitan Council wrestles with ardent voices of opposition and the Governor leaves State funding for the project out of his proposed budget. This fall, the Project Office changed direction by proposing to keep freight rail where it is in the Kenilworth corridor and put the LRT in two shallow tunnels. As a result, strongly worded opinions have been flying around about the anticipated impact on the Kenilworth by the project. Recently, on January 7 and 9, the Metropolitan Council held community meetings to discuss key issues about SWLRT and solicit input on the scope of the three reports the Metropolitan Council has commissioned. The meetings were well attended and lively. Community meeting materials are available on the project's website, swlrt.org, under the "Public Involvement" tab. Progress on the SWLRT was stalled In December 2013 when, after intervention by the Governor, the Southwest LRT Project began three studies to clarify important issues that affect the proposed light rail line:

--Impacts of LRT tunnels on Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles

--Landscaping and greenscaping in the Kenilworth area

For the studies on the location of freight rail service and the analysis of potential impacts to the lakes, independent consultants have been hired to review plans and previous work. For the freight rail routing location, the Project Office hired TranSystem. TranSystem is taking a fresh, independent look at existing studies and designs. This consultant will assess the viability of options already considered and identify any new viable options. The Project Office has also hired Burns & McDonnell to conduct an independent water evaluation. They are reviewing the Southwest Project Office's Shallow Tunnel basis of design and water monitoring plan for construction and ongoing operations, as well as any other documentation. The consulting firm will assess if there would be an impact to the surrounding lakes if the Shallow Tunnels are built. The landscaping and greenscaping analysis for the Kenilworth area is part of the Southwest Project Office's overall work and will be completed for the entire Southwest corridor as work advances. The purpose of the study is to develop a baseline inventory of the trees and other vegetation within the Kenilworth corridor. A professional arborist and field survey team have recorded the size, species and condition of the trees in the study area, and recorded additional information on understory vegetation (bushes and other plants) and ground cover. In the coming months this information will be used to develop a land-

--The location of freight rail service in the Kenilworth Corridor

scaping/greenscaping plan with the community. This plan will be used for landscaping after construction is complete.

Draft results of these studies are expected in late January and will be presented to the Business Advisory Committee and the Community Advisory Committee at their joint meeting on February 3. The BMNA is represented on the Community Advisory Committee. Then there will be more opportunities for public comment, and the Metropolitan Council will vote on the project scope and budget.

Currently, the BMNA stands in opposition to the co-location of freight rail and LRT in the Kenilworth corridor. Once the studies are completed, it is likely that this position will be discussed at a BMNA board meeting.

Anyone wishing to be put on an email list for continuing updates should contact Barry Schade, 377-8152.

-Barry Schade, Area 6



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 11, 2013 7:00-8:45 PM Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria

Call to Order and Introductions

Board Members present: Scott McLaughlin-President; Jessica Wiley-Vice President; Sandie Gay-Secretary; Lynda Shaheen-Area 2 Co-Rep; Susan Verrett-Area 2 Co-Rep; Dennie Juillerat-Area 3 Co-Rep; Vida Y. Ditter-Area 6 Co-Rep; Jay Peterson-Area 6 Co-Rep; Barry Shade-Area 6 Co-Rep; Dave Holets-Area 7 Co-Rep; Yonathan Guthmann-Area 7 Co-Rep; Patty Wycoff-Neighborhood Coordinator.

Guests are as follows: Emma Struss-Center for Energy + Environment; Jason Rathe-Garden Group; Mark Laverty.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Board Vacancy

Area 5 Representative Nominations and Election-Delayed to next meeting.

CEE Home Energy Squad Program: Emma Struss

Community Energy Services is now Home Energy Squad Enhanced. The team will go to house for a \$70 fee, evaluate energy savings opportunities and install energy efficient materials. Materials available are door weather stripping, water heater blanket, programmable thermostats, compact fluorescent light bulbs, high-efficiency showerheads and faucet aerators.

The team will perform a blower door test, inspect insulation, check heating system and water heater, and help with next steps.

LED light bulbs are available, but, cost extra. The team is available for presentations to groups.

Article for The Bugle will be forthcoming.

Grants are available for home improvements for energy savings. The group recommends a re-check ect includes BRT-Bus Rapid Transit from North Mpls to 55 to downtown.

Neighborhood Coordinator report: Patty Wycoff

Annual Fund Drive Status-Donations total over \$14,000.

Saturalia Planning Report-Everything is done and ready to go. Attending Board Members will watch for safety issues. Patty will post a sign on tree to keep kids back from horses.

Bugle Report: JoEllyn Jolstad-

There will be no issue in January.

NPP Update: Yonathan Guthmann

There are two-three interested persons who want to participate in planning future of Bryn Mawr activities with a total of 9. Jonathan will set up a meeting for brain storming. It may be included as a part of the Board Retreat. 18 month plan and follow-up plan. The City has agreed to a contract for \$29,020 for mid-2012 thru 2013. The money will be paid when reports are completed in 2014.

President's Report: Scott McLaughlin

Grievance, ADA and EOE Policy Adoptions-Jay Peterson moved to accept the three policies, the motion was seconded and it passed unanimously. Discussion-All meeting notices should contain notice of ADA accommodations. This will be discussed at the Board Retreat. The Neighborhood Plan is the focus of the grievance policy. An office for Bryn Mawr Board is being considered.

Standing Committee Reports

Communications: Jeneen Hartley Sago Chair of committee reported they met three times. They continued to update the website. They also reviewed staff contracts and tweaked to update. City Attomey will review it at no charge. The committee recommends 20% increase in compensation with a vote at same time as budget.

