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Member Night

Thursday, September 26, 5-7pm at Utepils!

Member Night will be September 26 from 5-7pm for the BMNA Member Night at Utepils. Connect with neighbors while enjoying the beer garden. Shop the latest BMNA looks: t-shirts, sweat-shirts, hats, and stickers! We will be collecting back to school items for our two community schools. Look for a list of suggested items in your email or on our website. 2024 donors to the BMNA will receive a free beverage token. Look for us around back in the beer garden. If you are unsure if you have donated in 2024, email coordinator@bmna.org or call 612.234.7819. You can also donate that night!

Your donation can help us plan for the rest of the year and for 2025 as we face reduced funding

from the city. Member donations make up nearly half of our income stream. Your donation funds things like The Bugle neighborhood newspaper, our website (BMNA.org), contract support staff who keep things organized and moving forward, neighborhood garden projects, and neighborhood events.



Boulevard Blooms

Have you noticed the blooming boulevard of zinnias on the corner of Russell Ave S and Laurel Ave every summer? I caught up with Hugh Morris who carefully plans the garden each year. He first

got the idea in 2021 because he could not get perennials to grow on a snow emergency boulevard. Starting in the spring he makes a criss cross of trellis netting to support the plants after heavy rains and spreads about a pound and a quarter of seeds to cover the 1000 square foot area. He has added an irrigation system to water all the flowers. The flowers start to bloom around early to mid June. Hugh gifts the flowers to people through out the summer. He encourages all to cut what they need because it actually helps with propagation. He gets many nice comments from neighbors walking by. The garden brings so much joy to the neighborhood. Thank you Hugh for brightening your block!

- Lynda Shabeen, Area 2



Join the BMNA Active Transportation Committee for a Park(ing) Day Potluck!

September 20th is Park(ing) Day, a global, public, participatory project where people across the world temporarily repurpose curbside parking spaces and convert them into public parks and social spaces to advocate for safer, greener, and more equitable streets for people. We'll gather starting at 6:00 PM in downtown Bryn Mawr (intersection of Cedar Lake Road and Laurel by Bryn Mawr Market), claim a parking space or two, and set up a potluck dinner. Bring a lawn chair, a dish, side, or beverage to pass (we'll provide Bryn Mawr Pizza), and any-

thing else you may need to be comfortable in our 'park'. Check our Instagram page [@activetransit.brynmawr](https://www.instagram.com/activetransit.brynmawr), Bryn Mawr e-newsletters, or send us an email at activetransit-brynmawr@googlegroups.com to learn more.



Red Cross Blood Drive

The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church hosted the August Red Cross blood drive. They collected 23 units. This is enough to save 69 lives. The next blood drive is sponsored by BMNA on Nov. 22nd. You can sign up to donate at redcross.org





BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 14, 2024
6:30– 8:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

Board and Staff

- Brian Treece - President
- Addie Arnold - Vice President
- Karen Soderberg -Treasurer
- Jessica Wiley - Secretary
- Sue Verrett - Area 2 Co -Rep
- Michael Tieleman - Area 2 Co-Rep
- Beth Franzen - Area 4 Co-Rep
- Alec Werning - Area 4 Co-Rep
- Colleen Dhennin - Area 5 Co-Rep
- Katy Kessler - Area 5 Co-Rep OL
- Haven Stephens - Area 6 Co-Rep
- Drew Quirk- Area 6 Co-Rep
- Stephen Harvey - Area 7 Co-Rep
- Anne Hartman- Area 7 Co-Rep
- Michael Scott _ Area 9 Co-Rep
- Barry Schade - Emeritus
- JoEllyn Jolstad - Bugle Editor
- Lynda Shaheen - Communication/
Development Coordinator

Guests:

- Christine Belfrey Johnson - Area 5
- Mark Dhennin - Area 5
- Carolyn Bastick - Area 5
- Rod Miller - Area 6 OL
- Michael Martens - Area 6
- Mary Ann Carpenter - Area 9
- McKenzie Erickson - Harrison OL

OL - online

Call to Order at 6:34 PM.

Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
 Minutes from July 8, 2024, moved, seconded. Motion carried.

Crime Prevention Specialist Report – Shannon McDonough

Email update. Property damage and theft reported. Question about an

aggravated assault reported last month. Brian Treece will ask Shannon about the status of reports. Board and neighbors can view crime stats at <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/public-safety/police-public-safety/crime-maps-dashboards/crime-locations-map/>

Treasurer Report – Karen Soderberg

Working on actual spending compared to budget. Will have a report for next month.

