



BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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**Thursday, October 10th
6:00-8:00 PM**

This is the night for our local businesses to shine, meet their neighbors and share information about their business.

Here's how this event works....

1. Start at Big Hill Books. Pick up your checklist of participating businesses, check out the prizes donated by our local businesses and our new BMNA swag. Check in is in the basement of Big Hill Books.

2. Visit each business on your checklist. Introduce yourself to the owner/owners and have your checklist initialed.
3. Drop your completed checklist in the BMNA box at Big Hill Books. Don't forget your name and phone number!
4. There will be a drawing about 8:15 PM at Cuppa Java. Stick around and see if you are a winner.

*Cuppa Java is staying open late for this event. We are grateful for their support of this event.

*Big Hill Books are donating their space this year.

This is a free event for Bryn Mawr neighbors. Our local businesses roll out the red carpet for you on this night. Join your neighbors and support our local businesses.



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.

40th Anniversary of the Newton Avenue Block Party

The 400 block of Newton Ave South held their 40th Annual Block Party on Saturday, September 7. A new tradition was started—street Pickleball. As in past years, there was corn hole and a ping pong table. While some things might change, what stays the same is strings of lights, a fire pit, roasted corn, a keg of beer, barbecued chicken, brats, and hamburgers, potluck side dishes, pie, cake, children of all ages riding bikes and scooters through the crowd, and neighbors who enjoy being together.





BMNA Reporter

BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 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
- Mark Henry -Area 3 Co-Rep
- Beth Franzen -Area 4 Co-Rep
- Joshua Nichols -Area 4 Co-Rep
- Colleen Dhennin -Area 5 Co-Rep
- Beth Turnbull -Area 5 Co-Rep
- Katy Kessler -Area 5 Co-Rep
- Haven Stephens -Area 6 Co-Rep
- Drew Quirk- Area 6 Co-Rep
- Stephen Harvey - Area 7 Co-Rep
- Michael Scott -Area 9 Co-Rep
- Jay Peterson - Emeritus
- Barry Schade - Emeritus - OL

Guests:

- Kenn Hum -Area 4
- Atsuko Fukushi -Area 4
- Mark Dhennin -Area 5
- Michael Martens -Area 6
- Mary Ann Carpenter -Area 9
- OL - online

Call to Order at 6:35 PM

Agenda approved.
Minutes from August 14, 2024, approved.

City of Minneapolis - Councilperson Katie Cashman

Read updates from Cashman at minneapolismn.gov/ward7

Crime Prevention Specialist Report -

Only property crimes reported for this month. Three stolen vehicles, one running with keys in it while owner mailed a letter. Follow-up concerning assault from last month; Brian Treece checked with Shannon McDonough, will follow up with his response. 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

Distributed budget report compared to actuals. Reviewed revenue and expenses to date. Question about in-kind donations, both in-kind revenue and expenditures are tracked in QuickBooks.

Event Coordinator Report - Patty Wycoff

From submitted report. Member Night at Utepils from 5:00- 7:00PM September 26. Sandwich board is up, printed a new poster. Sip and Stroll Thursday, Oct. 10th. Meeting with a representative from Preserve Minneapolis to plan Bryn Mawr historical walking tour, possibly scheduled for August 2025.

Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad

The 20th is the deadline for articles/ads. Steve Harvey drops off Bugles at WOTW and Penhurst. Looking for help delivering Bugles to Townhouses.

Webmaster - Jeremy Staffeld

Quiet month.

Committee Reports (as needed)

Schools -Colleen Dhennin
Playground behind Bryn Mawr Elementary scheduled for

demolition/new build on September 21. Anticipating 2-4 weeks for completion. Tearing out everything, wood chip surface, will not have swings. Oct 8 Fall Social and State of the School spaghetti dinner at 5:30, Principal Oldenburg giving academic presentation at 6:00, will be available for conversations. New science teacher hired. Looking for volunteers to help with outdoor activities. New family coordinator, Regina Jackson. Contact her about volunteering at Regina.Jackson@mpls.k12.mn.us First BMNA school committee meeting Monday 9/16.