Schools: Lynda Shaheen-

BMNA jointly sponsored Anwatin Craft Fair. Couple of glitches so new ideas will be explored for next year, more crafters will be sought. Jan 23 is date for the next meeting. School Board voted to add capacity to SW High School. No changes for BM. BMNA pushing for stable boundaries. On Jan 28 from 6-8 pm the School District is having a Listening

BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 8, 2014 7:00-8:45 PM Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM Board Members and staff present: Scott McLaughlin, President; Jessica Wiley, Vice President; Dennis Fazio, Treasurer; Susan Verrett, Area 2; Dennis Juillerat, Area 3; Vida Ditter, Area 6; Barry Shade, Area 6; Yonathan Guthmann, NPP; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator (NC); JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor

Guests: Lisa Goodman, Councilperson; Jeff Wallis, PUSH; Winston Wildebush, Area 7

Approval of Consent Agenda

Agenda items added- ROC membership and Community Projects Committee. Moved, seconded and passed. Minutes of last month's meeting Today's Agenda

Area 5 Representative

Position is open. Print/resend message through the Bugle and group email advertising for a representative

City of Minneapolis: City Council - Lisa Goodman

Conducted a survey about Lunch with Lisa- heard back that format should remain. Topics: Nicollet Mall planners- January 29 Interesting people in the ward-Patty Weber, retired CIA agent-February Snow emergency APP available Lisa loved the Bryn Mawr Saturnalia event; answered questions about LRT. Discussion continued about LRT options.

PUSH Project – Jeff Wallis (Owners' Representative)

PUSH is a health/wellness internet marketing company currently located in St. Louis Park; 25 employees and growing. They have outgrown their space, are looking for a home that has an opportunity for expansion. Have had the Glenwood Inglewood site under contract since July; still working with the railroad on a licensing agreement for access.

Looking at building a four story building- 90,000 sq feet, green roof, and space for an event center

Barry complimented Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal, on his reporting of the issue

Neighborhood Coordinator report: Patty Wycoff

1. Saturnalia went well. The "adult only" event at Cuppa Java was well attended; fewer participants in the outdoor activities than past years. Exploring activities that would draw children and families. A neighbor has suggested a local art fair at the church as part of the event. 2. Membership Drive. Drive for 2013 is over. We raised nearly \$15,000. Need to launch the 2014 drive; original launch date was February. Start in March or April.

Bugle Report: JoEllyn Jolstad

Bugle is not produced in January. JoEllyn will send out the monthly board member article schedule for 2014.

Financial Report- Dennis Fazio

Board members received a preliminary year-end report. Scott and Dennis will create a graphic illustrating where our income dollars come from for use in membership materials. We have a preliminary budget in place; need to confirm for 2014. Dennis is going to review all the account categories and simplify them. Discussed having a quarterly review.

Board Development Meeting – Jessica Wiley

February 1 at Crown Roller Mill. Reviewed agenda. Will reimburse for parking if needed.

Standing Committee Reports

Communications: Jessica Wiley -

NC contract completed. Scott will meet with Patty to confirm expectations and sign contract.

Schools: JoEllyn Jolstad reported:

Next meeting on January 30, 2014. Will review commitment to craft fair. Discuss school boundaries for future.

Community Projects Committee: Jessica Wiley reported.

We need new representation. Sue Verrett joined.

Unfinished Business

Proposed SWLRT Resolution-Tabled

Discussion Items, Updates and Announcements-

Joe Wagner, Area 3 Rep, resigned.

Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

SW LRT Project update: Barry Schade, Jay Peterson, Vida Ditter

Rerouting of freight rail is being looked at again, hired a consultant to report by mid Jan. A study is being conducted on water quality and impact on the lakes. The vegetation is being documented and studied with a plan to replant. Station area plans going ahead. Van White may be at risk. Transit oriented development is being studied for Royalston, West Lake, Beltline and Blake Road stations. Barry committed to an article in Feb. Bryn Mawr position is to oppose Co-Location.

Penn Avenue Corridor-There was activity thru the summer and they are now in process of choosing a consultant. There are not many volunteers for the committee from Bryn Mawr. The projSession for 2020 Strategic Plan.

Gardens: Jason Rathe-

Participation down over other years but weather was not cooperating. They got a lot done. There will be no Garden Tour 2014, maybe 2015. Only 3-4 in group currently. City worker did damage to Upton Garden with a city vehicle while moving snow. City will assess damage and pay.

Unfinished Business

Proposed SWLRT Resolution-Tabled

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, January 8, 2013 7:00 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Satumlia: Sat., December 14, 2013 Board Development: Saturday, February 1, 2014 9AM to 1PM (Crown Roller Mill)

Microbrewery is interested in being a part- 6,000 sq feet. The two wells are active-the brewery is interested in using them

A restaurant to feed employees and open to the public-10,000 ft² Would like a support letter from the BMNA. Consensus from the board that we support the development of the Glenwood Inglewood site. Jessica moved that we send a letter of support; Dennis F. seconded. Motion approved.

SW LRT Project update - Barry Schade

The consensus of those who attended the first January community input session was that the meeting was not constructive. Dennie J felt the format prevented participants from hearing information about studies being conducted and focused on negative opinions.

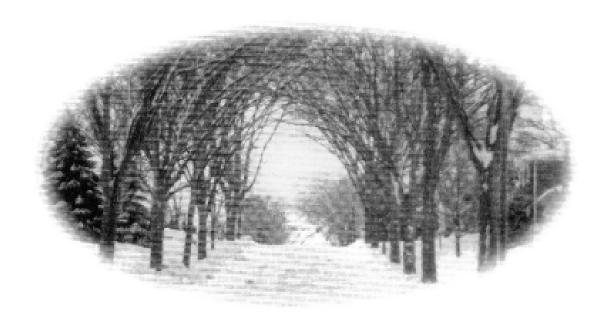
NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 7:00 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Board Development: Saturday, February 1, 2014 9AM to 1PM (Crown Roller Mill)

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.