Communications Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen

Working with Jay Peterson on website redo. Have received three bids, waiting for a fourth. Looking at Word Press and Square Space. Discussion about updating website information and keeping it current. Participated in Wirth on The Woods Open House with a BMNA table. Thanks to Jessica Wiley and Ms. Doris Evans for staffing the table. Businesses participating - Studio 411 and Big Hill Books had tables with samples and books, Cuppa Java provided coffee, Bryn Mawr Pizza provided lunch. Ice Cream Social financials were consistent with last year - \$215 membership renewal donations, \$900 in bucket donations, \$510 from merchandise. Membership donations to date are \$14,850. Sending communications about CenterPoint gas line replacement through email newsletter. Beth Dutcher has volunteered to be lead for the Adopt a Drain program.

Event Coordinator Report – Patty Wycoff

Email report. Ice cream social, 500+ attended. Collected 126 food items and \$134 from the change bucket at the Market for NorthPoint food shelves. Thanks to all the volunteers. Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church hosted Red Cross blood drive, 23 units

were collected, enough to save 69 lives. Working with Lynda Shaheen on Membership Appreciation Night in September.

Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad

The 20th is the deadline for articles/ads. Appreciate all the content submitted the past few months.

Committee Reports (as needed)

Schools –Colleen Dhennin

School committees and staff preparing for new school year. Staff returns on August 22, first day of school September 3 (PreK and K on September 4). Met with PTA and Site Committee. Open House August 29 at BME and Anwatn. Two events planned for August 24, PTA beautify BME at the school and Pre-K - grade 5 aged students and caregiver gathering. Possible October finish for new playground. Colleen will post all school events on BMNA website and through social media.

Active Transportation- Josh Nichols.

Alec Werning reported Two events in July-Pedal to Petal and music ride to the Trailhead. Walked with House Representative Frank Hornstein to National Night Out parties. Applications for traffic calming being accepted by City of Minneapolis Vision Zero. Individuals can submit, committee will submit multiple applications. Meeting about sponsoring a Park(ing) Day, have a picnic in a parking space. Alec will explore whether the city is still doing “parklets”

Racial Justice – Steve Harvey

Next meeting September 18.

Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/ Dennis Juillerat

Drew Quirk reporting. Hedge is doing well, trimmed four times this summer. Looking for outside help for mulching and trimming

Gardens – Drew Quirk

Discussed terms for absorbing the hedge into the garden committee. Would become another garden in our program. Dennie Juillerat and Karen Fredrickson would stay on as stewards. Planning budget for 2025.

35 people on Pedal to Petal, ended at JD Rivers Garden. Stewards shared info about their gardens. Will look at possibility of selling plants from downtown planters after the season.

Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley Committee chairs asked to review their budgets. Planning for 2025 budget will begin in October.

Façade Grant – Addie

First grant in the works for Market for new signage. Grants will fund 1/3 of expenses.

Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements.

CenterPoint Update. Carolyn Bastick. CenterPoint has finished the first phase on Upton. Relocating meters outside. Hannah Gullickson is CenterPoint contact.

hannah.gullickson@CenterPointEnergy.com Working on the east side of south/north streets. Lifting multiple panels of sidewalk. There is no parking during the day, can park from 6:00pm – 7:00am. The second phase will involve extensive digging. Neighbors are encouraged to be in their yards when the work starts. Sign up for updates at CenterPointEnergy.com/Construction Michael Martens attended the University of Minnesota Lab tour with Park Board rep Elizabeth Shaffer.

Adjourned at 7:27 PM

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
 Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Upcoming Events:
 Membership Night, September 2024

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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Parking Rules Refresher

As Bryn Mawr grows and welcomes new businesses and residents, here are a few parking reminders for our shared city streets. It's been a long time for most of us since we memorized these rules for a driver's exam!



- No parking within 5 feet of a driveway or alley entryway, measured from where the curb meets the driveway.
- No parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.
- No parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk or intersection unless there is a sign or parking meter.
- No parking within 30 feet of a stop sign or traffic light, unless there is a sign or parking meter.
- No vehicle may be parked over 72 hours. A vehicle missing vital parts will be towed.

- Vehicles must be parked within 12 inches of the curb and parked in the direction of traffic flow.
- No parking for vehicles over 10,000 pounds unless the vehicle is loading, unloading or providing a service.
- No commercial vehicle parking unless the vehicle is loading, unloading or providing a service.

If you have questions or concerns about a parking issue, please call 311.



Bugle Notes

Area 3

Area 3 BMNA Co-Representative, Alison Batzli and her husband Bennett welcomed Vera Elliot Batzli on August 7. Congratulations Batzli family!



Local Photographers

Bryn Mawr residents Julia Classen (Area 7) and Jack Mader (Area 3) will be part of "HPC Collection", a twenty five artist show featuring the photography of the Homewood Photo Collective. The show is at Homewood Studios 2400 Plymouth Ave N Minneapolis 55411 and runs from September 6th through September 28th, opening reception Friday September 6th, 5-8pm, gallery hours for the show are Mondays and Fridays 2-6pm, Tuesdays 5-8pm and Saturdays 1-4pm.