Active Transportation- Josh Nichols. Met with MNDOT reps, Office of Equity and Small Projects, LRT trail reps to discuss safety issues. Flags placed at the four corners of Penn/Cedar Lake Rd. for safe crossing. Take a flag, walk across the street, put it in the bucket on the other side. Dick Adair encouraging the park board to buy a parcel of land by the old paper mill on Bassett's Creek, Wellington has purchased paper mill. The walking/bike bridge by the impound lot is completed, not open as it's still an active construction site, not accessible for everyone. Michael Scott reported that a metro stop shelter on Wayzata Blvd will not be provided due to lack of riders. Scott feels the stats are not accurate. Transportation Committee and Brian Treece will continue to help secure a shelter.

Racial Justice - Steve Harvey Online meeting 9/18 at 7:00. Scheduling movie night in November, Native American Heritage month, and February, Black History month. Sacred Sites Tour in October. Will discuss planting trees in North Minneapolis.

Parks - Chris Etz/Barry Schade BioBlitz in Wirth Park on September 28.

Gateway Project - Karen Frederickson/ Dennis Juillerat Working on remediation for fungal rust disease affecting the hedge.

Gardens - Drew Quirk Clean up events took place at the Mobil Station, Newton Avenue triangle. Will be looking for ways to finance projects including decorating downtown. Hosting a volunteer appreciation activity.

Finance/Membership - Jessica Wiley Committees should be reviewing budgets.

Communications - Jay Peterson Met with 7 vendors, city rep, and Nativ3 for website redesign. All 83 neighborhoods in Minneapolis have websites, reviewed them. Looking at using Square Space or Word Press. Primarily doing a tech upgrade, not a complete rebuild

Community Projects - Jessica Wiley Big Hill books picnic tables, decorating the 394 pedestrian bridge, and the chickadee landing project for the Nature Pre-School in process.

Façade Grant - Addie Arnold Close to finalizing a grant with Doug Anderson for Market tuckpointing. Interest expressed from Utepils. Three-year grant period.

Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

Governor's office has established a committee to coordinate commemoration of 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in 2026

Will discuss Blue Line extension at October meeting.

Board took an e-vote in September to approve sending a letter of support for federal grant money to expand the public EV charging infrastructure. Discussed by-law expectations and process for taking a Board E-vote. Look at a new electronic system for taking votes. Jay Peterson reported on the process of gas line replacement at his residence. Workers were very respectful of the garden. Took about an hour.

Area 6 Board Committee met about relationship with WOTW. Theodore hired 24-hour security. Eloise worked with management to get things dealt with. New management company hired. Townhouses are filling. Area 6 Reps have not fielded parking complaints lately. Snow removal will be an issue. As development fills, there could be continued issues with parking. MN House District 61A Candidate forum September 17 at Women's Club.

Adjourned at 7:45 PM
NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, October 9, 2024

- Upcoming Events:**
- Park(ing) Lot Day Potluck, September 20, 2024
 - Neighborhood Clean Up, September 21, 2024
 - Membership Night, September 26, 2024, 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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Bugle Notes

Area 4

Area 4 resident, Terri Stark has created the cover art for a new book. *Separating Church and State: How the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union Led the Nation in Religious Liberty* takes an inside look at the work of the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union's work on church-state issues including school prayer, proselytism, parochialism, religious discrimination, and deprogramming.

Author, Bruce Dierenfield, Ph.D., a graduate of St. Olaf College, utilizes the MCLU's archives, organizational interviews, court documents, and local newspapers. The book is published by Friends of the Bill of Rights Foundation and is available at ItascaBooks.com.