If the great trees of Bryn Mawr could talk, I bet they could easily pronounce "Kal-itow-ski."

Jim Kalitowski R E A L T O R He's been around your block.



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	February 17			
Areas	February 10			
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Areas		February 11		
2, 3, 4E, 5E		February 25		

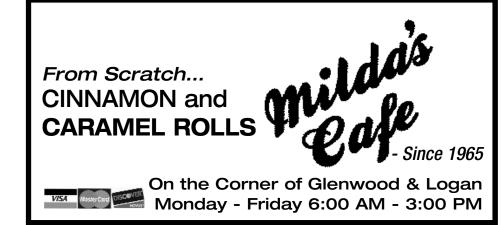
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hat a crazy winter this has been. Minneapolis Public Schools cancelled classes an unprecedented five times and technically none of them were "snow days". Temperatures were brutal – colder than 20 degrees below zero with wind chills lower than 40 below zero. CRAZY!

I completely support the school district's decision to close (and not just because it meant that I did not have to venture out in the elements.) It was dangerously cold for staff and students alike, but especially for students whose families don't drive. Imagine a new to the country 6-year-old waiting for a bus that has either not started or broken down because of the cold. They probably don't have properly warm clothing for an ordinary winter day, let alone these extreme circumstances. Even if the bus can get them picked up at the regular time, if there is traffic or an accident and the bus stalls, chances are it won't start again and there are no heaters on those big yellow beasts.

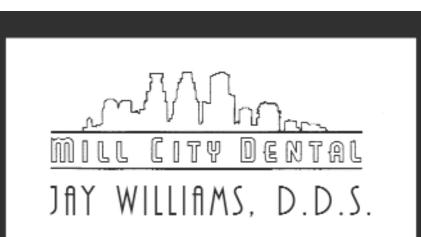
As I write this, the temperature is a balmy 20 degrees, it has been snowing all night and it is still coming down at a rate of 1-2 inches per hour. It is supposed to continue for another couple of hours and then the temperature is going to drop again. There was even a jam up in downtown Bryn Mawr, when a truck got mired in a snow drift on Laurel Avenue cars and school buses had to navigate around it for 30 minutes. A day like today is a major hassle. Traffic is slow, roads are slippery, but to me it is a regular Minnesota winter day.

The wonderful children's books that local artist Lauren Stringer (Area 3) writes and illustrates, tell stories of experiencing the world with all your senses. As I trudge through the knee-high snow drifts, I imagine it's a "Red Rubber Boot Day" (Harcourt 2000). I know there are more recent publications that actually take place in winter ("Snow" and "Winter is the Wa mest Season") but I need to fantasize about warm weather!

Among the upsides to all this snow and cold is the fact that it is perfect weather for the Loppet. What started out as a couple of ski races has transformed into a full-on three day festival. Here is the ultimate celebration of winter in Minnesota and it goes right through our neighborhood. In the past, organizers have had to cancel some of the events due to lack of snow or thin ice on the lakes due to warm temperature. But that shouldn't be an issue this year.

> - JoEllyn Banfield Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org





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by Dave Logsdon davesmagnets@gmail.com

hope to continue this column as long as my time permits. It's been a nice run, all your kind words and support help me keep on keeping on.

A Quick shout out...

Rolayne Renstrom had an unfortunate turn of events late last year. A horrific accident involving a log splitting machine cost her the loss of a few fingers and her livelihood. Rolayne's beauty shop has been a fixture in the Downtown Bryn Mawr scene for over twenty years. The shop will continue to operate thanks to cohorts at the shop, but Rolayne will no longer be part of operation.

The Bryn Mawr Market and Cuppa Java through jars on their counter collected close to a thousand dollars to help her through this crisis. Rolayne said in a thank you note that she was humbled by the outpouring of concern from our community. Way to go Bryn Mawr!

The Market has had an ongoing spare change for different causes that started after the Accent Signage shootings. Large chunks of cash has been raised for various causes. The current cause is for instruments for the Bryn Mawr Elementary Band. So many of the schools students barely have lunch money let alone money to buy an instrument. Be generous, you could be launching the career of the next Jimi Hendrix!

The Rybak Legacy

What a ride! R. T. Rybak has been praised by many heavy hitters in this town, including a lot of people I trust and admire. He was the peripatetic Mayor. He was like the energizer bunny! I encountered him

outside Cuppa Java and asked him to help on our Veterans for Peace push to declare 11/11/11 Amistice/Veterans Day in honor of the spirit of peace that was the original intent. He said to check with his office and lo' and behold, we got our proclamation!

I voted for him every time he ran because he was the perfect man for the job, but with any elected official, it hasn't been all roses. Rightly or wrongly his enduring legacy will rest with the Viking stadium. He did a quasi-legal end run, in my opinion, around the city charter amendment limiting the amount of money the city could spend on this playpen for the rich. Only time will tell who is right. I certainly hope for the citizens of Minneapolis that he was a visionary and me and the rest of the nattering nabobs of negativity are wrong.

and the grand finale...

Every morning when I look at the fresh donut box there is a "battle royal" going on in soul! My higher Angels telling me to just say no while the other "fun" Angel is saying, "yumm..donuts! One look at my "chiseled physique" and you would know which Angel usually wins that battle!

I keep looking for that cinnamon roll that looks like Mother Theresa. Imagine people making the pilgrimage to the Market to see that roll! Hopefully they buy a pack of smokes for the return trip. But alas, the best I've come up with was an apple fritter that looked like Dennis Rodman and a muffin that, if you squint, sort of resembles Michelle Bachman.(It was delicious!) Well that should wrap things for another month! I think I better take my meds now.