It's just up the road, check it out! For more information about HPC Collection go to www.hpc.photos

- Jack Mader, Area 3

Adult Education Series

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Adult Education will meet in person and via Zoom, from 9:15-10:15 am, Sunday mornings Sept 8, 2024 through May 18, 2025. Anyone is welcome to attend. Bryn Mawr Church is located at 420 S. Cedar Lake Rd, www.brynmawrchurch.org. Topics and dates include:

- Sept. 8 - Oct. 13: *What makes you come alive: A spiritual walk with Howard Thurman*, by Howard Thurman
- Oct. 30 - Nov. 17, Dec. 1 (no class Nov. 24): *Jesus and John Wayne: How White evangelicals corrupted a faith and fractured a nation*, by Kristin Kobes du Mez
- Dec. 8: "Slavery and commodity chains," article by Vincent Miller
- Dec. 15: "The gift economy," article by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- Dec. 22 & 29: No class
- Jan. 5 - Feb. 16 (no class February 9): *How the word is passed: A reckoning with the history of slavery across America*, by Clint Smith
- Feb. 23 - March 30: *Rest is resistance: Free yourself from grind culture and reclaim your life*, by Tricia Hersey
- April 6 - 13 and April 27 - May 18 (no class April 20): *The serviceberry: Abundance and reciprocity in the natural world*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer and John Burgoyne. OR *Voices in the stones: Life lessons in the Native way*, by Kent Nerburn

Area 5

Jenny Carlson has been a blood donor for the Red Cross since 1997. Jenny has donated 29 times since the organization became digital. That is 3 gallons of blood donated. Jenny has donated at each blood drive event in Bryn Mawr and appreciates the convenience. She is registered for the November 22nd blood drive in Bryn Mawr.

Pup of the Month

By Carter Casmaer

Welcome to 'Pup of the Month', where we showcase Bryn Mawr's goodest dogs!

This month we have the absolute privilege of introducing Hattie! This absolute legend of a pup is a 5 year old Aussie Doodle born in New Prague, MN and raised in Bryn Mawr. If one spends just a few minutes with Hattie it's readily apparent, with her quiet confidence and joyful, bright disposition that she is most definitely an Aries.

If there was ever a country populated solely by Doodles (we can hope!) Hattie would be their ambassador. While her dog diplomacy skills are unparalleled, Hattie has a secret weapon up her sleeve that has been melting hearts from Bryn Mawr Meadows to Wirth Lake - her eyelashes! Once she begins batting those outrageously long lashes your way it won't be long before you're handing over your human food (but not before telling her that she is a very good girl).

Speaking of human food Hattie has quite the sophisticated palette. She is a fine judge of peanut butter, ice cream and all manner of dairy products. Following her nightly walk Hattie enjoys beef jerky which, incredibly, she declines at other times of the day. She is the only pup we are aware of that routinely enjoys a beef jerky night cap. However, we don't want to give you the impression that Hattie's life is all long walks, ice cream and beef jerky. She also finds time to bark at squirrels, contemplate the fish



residing in her backyard's koi pond, wrestle with her friends Zula and Milo and even goes to the dog spa every month or so to keep her coat magnificently soft.

Hattie is deeply appreciative of her people and how they help her live her best life. She knows that it's not always easy to be a human and she sees our species sometimes struggle under the weight of expectations and obligations. She wants you to know that you're all marvelous and that she sees you out there trying hard to do the right thing everyday and that she is so proud of you. She hopes you remember that your best self is your authentic self and that, most importantly, you should be having a little fun!

If you'd like to submit an outstanding pup to be recognized please don't hesitate to contact brynmawrpupofthemonth@gmail.com.

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Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Area 1	September 9 September 23		
Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7, 8, 9	September 16 September 30	September 3	
Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		September 17	September 4

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



Area 4 Bugle Block Distributor Needed!

Russell between Laurel and Cedar Lake Rd and around the block to Sheridan (14 households)

The Bugle is delivered to every household each month by volunteer neighbors. The person who has been doing this route for many years, has stepped down. If you are willing able to take it over, please email bugle@bmna.org and we will connect you with the Area 4 distributor.

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From the Editor

As Summer winds down and school begins, I am struck by how fast the year has flown by. When you reach a certain age, you realize that you cannot wish away the time. It is important to savor the moments large and small so that they stay with you.

A work colleague retired recently. At her send-off party we got to meet her one-year-old granddaughter and hear about all her travel and adventure plans. She is quickly settling into a life full of special moments.

Tomorrow, our daughter and her husband return from their honeymoon and begin their professional lives in Minnesota. I am still pinching myself that they have moved here. For so long, we were counting the days until they came or we went for a visit. Now they are just around the corner in St. Paul.

The coming days will include a trip to the Fair and time at the cabin. Then we settle into simpler, more casual visits. And who knows what else?!

All of my travel plans in recent memory were centered around connecting with our then located-elsewhere child. Now my vacation time can be spent on purely recreational (and my late father would insist, educational) adventures.