"Dr. Bruce Dierenfield's new book is a pleasure to read, a real page-turner. He has marshalled an incredible body of historical data into a truly compelling account of the MCLU's work under the late Dr. Matthew Stark, it's former president and executive director. Stark was like an army general, totally dedicated to winning. He would map out his strategy, gather intelligence about the enemy from newspaper clippings and surveys sent to schools, and send his troops to do battle in the law courts and in the courts of public opinion. His opponents are given a voice in the



book and in every case Matt Stark's response devastated their arguments. Because of him, the MCLU won many important victories for the Bill of Rights. I wish I had known all this history when I was president of the MCLU, so I could have done more to keep Matt Stark's vision alive. The rights we enjoy now seem like part of the fabric of our lives, taken for granted, but each right was hard-won with the incredible work of Matt Stark and the MCLU. As one government official noted, the MCLU helped move Minnesota "well ahead of the world" on prodding government to preserve religious liberty."

*-James H. Manaban, J.D.,
Past President, ACLU of Minnesota*

Domestic Abuse Project (DAP): Working to End Family Violence

It is highly likely that someone in your family or group of friends is involved in an abusive relationship. The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control data suggests that over 1 in 3 women (35.6%) experience abuse in their lifetime. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, the Domestic Abuse Project is celebrating their 45th year of service.

Laurie, a domestic abuse survivor, had a nearly 20-year long journey to confront the abuse she was experiencing and seek help to overcome her fears for herself and her daughters. They all three found support at DAP. <https://mndap.org/art/project-two-llrgk-y59w3>.

At DAP, they work with families to end the cycle of abuse. They seek to permanently break the inter-generational cycle of family violence by leading societal change and by providing men, women and children with essential tools needed to eliminate violence in their lives.

DAP Advocacy supports victims as they navigate the legal system and connects them to resources a victim often needs in their moments of crisis.

DAP Therapy is for men, women and children who are at a place in

their lives when they can make real changes in their behaviors. In 1979, DAP was the first organization in MN to offer a therapy program for men who use abuse in their intimate relationships. Since then, DAP has worked to not only heal but to prevent - as their work with children is truly preventative. Without intervention, children who witness domestic violence are 64% more likely to grow up to be abusers or victims.

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

DAP has a budget of roughly \$1.9 million dollars, which funds programs and services such as:

The Men's Program - using trauma informed therapy to teach men about the cycle of domestic violence and how to stop their use of abuse.

The Women and Children's program - supporting women and children birth to 18 on their journey of healing from the traumatic effects of abuse.

Providing crisis intervention services for families who are trying to escape the abuse present in their lives and/or navigate the criminal justice system as an abuse victim.

For more information about DAP, to attend their 45th annual fundraising gala on October 24 at the Mosaic Venue, or to make a donation, visit www.DomesticAbuseProject.com.

- Jessica Wiley (Area 3) has been a volunteer at DAP since 2013.

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 distinct pleasure of introducing you all to Scout! Though small in stature Scout has an outsized presence very much fit for an Aquarius. This 9 year old absolute unit of a mini-Aussie is also sometimes known as the "Boss of Upton Ave". Scout spent his formative years in Utah, his ancestral home, where he earned his previous moniker "The Prince of Provo" through his completion of innumerable mountain traverses. A brief lay-over in Boston was all that stood between Scout and Minneapolis and my goodness are we happy that he convinced his humans to leave 'The Bay State' behind for more Northern latitudes. His tastes in human food have correlated closely with his humans growing mastery of the backyard pizza oven and he wants you all to know that if you see him on the street to now please refer to him simply as "Mr Pizza Monster". While he also loves a good rawhide what Scout really enjoys is liberating the internal squeaker from his toys and having you give it a toss. He is a protective, very silky, loving and playful pup and has singlehandedly converted multiple humans who weren't 'dog people' (do such people exist?) into joining the other side. Scout has, unfortunately, been bitten on a few occasions. Like many of us who've been hurt by others he's found it challenging to learn to trust again



and to let down the protective walls we understandably build around our hearts. He wants you to know that it takes strength to be vulnerable and to receive the love others have to give. He sees that you possess that strength and deserve all the love coming your way. Scout is making new dog friends by the day!