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Bryn Mawr Market. Surprisingly, she liked the idea. Those first columns were very sophomoric at best, but showed some promise. I wrote the

initial columns by hand and poor Jenny had to dutifully type and edit them.

"The security we profess to seek

The bombs in Vietnam explode at

home, they destroy the hopes and possibilities for a decent America".

s I embark on my twentieth

Talk", I find myself being a

year of writing "Counter

bit reflective. Yes, indeed, I am reel-

In the winter of 1994, I proposed an

idea to Jenny Bartholomew, then

editor of the Bugle, an idea for a

column about some of the interest-

ing folks whom I encountered at the

in foreign adventures, we lose

in decaying cities.

ing in the years.

-Martin Luther King-

"being a bit reflective"

Through the years I've tried to be a prism for your stories. My writing has generally more clever than insightful, but it is what it is. I have strived to serve the community by connecting dots in an entertaining, if sometimes ham handed way.

As the new president of the Twin Cities chapter of Veterans for Peace, my energy will be focused in different direction. This is an exciting opportunity for me to serve the cause of peace and justice and I am ready for the challenge. It is my

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34 hours for houses and duplexes

Four daytime hours for apartment and commercial buildings (daytime hours begin at 8 a.m.)

When you shovel snow and clear ice

- Shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the full width of the sidewalk down to the bare pavement.
- Itemove all ice from sidewalks. After the sidewalk is clear, sprinkling a little sand can help prevent slipping on frosty sidewalks.
- Pile snow onto your yard and boulevard. It's against the law to shovel snow into streets and alleys.
- If you have a corner property, clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks to the street gutter. You are not required to clear snow ridges or piles left by the plows beyond the gutter. City crews will make an effort to return to do this work as quickly as possible, but with some 20,000 corners to clear across the City, it may take a while. However, your neighbors would appreciate it if you could clear an opening sooner to help shorten the wait and provide a clear passage.

Avoid a ticket

- If the City of Minneapolis gets a complaint or discovers that a sidewalk is not properly cleared, Public Works will inspect the sidewalk and give the property owners a chance to clear it.
- If the sidewalk has not been cleared upon re inspection, the property owner may be issued a citation with a fine.
- Crews will remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk. Property owners will be billed for this service, and unpaid bills will be added to the owner's property tax.

Remember

- * You are as responsible for clearing ice on your sidewalk as clearing snow. Ice can be more dangerous and intimidating than snow.
- The sooner and more completely you shovel, the less likely ice will form.
- * Make arrangements for someone to take over while you are on vacation.





Area 5 Board Rep Needed

e are looking for someone interested in serving on the BMNA Board as Area 5 Rep until elections in May 2014. Co-Reps are great. Long-time Area 5 Rep, Dave Logsdon has resigned and the Board thanks him for his service.

Area 5 is the section of Bryn Mawr that north of Laurel between Sheridan and Penn. Check out the map on back page of the Bugle for a map of the boundaries of Area 5. Anyone who lives in this area could step in.

The duties include:

- Attend monthly board meetings from 7:00 - 8:45 on the second Wednesday of the month.
- Attend neighborhood events (Harvest Dinner, Saturnalia, Annual Meeting, Ice Cream Social etc)
- Attend important neighborhood meetings, ie LRT, Penn Ave remodel, neighborhood revitalization meetings
- Pass out welcome packets to new neighbors

- Listen to neighbors opinions and weigh in on issues affecting the neighborhood
- Encourage neighbors to join the BMNA and participate in neighborhood meetings and events

Check out our website to see all the BMNA activities:

http://www.bmna.org/home.html Contact Scott McLaughlin president@bmna.org or Jessica Wiley jesswiley@comcast.net for more information or to join the Board!

Volunteers Wanted

Are you willing to help keep walkways cleared and safe this winter? The BMNA wants to help you get connected with a neighbor in need of assistance with shoveling and other winter tasks. To volunteer, please contact BMNA Neighborhood Coordinator, Patty Wycoff at 612-377-4565 or <u>organizer@bmna.org</u>.

Need Help with Shoveling?

Contact BMNA Neighborhood Coordinator, Patty Wycoff by emailing <u>organizer@bmna.org</u> or call 612-377-4565 to be connected with a volunteer.

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - February 2014

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
COORD My name is Feel free to If you are not	City of Lakes Nordic 1 Ski Foundation Loppet Jan. 31-Feb. 2					
2	3	4	Family Open Gym 6-8 PM at the Bryn Mawr Elementary School	6	7	8

9	10	11	Family Open Gym 12 6-8 PM at the Bryn Mawr Elementary BMNA monthly meeting, 7pm at Bryn Mawr Elemen- tary Cafeteria	13	14	15
16	17	18	Family Open Gym 19 6-8 PM at the Bryn Mawr Elementary School	20	21	Bassett Creek 22 Project informational meeting, 10:30-11:30 AM, Wirth Park Picnic Pavilion
23	24	25	Family Open Gym 26 6-8 PM at the Bryn Mawr Elementary School	27	MPS School 28 Request Cards Due	March 1

BMNA COMMUNITY PROJECT:

We keep working on the 'hood!

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

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

Got a good idea?

Ideas for projects that will improve our community are being

solicited from neighbors. The Community Project Committee (Jay Peterson, Area 6; Steve Harvey, Area 7; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Susan Verrett, Area 2) will take suggestions and create a prioritized list, making a recommendation to the BMNA board this spring. The categories of projects considered:

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

The committee evaluates suggestions using criteria including:

- Is it possible (politically, physically)?
 Does it meet the budget (\$0 -
- \$2000)?
- Is it sustainable long term?
- Does it have neighborhood wide impact?
- Is there leadership (an identified neighbor) to get the project done?