Closer to home, the Ice Cream Social was another success. Somehow this year, the event did not fall on a performance date for one of my musicals. So, I actually got to attend. What fun to catch up with so many neighbors and see all the young people with their smiling, messy faces. The evening was made even more enjoyable accompanied by the music of Chicky Rooster, featuring long-time Area 4 resident Deacon Warner. I even got a scoop of my favorite raspberry chocolate chip ice cream from Sebastian Joes.

The BMNA sure does know how to throw a party. If you loved it or you missed it, there is another chance this month when Member Night happens on September 26 at Utepils. Then it will be Sip & Stroll in October, Harvest Dinner in November and Saturnalia in December. Then, POOF! Another year swept away.

The teachers are back at schools and the children return next week. Amongst all the gas line replacement work and barriers, remember to keep a sharp eye out for school buses and young ones on their bikes and on foot. Be safe out there people and embrace the joyful moments.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, editor@bmna.org

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Save the Date for Ward 7 Budget Workshop

City Council Person Katie Cashman is hosting a budget workshop for Ward 7 stakeholders on Thursday, September 26th at the Woman's Club (410 Oak Grove St) in Loring Park! With participation by the City's Budget Director and the Chairs of our City Council's Budget Committee, Council Vice President Chughtai and Council Member Koski, we'll learn the basics of how the City's budget works and collaborate in teams to identify Ward priorities and trade-offs.

This will be a great opportunity to actively participate in the City's 2025 budgeting process. Registration is open and encouraged.



Minneapolis Offers Trees for Sale

The City of Minneapolis is offering \$30 trees until September 30 through the City Trees program. Residents, property owners, and businesses can purchase up to three trees per address. Trees provide shade, lower utility bills, increase property values, clean the air, collect stormwater, and provide habitat for wildlife.

Since 2006, the City Trees program has provided more than 20,000 low-cost trees to residents. Shade trees, fruit trees, flowering trees, and evergreen trees are available.

Help the City of Minneapolis go green and purchase a tree today!
<https://mpls-tree-sale.myshopify.com>

Open Streets!

Open Streets Minneapolis, the City's popular summer event series is hosting two events in September. Open Streets Minneapolis events transform the street for a day. Without cars, people can gather and celebrate the diversity and creativity of the city while walking, biking and rolling.

West Broadway between Lyndale Avenue North and Penn Avenue North
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21

The West Broadway Business Coalition plans on more than 250 vendors and activities spread across 17 blocks. Live music, dance performances and cultural showcases will celebrate the rich diversity of north Minneapolis. Pop-up markets and a cultural food court will feature the heritage of the community through handmade crafts and culinary delights.

Nicollet Avenue from West 31st Street to West 46th Street
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

The Lyndale Neighborhood Association offers live music stages, art

activities and inflatables, skateboard demonstrations, and a 5K Run for Beer. Restaurants will offer food and drink specials with special menu items only found at Open Streets.

Remember to Call 311

A very close call with a large vehicle on Penn Ave and Cedar Lake Road prompted me to be scared for my family's (and my neighbors') lives when crossing our intersections during busy times. My adrenaline-fueled fear turned to helpless frustration before arriving at a tenacious motivation to understand how we can tell the city of Minneapolis that some intersections are more dangerous than others (in the hopes of helping the city prioritize safety measures prior to harm occurring at a busy spot in our neighborhood).

If you are involved in an incident where a traffic violation or injury occurs, call 911 immediately. But if the incident was resolved in only close calls and potential danger, the right thing to do is call 311. I called 311 for the close call my family experienced. In the span of a few minutes, I spoke to a very helpful representative who collected my report, and submitted a case report to the Minneapolis Streets department under a "Traffic General Case with Callback". I anticipate a callback if further information is needed and to hear if there is any immediate action the city can take to improve the safety of that location.

Neighbors should call 311 to report close calls or dangerous interactions at intersections like Penn Ave and Cedar Lake Road to assist the city in collecting incident data.

- Your neighbor,, Alec Werning

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The reviews speak for themselves (using very ableist language!)



2 months ago
So who wanted an over priced/ under stocked coop? It looks worse than it did before, prices are even higher, staff members are now rude(didn't used to be) and the owner is crazy.

Wanna read some schizo political posting ?check out what Steve's posting on THE COMPANY Face-book. Most unprofessional and unhinged business account I've ever seen.

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City Budget Workshop

with
Ward 7 Council Member
Katie Cashman

Thurs, Sept. 26th
6:00 - 8:00 pm

The Woman's Club of Minneapolis

410 Oak Grove St.

ADA access and limited free parking available via 410 Oak Grove (south) entrance. Walking, transit, and rolling strongly encouraged!



RSVP not required, but helpful!

Join Council Member Cashman and your neighbors to learn about the City's budgeting process and provide feedback on the community issues you'd like to see prioritized this year.

With projected budget deficits ahead, difficult decisions will need to be made. What would you like to see the City invest in? What trade-offs would you make? Attendees will receive grounding information and then work in groups to build consensus on top priorities.

We'll be joined by City Budget Director Discenza, Council Vice President Chughtai, and Council Member Koski, Chairs of the City Council's Budget Committee.



The meeting site is wheelchair accessible. For other reasonable accommodations such as a language interpreter or materials in an alternative format, please contact the Ward 7 office at 612-673-2207 or Ward7@minneapolismn.gov by September 19th. Para ayuda, llame al 311. Rau kev pab, hu 311. Hadii aad caawimaad u baahantahay, wac 311.



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BMNA

NNO with Frank...

It was a gorgeous evening to get together for National Night Out 2024 and it was an absolute pleasure to visit seven of the many gatherings in Bryn Mawr!

Our "gratitude" walk with Frank started in area 2 and meandered through to area 6 then to 5, each group of neighbors being as welcoming as the last!

Frank felt it was a very special evening and was moved by the kindness shown to him. And, we were regaled with impressions of Tim Walz and Paul Wellstone!

On behalf of the active transportation committee, thank you to all who were so kind to let us "crash" your gathering and to those we didn't get to, so sorry, we ran out of time and daylight as Frank was trying to get back home on his bike before sunset.



Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - September 2024

All meetings are open - everyone is welcome. Neighbors are urged to attend and participate in meetings and activities of special interest to them. Meetings are held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church unless otherwise noted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Labor Day Holiday 2	First day of school year for Minneapolis Public Schools Grades 1-12 3	4	First day of school year for Minneapolis Public Schools Grades PreK-K 5	6	7
Bryn Mawr Church 8 100 Year Celebration	9	10	BMNA Monthly meeting 6:30pm Bryn Mawr Church, 6:30pm & Google Meet. Joining link posted on BMNA.org. 11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	ATC Park(ing) Day Porluck 6pm 20 Submissions due for next Bugle. Drop in the Bugle Box at the Market or email bugle@bmna.org	21
22	23	24	25	BMNA Member Night 5-7pm at Utepils 26	27	28
29	30					

Ice Cream Social

We had over 500 neighbors attend the BMNA Ice Cream Social this year. It was a gorgeous evening with outstanding ice cream and sorbet from Sebastian Joes and popsicles from Jonny Pops. Neighbors donated 126 food shelf items for NorthPoint and Bryn Mawr Market collected \$134 in their change bucket for the food shelf. Chicky Rooster kept us entertained during this event. Thank you to all of our volunteers.

- Photos by Jay Peterson, Area 6



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What happened to my Lilacs!

Like many of us, you may have been wondering what happened to your Lilacs this summer when the leaves turned dark brown and fell off. Take hope. The blight probably is not terminal. It could have been caused by a bacterium (*Pseudomonas syringae*) which causes leaf darkening, leaf wilting and leaf dropping. This is largely a cosmetic condition. Unless it occurs for several years, it has little adverse effect. It is typically associated with wet conditions like those we had this summer. It is NOT a fungus, and fungicides are of no use. The blight can be transmitted from one season to the next via leaf debris. To prevent transmission it is essential to do fall cleanup. A *Cercospora* or *Septoria* fungus could also be a cause of blight, but with different symptoms. The symptoms of this blight are small, brown to black spots surrounded by a yellow halo appearing on the lilac leaves. The leaves become distorted and drop prematurely. Whichever blight your lilacs have, it should not be lethal. Do not feel that they must be dug up and discarded. They should recover, although their blooming may be delayed.

Many lilacs have not had proper pruning for several years and would benefit from some rejuvenation pruning. This means removing dead wood and volunteer bushes. Cut off one-third of the large stems reducing the lilac bush by a third. This improves air movement and circulation throughout the lilac bush, reducing the spread of blight. Done every two years, it allows the smaller shoots to grow up, essentially creating a new lilac bush.

- Barry Schade, Area 6



New Signs and Wayfinding Kiosks Coming Soon to Theodore Wirth Regional Park

Work is underway on installing 100+ new signs across the largest park in the Minneapolis park system. More than 100 new signs or wayfinding kiosks are being installed across Theodore Wirth Regional Park right now! Soon visitors to the largest park in the Minneapolis park system will be greeted by large welcome kiosks with maps and park information at every parking lot and major gathering spot. In addition, new smaller signs will help guide trail users to various destinations within the park. It will take several weeks to install all of the new signage and kiosks. No significant trail closures or detours are expected. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board appreciates the public's patience as work progresses on this project, which will make Wirth Park more accessible to a greater variety of users.

September Events at JD Rivers' Garden

Star Party at JD Rivers' Garden
September 12, 7-9pm
JD Rivers' garden is a host site for the Bell Museum's annual Star Party! This year we are celebrating the moon, our closest celestial neighbor. Come to JD Rivers' garden for moon related activities and crafts, as well as the opportunity to look through a telescope at the moon and stars.