We will review ideas from past years and add new ideas contributed this winter. Please submit ideas for projects to jessicasusanwiley@gmail.com, or 612-374-3481, by April 1, 2014.

- Jessica Wiley, Area 3

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BMNA Board Policies Adopted

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association has adopted the following:

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association (BMNA) Americans with **Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy 1.** Participation

The BMNA is committed to making all its programs, services and activities accessible. Meetings and events of the organization will be held in a public location that is wheelchair accessible, and reasonable accommodations will be made available upon request.

For purposes of determining eligibility for a reasonable accommodation, a person with a disability is one who has a physical or mental impairment that materially or substantially limits one or more major life activities.

A wheelchair accessible location will include handicap accessible parking, and an accessible entrance with no step, or an available ramp or elevator. An accessible route to the meeting or event must be at least 3 feet wide.

Any qualified person may request an accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the BMNA office at least 5 days before a meeting or event. The BMNA will seek to provide the most effective available accommodations (which will provide the individual with the opportunity to participate equally, or provide equal benefits or privileges as a non-disabled person) with the understanding that the accommodation does not have to be the best or the accommodation preferred by the disabled individual.

The following notification will be placed in all meeting and event notices of the BMNA:

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.

2. Employment Policy

The BMNA is committed to the fair and equal employment of people with disabilities. Reasonable accommodation* is the key to this non-discrimination policy. While many individuals with disabilities can work without accommodation, other qualified applicants and employees face barriers to employment without the accommodation process. It is the policy of the BMNA to reasonably accommodate qualified individuals with disabilities unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship. In accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities when such accommodations are directly related to performing the essential functions of a job, competing for a job, or to enjoy equal benefits and privileges of employment. This policy applies to all applicants, employees, and employees seeking promotional opportunities.

* Reasonable accommodation

A reasonable accommodation is a modification or adjustment to a job, an employment practice, or the work environment that makes it possible for a qualified individual with a disability to enjoy an equal employment opportunity. Examples of accommodations may include acquiring or modifying equipment or devices; modifying training materials; making facilities readily accessible; modifying work schedules; and reassignment to a vacant position.

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BMNA Neighborhood Planning Grievance Procedure

Section I: PURPOSE:

This Grievance Procedure is established to provide a mechanism

Minneapolis Audubon Society Monthly Events

Friday, February 14, 2014 1 p.m.

Dr. Scott Sharkey, nature photographer and one of our favorite guests, will share his outstanding "Scenes from a Bloomington Marsh." The Bryant Square Neighborhood Center, just one block south of Lake Street, is for a person or group to raise objections to the process used by the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association (BMNA) in the development of it's Neighborhood Priority Plan (NPP). The intent of this procedure is to encourage and protect the integrity and openness of the BMNA's decision making process.

Section II: ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS:

Any challenge of a contracted neighborhood organization's status as the contracted organization shall be referred to the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR) of the City of Minneapolis for resolution through its Grievance Procedures. A copy of the findings and decision of that procedure will be reported to the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (NCEC).

Section III: FILING CRITERIA:

A person or group may file a grievance with the BMNA Board concerning the Neighborhood Priority Plan (NPP) process if all of the following criteria are met.

1) The grievance concerns the process the BMNA has used as it develops its Neighborhood Priority Plan (NPP).

2) The person or group filing the grievance is eligible for participation in the development of the NPP or otherwise directly affected by the actions resulting from the organization's NPP process.

3) The person or group filing the grievance agrees to follow this grievance procedure.

Section IV: PROCEDURE:

1) A person or organization with a grievance shall submit the grievance in writing, with supporting documentation, to the Bryn Mawr NPP Coordinator.

2) Upon receipt of the grievance, the person(s) filing the grievance will be provided a copy of this Grievance Procedure by the NPP Coordinator.

3) The NPP Coordinator shall notify the members of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Board that a grievance has been filed.

4) The grievance shall be referred to the next regular meeting of the BMNA Executive Board. The BMNA Executive Board shall appoint three members to serve as the Grievance Task Force from a pool of those who are willing and able to serve. This Task Force shall include at least one BMNA Board member. Each grievance shall have its own established Task Force. The Grievance Task Force shall meet as often as necessary to investigate and assess the facts of the complaint, to listen to those who have filed the grievance as well as other stakeholders, and provide recommendations for corrective action if necessary. A recommendation in writing must be presented to the BMNA Board within 60 days of their formation.

may appeal the matter to Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR). Such an appeal must be received within 30 days of the official response and will begin the NPP grievance procedure.

Section V: GROUND RULES:

The following ground rules will be followed to assure the respectful investigation and resolution of the grievance.

1) Each participant in the Grievance Procedure will respect everyone's point of view.

2) The discussion and presentation of ideas will be open.

3) While allowing for an open process, it is understood that the best plan for the neighborhood should be the one adopted and implemented.

Section VI: PUBLIC INFORMATION:

This document will be made available to the Bryn Mawr neighborhood on the organization's web site. A copy will be provided to all members of the BMNA Board and members of the NPP Planning Committee.

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Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association (BMNA) Equal **Employment Opportunity Policy**

The BMNA believes that equal opportunity for staff members is critical to the continuing success of the organization and the neighborhood. In accordance with state and federal law, the BMNA will not discriminate against a staff person or applicant for employment on the basis of race, disability, color, creed, religion, sex, affectional preference or sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran status, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, or other non-job related factors in hiring, promoting, demoting, training, benefits, transfers, layoffs, terminations, recommendations, rates of pay, or other forms of compensation. Opportunity is provided to all staff members based on qualifications and job requirements.