Black to Nature: How Do you Like Them Apples

September 14, 1-3pm
Join us at JD Rivers' Garden for storytelling, arts and crafts, apple pressing and cider-making. Learn about the garden's history, its community connections and ways you might get involved. Garden tours will be led by MPRB naturalists. Local artists will share stories and art making activities as part of the Black to Nature program series.



Mixed Precipitation Theater Picnic Operetta

September 15, 3-5pm
Mixed Precipitation Theater performs their last picnic operetta of the season, "Faust", west of the JD Rivers' Garden. The garden and produce market are open for the duration of the show and afterwards. Public event for all, no registration or fees through MPRB, suggested donation of \$5 & up to Mixed Precipitation for performance viewing. Mixed Precipitation celebrates 16 years of outdoor summer fun with a new production adapted from composer Charles Gounod's 1859 opera Faust, with a libretto by Jules Barbier and Michael Carré. In the not-so-distant future, scientist and entrepreneur Dr. Johann Faust faces a planet in crisis but no motivation to spare humanity its fate. He yearns to find a life of meaning and love. Méphistophélès, a mysterious extraplanar entity with a devilish charm, appears with a bargain: Relocate Earth's climate refugees to a lunar colony and win the love of the brilliant physicist Marguerite. Together, Faust and his mysterious companion launch a fanatical quest to save humanity and reach beyond the limits of human potential. Dr. Faust finds himself torn between the love of his life and the conditions of his bargain. The music of Depeche Mode is laced into this tale, featuring the work of songwriters Vince Clarke and Martin Gore.

September 17, 2024 Full moon, the Ojibwe Manominike Giziz or wild rice harvest moon. September in the Twin Cities tends to be rainy in mid-month, clear early and late.

September 22, 2024 Autumn equinox. Days and nights of equal length. Birds, monarch butterflies, dragonflies, and bats sense the declining daylight and start to head south.

September 23, 1983 Low 30°, a record and the earliest reading below 32° I've recorded. Garden plants OK in our yard.

September 25, 1985 0.4 inches of snow, earliest I've recorded.

September 26, 1993 Robins gathering in large flocks in Bryn Mawr, getting ready to migrate.

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Gardens

Summer has gotten away from me. We've been traveling too much and when we arrive back home the weeds are unruly, the tomatoes are just about bursting and the rabbits are disappointed you're home. As my family and I drive down Penn Ave., we pass the Mobil Station garden, proudly displaying "Welcome to Bryn Mawr", but the garden is a MESS! I keep thinking: "Gee, I wish someone would keep up that Mobil station garden— every day, hundreds of motorists drive by our little slice of heaven and are greeted by the beautifully manicured hedge and little hamlet of shops —we only get one chance to make a good impression. I finally decided to dig in and get my hands dirty:-) Anna Quirk here, guest columnist and newest garden steward of the Mobil Station Garden! Last Sunday, a few volunteers and I spent two glorious hours pulling weeds and making some decisions about the future of this sweet garden plot. We found some really great plants under all the extraneous flora and the plan to maintain and improve the garden is forthcoming. Reach out to gardens@bmna.org or attend our next Garden meeting to get involved!



Thinking about what to do with your boulevard?

With the gas line upgrade and gas meter relocation process that has begun in Bryn Mawr, people are more focused on their streetside landscaping and are trying to prepare for some disruption to their "home turf". Those of us with boulevard gardens seem the most worried about what will happen to our yards. It seems an opportune time to talk about boulevard gardening and the city rules and common-sense practices that should be guiding all boulevard gardeners.



Boulevards are, for some, the sunniest spots in their otherwise shady property. So, it is rational that planting sun-loving perennials, or even herbs and vegetables in this sunny location would be appealing. But there are many factors to consider before one rips up all their boulevard grass and begins planting coneflowers and tomatoes.

Boulevards are part of a homeowner's property. However, the city has what is known as an easement; a strip 14' deep in from the curb, in which they can dig for utility work if needed. They are not legally responsible for replacing any plants that might be affected by the utility work. So that is one of the risks one takes when boulevard gardening.

When I am asked by a friend or neighbor if they should get rid of their grass and instead plant a boulevard garden my advice is many times "No." This is because people frequently think a boulevard garden will be less work than mowing, which it is not, particularly in the establishment phase. Initially you need to remove all existing grass, a large task that needs to be done thoroughly unless you want to be pulling up grass remnants well into the future. And even before the grass removal, you need to call Gopher One to have them mark utilities. You don't want to inadvertently stab a shovel into a utility line.