The BMNA will take affirmative action to ensure that all employment practices are free of such discriminations. In order to provide a fair and open hiring process, the BMNA will advertise all open positions in a manner that ensures reaching a diverse pool of candidates. The Board of Directors will review the outreach process, and will make special recruitment efforts through use of the Bugle and other media. The BMNA will take affirmative action to afford business enterprises owned and controlled by women and minorities the maximum feasible opportunity to participate in the performance of any work and resulting contracts and/or subcontracts for construction projects in which this organization engages. The BMNA Board will evaluate the performance of its management personnel on the basis of their involvement in achieving these affirmative action objectives as well as other established criteria.

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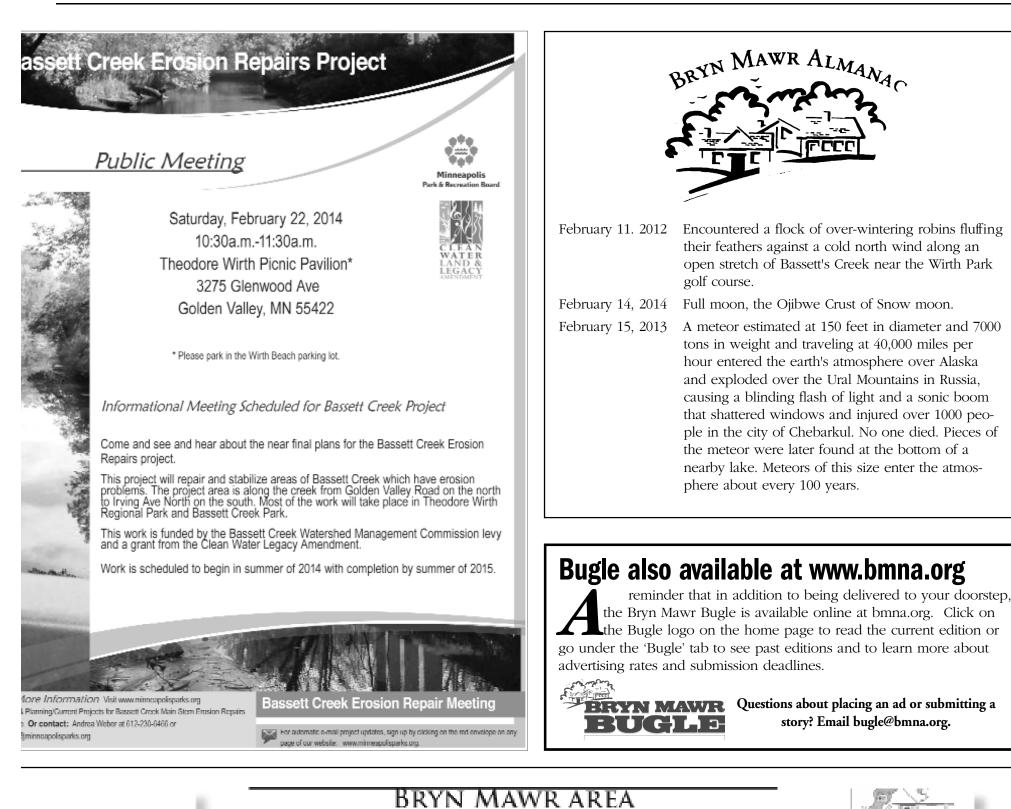
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5) The BMNA Board shall adopt, modify or reject the recommendations of the Grievance Task Force.

6) If the person(s) filing the grievance or the affected neighborhood group is unsatisfied with the BMNA Board's findings or resolution, they

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Exciting New Neighborhood Partnership Will Help Feed Hungry Kids

hen Bryn Mawr resident Lisa Mills, who is also the Bryn Mawr Elementary PTA president, heard about the Sheridan Story, she knew that the program had the potential to make a big impact at the school. Sheridan Story is a local organization that helps build partnerships between schools and community groups to fight child hunger, and 83% of the 500+ students at Bryn Mawr are on free or reduced lunch-which means some of them don't get enough to eat over weekends and school breaks.

Mills started discussions with Sheridan Story and the school, and in late fall 2013 told fellow PTA mom Lynda Shaheen that they needed a community partner to get the program started. Shaheen, a member of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, brought the idea of a partnership to the church, and they were quick to respond. On January 12th, Bryn Mawr Church presented an initial gift of \$5,000 to Sheridan Story executive director Rob Williams and guests from Bryn Mawr Elementary. Because of the church's gift and quick action on the part of the school, the Sheridan Story program is ready to launch at Bryn Mawr in late January. With the initial gift, the school is targeting their population of homeless and highly mobile students.

As the hunger organization's website describes, "The Sheridan Story began in 2010 when the school administration at our namesake, Sheridan Elementary School, discovered that students were stealing and hoarding food on Fridays so that they would have something to eat on the weekends." In introductory discussions with Sheridan Story, educators at Bryn Mawr Elementary agreed that they see similar things happen at their school.

The program works as a true partnership. Sheridan Story sources the food through Second Harvest Heartland and places it into individual food bags with the help of volunteers. The school identifies poten-



Pastor Jamie Schultz and Bryn Mawr resident Andrew Marshall give Bryn Mawr Elementary School principal Renee Montague a donation to help meet student needs, an annual Thanksgiving tradition of Bryn Mawr Church

tial students, works to secure parental permission, and supervises storage and distribution of the food bags. Along with the financial support to purchase the food, the church will provide volunteers to put the food bags into the participating students' backpacks on Fridays.

Bryn Mawr Church has a long tradition of supporting both Bryn Mawr Elementary and Anwatin Middle School with special Thanksgiving donations that the schools use to help meet student needs. The church community is very enthusiastic about this new opportunity to help support the students who are an important part of our neighborhood. Although the church has only about 100 members, they are determined to find ways to expand the program at Bryn Mawr so that a greater number of students have enough to eat on weekends, and so that the program can continue into future years.

Interested neighbors can also provide support by making a donation via Razoo. For \$12 a month, you can sponsor a child for one year, but all donations make a difference. If you want to target your donation directly to students at Bryn Mawr Elementary, use this link: www.thesheridanstorycom/brynmawr



Thank You to the BMNA

The BMNA has used NRP funds to purchase a lot of cool new sports equipment for the neighborhood kids to enjoy. The equipment will be stored in the PTA closet at Bryn Mawr Elementary School. We will pull it all out for Open Gym Nights and it can be used for other neighborhood events as well. Items such as footballs, jump ropes, floor hockey equipment, a toy bowling set and a whiffle ball set have been purchased.

On behalf of the PTA and parents throughout the neighborhood, I would like to say "Thank You" to the BMNA for this generous gift and to Lynda Shaheen for organizing the details. Open Gym is every Wednesday Nov.-April from 6-8 pm at the Bryn Mawr Elementary School.

Contact Information For Community Schools

Bryn Mawr Elementary (PreK-5) 252 Upton Avenue South 612-668-2500

brynmawr.Minneapolis.k12.mn.us

Minneapolis Kids School-age Childcare (at Bryn Mawr School) 612-668-3890 mplskids.Minneapolis.k12.mn.us/

Anwatin Middle School (6-8) International Baccalaureate and Spanish Dual Immersion 256 Upton Avenue South

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anwatin.Minneapolis.k12.mn.us

Anwatin Community Education 612-668-2470

www.mplscommunityed.com

Bryn Mawr GEMS (Girls in Engineering Math & Science and GISE (Guys in Science & Engineering)

he Bryn Mawr Community School GISE & GEMS teams competed at the FIRST Lego League Minneapolis Lakes & Woods Division Tournament on Saturday, January 18th. 21 Minneapolis schools participated. The Bryn Mawr GEMS (Girls in Engineering Math & Science) team took 3rd place in the Robot Challenge, where they were evaluated on mechanical design, programming, design innovation and strategy. They also won the Team Spirit award; "This award goes to the team that most enthusiastically demonstrates a commitment to getting others to see how accessible, fun, and rewarding science and



technology can be, especially when you are part of a great team." The Bryn Mawr GISE (Guys in Science

> and Engineering) Team Research Project won 4th place for their innovative solution for Keeping a Community Safe During a Tsunami. Projects are evaluated on research, innovative solution and presentation. Congratulations to the Bryn Mawr





Bryn Mawr Elementary staffers including (l-r) parent and community liaison Mai Vue, social worker Chul Schwanke, principal Renee Montague, and Sheridan Story executive director Rob Williams acknowledged the \$5,000 donation handed over by Lynda Shaheen on behalf of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church on Jan. 12.

Bryn Mawr Students Excel at

Anwatin Bees

ast week Anwatin Middle School held their National Geographic Geography Bee and the Scripps Spelling Bee. The competitions were each won by a Bryn Mawr student! Will Marshall, a 6th grader, won the Geography Bee and has a chance to advance to the state level. Four out of the 6 finalists in this competition were Bryn Mawr students, Abby Smith, Jack Stillman, Will Marshall, and Grover Warner. GEMS & GISE!

Cody Christensen (pictured below) won the Spelling Bee and will compete at the District level.

- Lynda Shaheen lynda.shaheen@gmail.com





Who Let The Moms Out?

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

Everything Matters! by Ron Currie Jr.

he circle of life- we're bom, we live and then we die. Simple really. Really? In *Everything Matters!* we are introduced to Junior Thibodeau on the occasion of his birth. Entering the world, Junior is imbued of a prophecy by a mysterious all-knowing being; the world will come to a violent end in exactly 36 years, 168 days, 14 hours and 23 seconds.

As a group we enjoyed the story, with its themes of family, love, loss, betrayal, apocalypse, alternate reality, hope, and religious belief. Currie presents the story in turns, some comic, sensitive, despairing, joyful. It prompted discussion about:

To what end do we live our lives? If you knew with absolute certainty when you were going to die, would you do anything differently?

Would anything matter?

Would everything matter?

In this mind and time bending novel of cosmic doom, the author introduces us to the characters using an ordered fashion of randomly numbered passages which eventually disappear, and in the case of a few of us who read the book on our Kindles, the numbers did not appear at all. This led to a bewildering first 15 minutes of discussion until we figured out there was a glitch. Once we were all literally on tal illness?) telling him things nobody else can know, and he is not very popular with his teachers or fellow students. He enters a Gifted and Talented program and falls in love with a classmate, Amy. Together in class, they witness the Challenger Disaster in real time, and that's when things start to go downhill for Junior. He eventually takes a chance and reveals his relationship with the OV to Amy, and she is predictably freaked out and rejects him. He seriously begins to question whether anything matters.

In the second part of the book Junior leaves home for Chicago and starts to unravel, drinking heavily, using drugs, and associating with sketchy individuals. Life becomes very dark, indeed. As readers we chase after Junior as he becomes involved in terrorism, disappears from his family, and eventually almost kills himself in a dramatic race to find a cure for cancer. All the while, knowing that a killer comet will be obliterating everyone and everything off the face of the earth.

But wait, the OV gives Junior a chance to "reboot", to live his life again in an alternate reality, with the freedom to make different decisions. Will the reboot allow Junior and his family to live happily ever after? You'll have to read it for yourself, but we'll leave you with a quote we liked from the book:



Area 5

Development of the Twin Cities chapter of Veterans for Peace for 2014. Veterans for Peace is a non-violent group of veterans that have been working to change the militaristic and interventionist paradigm in our country through education and direct action since 1985. Dave has been a neighborhood activist in Bryn Mawr since the early nineties, serving on the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Board as Vice-President and as Area 5 Representative. He has also been a monthly contributing writer to the Bryn Mawr Bugle with his "Counter Talk" column for the past nineteen years.