There is a myriad of factors that go into achieving successful boulevard gardens. First off, there are the city rules, which mostly concern plant height. No plants should exceed 36" in height within a boulevard. The height restrictions near intersections and alleys and driveways are more restrictive. Plants cannot be taller than 18" within 40 feet of an intersection and within 10' of an alley or driveway. These are rules meant to keep us all safe. They are to ensure sight lines are clear to ensure oncoming traffic and/or pedestrians are visible. It is the same reason one is not allowed to park too near stop signs. Accidents happen when you cannot see people or approaching cars.

Another design consideration is to accommodate cars parking next to a boulevard garden and the passengers exiting those cars. Ideally there is a 1-2' edge left at the curb that can be



walked upon. It could be made of brick, pavers, flagstone, mulch or low growing plants that can be walked upon. It also is wise to incorporate a walkway from curb to sidewalk to break up any long stretches of garden. With these pathways in place, your visitors will be happy, and you will not be cursing friends and neighbors who cannot help but tramp on your flower beds.

Resist the impulse to place any structures or anything difficult to move within the boulevard. No archways, containers or boulders. These cannot be easily moved and can cause problems with opening car doors, as well. Boulevard trees can present challenges, too. Tree roots will be established and need to be worked around when planting takes place. It behooves the gardener AND the tree to leave an area that is mulched but not planted at the base of the tree. Plants placed too close to the tree will compete with the tree for sun and moisture and may not thrive.

The soil level of a boulevard garden is a real concern. The soil needs to be at or below the sidewalk and curb level. A few inches below grade are ideal for the garden to accommodate a decent layer of mulch which can then stay in place and not wash away during rain events.

Creating a shallow depression within a boulevard turns it into a mini rain garden, trapping and filtering excess rain. There should be no mounding of the soil within the boulevard. When soil is mounded, rain runs off quickly without benefiting the plantings, taking soil with it and ultimately doing harm to our storm sewer system and waterways.

City boulevards are a challenging place to garden. Many times, the soil is less than ideal. It may be compacted from foot traffic. It may get more salt than the rest of your yard. It likely has a very high snow load in the winter. It is exposed to more visitors than the rest of your property. You may have to stand in the street to do some weeding. But it can be a rewarding endeavor if you have the time, energy and commitment to take on additional gardening space.

I am always gratified as I am out weeding or deadheading or propping

up some floppy blossom with a stake, to have passers by compliment me on our boulevard plantings. Studies have shown boulevard gardens slow traffic. A good thing.

And I can attest that they encourage neighborhood friendliness.

Garden Sponsor Opportunity

Looking to create a meaningful impact in your community? Adopt a garden! With your support, you can ensure that one of the twelve BMNA gardens is thriving and inviting to all!

With limited city funding, we rely on your financial contribution to maintain the beauty of our neighborhood. Your sponsorship of a garden includes:

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Your name will be recognized in the Bugle and on-site throughout the growing season to acknowledge your valuable contribution to the garden and your BMNA community. Did we mention that your contribution is tax-deductible?

Please help grow your community! Register your family or business to support your neighborhood garden. From the donation web page: www.bmna.org/membership-and-donations/ choose the "donate in memory/honor" and type Garden Sponsor in the "in memory or honor of" box. Recommended sponsorship amount is \$50, which covers the cost of basic mulching and watering for a typical garden. Thank you for your support!

Next Garden Committee Meeting

Monday, September 9, 7-8:30pm.

Check back at bmna.org/events for the latest info or follow us on facebook. Join us to talk about community garden work day events, improvement projects, gardening fun and learning activities. Regardless of skill level, we could use your help! And keep an eye out for our signs to join in the fun on any workday.

Have Questions? Want to learn more?

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Youth & Schools

MPS Places Tech Levy Question Before Voters on November Ballot

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - August 7, 2024 - The Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) School Board approved a technology levy ballot question that will seek \$20 million in additional annual tech funding from Minneapolis taxpayers this fall.

If approved, the tech levy would not significantly increase the amount of money MPS spends on technology beyond typical staffing and other cost increases, or add new technology initiatives. Instead, it would minimize cuts to other MPS areas by allowing the general funds currently spent on technology to be used for other programs and services.

Like school districts across the state and country, MPS faces continued budget challenges despite tightening its budget and getting more revenue from the state. This is because of increased costs in areas like salaries and transportation, chronic underfunding of programs like special education and English learner services, and declining student enrollment.

"Raising revenue through this technology levy is just one way MPS is working to stabilize its financial situation and ensure a secure future for all students," said MPS Senior Finance Officer Ibrahima Diop. "If the levy increase is not approved, MPS will have to make further reductions to

resources, programs and support which are critical for our students."

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5, with early voting options available. Learn more about the technology levy on our website. Voters can check their registration status, register to vote, view a sample ballot and find their polling places on the Minnesota Secretary of State's website.