Area 6



ongratulations to Matt and Kate Olson of Thomas Avenue who had a special delivery when their son Henrik Peter Olson was born on Christmas moming. Best wishes to the happy family!



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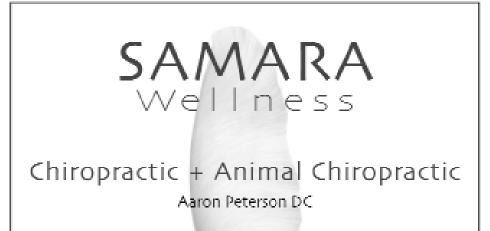
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the same page, we never did decode the meaning behind the numbers, but must assume that everything matters.

Onward. Currie uses first person narration, alternating with the Omniscient Voice (OV) to move the story from Junior's early childhood, to his coming of age and adulthood. We meet his family, which consists of an increasingly withdrawn, isolated, and alcoholic mother, a hardworking, salt of the earth ex-Marine father and his boorish brother Rodney, who flames out on drugs, loses his mind and comes out the other end a freakishly gifted, but braindamaged baseball star.

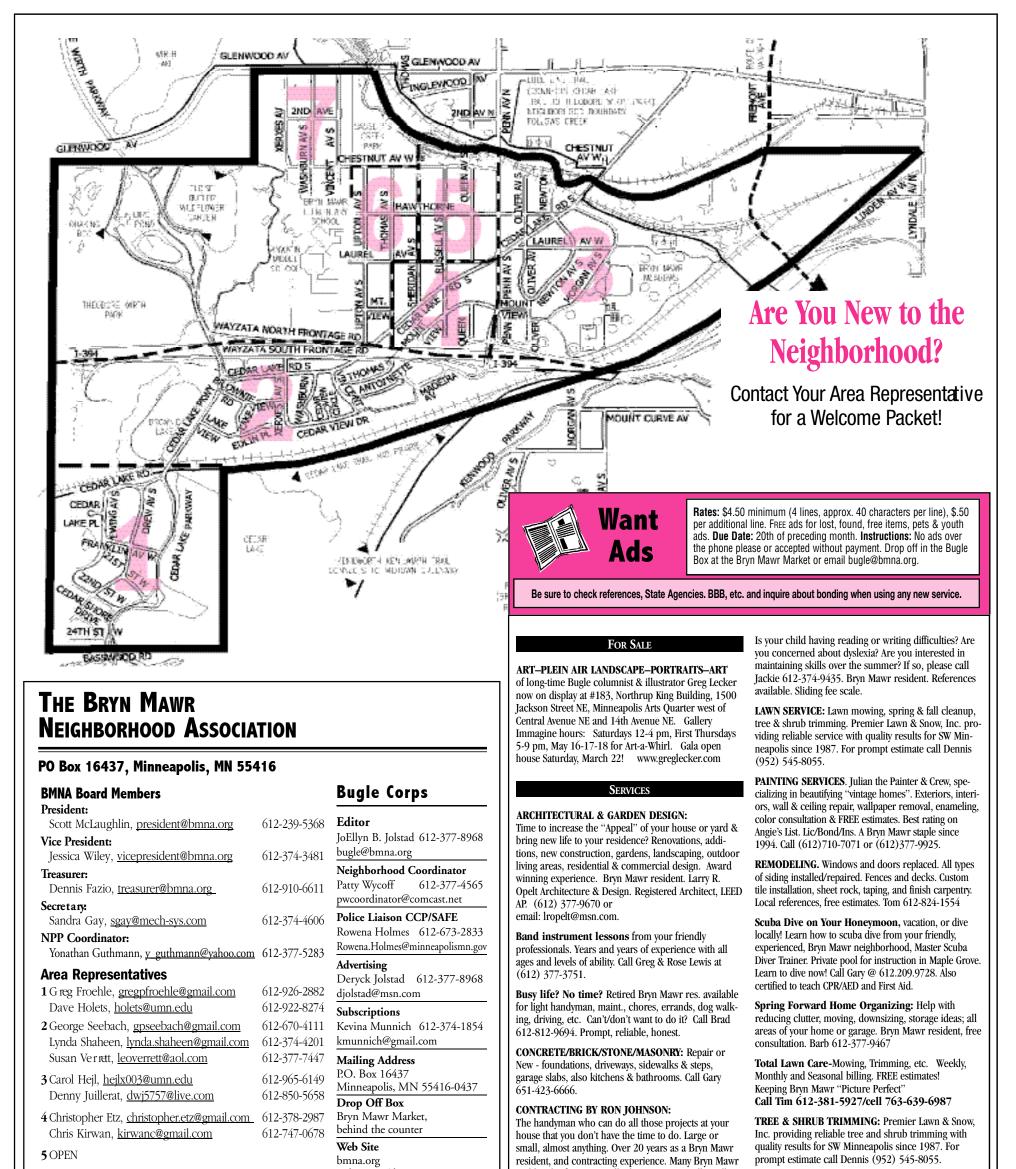
Junior is a fretful child, what with the OV (Is it God, a computer, men-

"Everything matters not in spite of the end of you and all that you love, but because of it. Everything is all you've got-your wife's lips, your daughter's eyes, your brother's heart, your father's bones and your own grief-and after Everything is nothing. So you were wise to welcome Everything, the good and the bad alike, and cling to it all. Gather it in. Seek the meaning in sorrow and don't ever turn away, not once, from here until the end. Because it is all the same, it is all unfathomable, and it is all infinitely preferable to the one dreadful alternative." What the moms are reading now: The good lord bird by James McBride

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