Register for School

Are you new to Bryn Mawr and have kids ages 4-18? Don't forget to register for school by calling 612-668-1840 or emailing sps.department@mpls.k12.mn.us for more information. You can also visit in person at John B. Davis Education Center, 1250 W. Broadway Ave, Minneapolis. Explore options online at <https://explorempls.org/>

Contact Information For Our Community Schools

(note schools are closed for summer break until late August)

Bryn Mawr Elementary (PreK-5)
252 Upton Avenue South
612-668-2500
brynmawr.mpls.k12.mn.us

Anwatin Middle School (6-8)
International Baccalaureate
256 Upton Avenue South
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anwatin.mpls.k12.mn.us

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Parents and scholars at Bryn Mawr Community School extend their thanks to our neighbors who have volunteered their time and expertise to bring joy to our students and improve our school this summer.

A special thank you to the group of neighbors who gathered Saturday, August 24th to

beautify our school grounds by clearing invasive plants and weeds, exposing lovely perennials to the sun, and planting new plants. The fresh face of our school will be a welcome sight to our students as they begin the new school year!

- Colleen Dbennin, BMNA Schools Committee



Bryn Mawr scholars and their parents gathered for a pizza playdate at Wirth playground on August 24th to share summer news and information to prepare for the 2024-25 school year.



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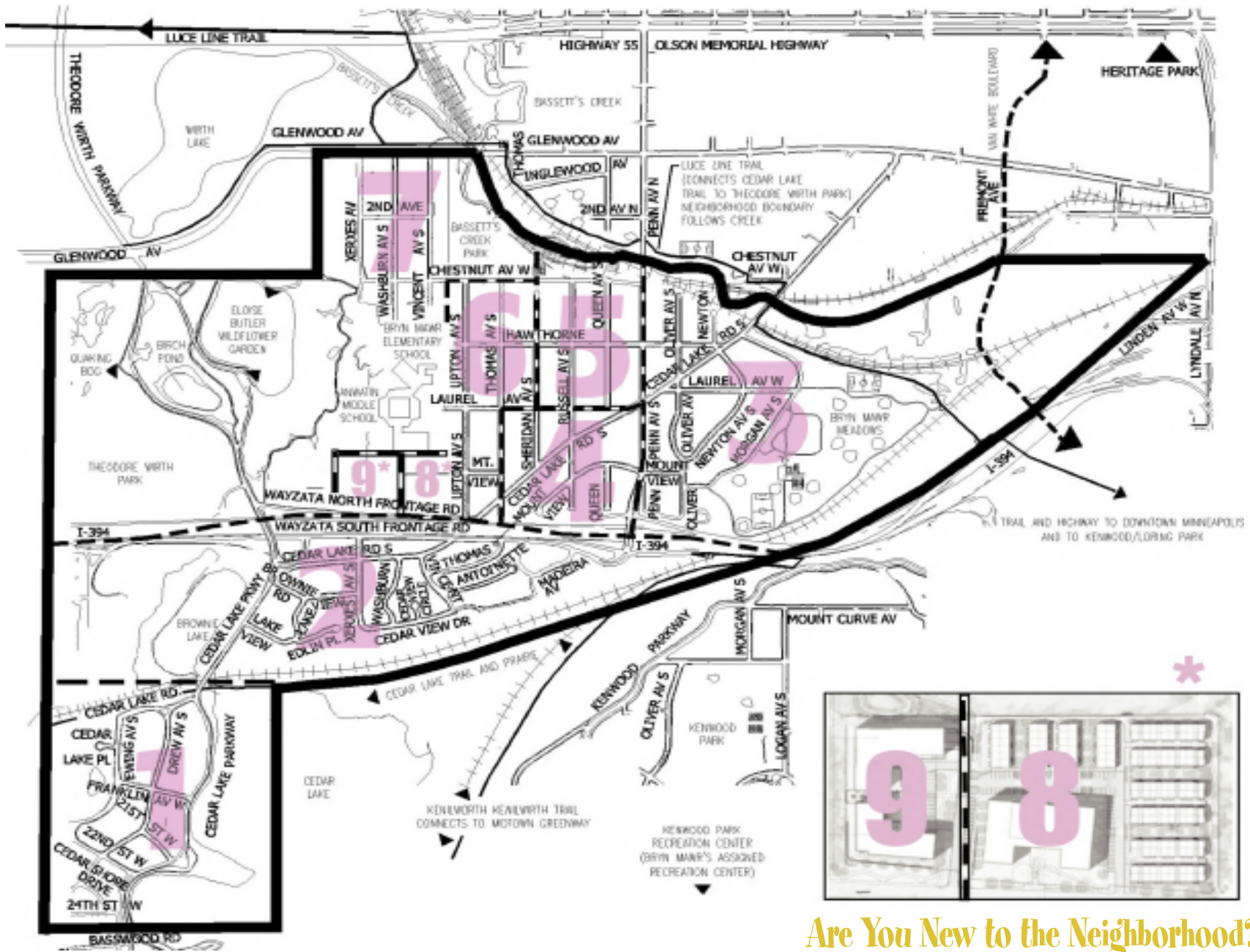
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