Circling back to Provo, did you know that every season before the Provo Recreation Center pool closes they hand over the reigns to the pups for a one day extravaganza called (no joke) the "Provo Puppy Paddle Pool Party"?! You would absolutely be correct to assume that Scout has been spotted on the water-slide among the pup glitterati of greater Salt Lake City. Attention Mayor Frey, Katie Cashman and the MPRB - if Provo can make it happen then so can we!

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
Area 1	October 14 October 28	
Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7	October 7 October 21	
Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		October 8 October 22
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

September did not disappoint. Summer-like days with seasonally appropriate cool nights. I think I heard something on MPR yesterday that this has been the overall warmest and driest September in recorded history - a far cry from the soggy early months when I didn't even need to water my tomatoes.

The garden is barely hanging on but outdoor grilling and dining has been a treat. The Farmer's Market is still going strong and the weather already looks perfect for the Active Transportation Committee's Pumpkin Ride on Oct. 5.

It should be an absolutely sublime night tomorrow for Member Night at Utepils. I will be at choir as I am every Thursday in the fall but my gluten intolerance means I cannot enjoy the specialties of the house anyway. I still just love the thought that it is happening and don't imagine my absence will spoil a great evening courtesy of the BMNA.

Our block party was this past Sunday. Like Newton Av in Area 3, we have held our version of National Night Out in mid-September for the past several years. It is fun to catch up and hear how everyone spent their summer. And even though we get an early start, the darkness breaks

up the party long before we are done visiting.

As recently happened in our family, people shared the joy of their grown and previously flown children moving back to Minnesota. At work today, a colleague said that Minnesota is a "sticky state". People who grow up here tend to stay or come back here. I love the thought of that. It really speaks to the sense of community that I see developed in Minneapolis and certainly here in Bryn Mawr.

The pontoon is still in the water and we will be on it this weekend. The sub-60 degree nights means the water will be what we call "fresca" at our house. But I will still probably brave it.

Most years we are talking about the peak of fall colors in September. But if you want to catch that now, you actually have to go north of the border. Hopefully, I will be in for a treat when I go to a work conference in Duluth in mid-October.

In the meantime, I plan to enjoy these last days of warmth and sunshine. Next month we will share pictures of Member Night, Sip & Stroll as well as the recent 100 year anniversary celebration of Bryn Mawr Church.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, editor@bmna.org

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Elections 2024

Voting Is a Choice and a Privilege – It’s Time For Our Youth to Exercise That Right

This is the sixth article in the League of Women Voters Minneapolis Democracy Series. All previous articles are available at lwvmpis.org/for-voters

Background

In 1971 with the passage of the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the voting age was lowered from 21 years to 18. Student protests against the Viet Nam War played a big part in forcing this change. The protesters argued that if 18 year-olds could fight and die for their country, they should be given the right to vote.

Today, 18 – 29 year-olds are by far the lowest turnout voting bloc in the country. The question is: why, and what can be done about it?

A Brief History

There has always been a battle to secure the right to vote. In the 1700’s, only white male land-owners enjoyed the privilege. In 1870, following the Civil War, the 15th Amendment ensured that people couldn’t be denied the right to vote based on their race. Women fought hard for a place at that table, but lost the battle. It took until 1920, after a fifty year hard-fought campaign, that women finally gained the right to vote.

In spite of legal gains, multiple forms of voter suppression – including poll taxes, literacy tests, English language requirements, and outright violence – continued to persist. It took the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to eliminate many of the voter suppression tactics that states employed to limit access by African American and other targeted groups.

Voting rights have been expanded to protect language minorities and people with disabilities, among other disenfranchised groups. But blatant and petty attempts at suppression and intimidation – eliminating voting locations, shortening hours – continue today. But without a civics education about the long struggle for the right to vote, young voters don’t have enough information to value this most basic democratic right – or to recognize that voting on issues they care about can impact them for years to come.

Voting Barriers Unique to This Group

Shannon Salter teaches civics in her working-class public high school. She has found that the pandemic caused so much isolation that many students “barely talked to anyone”. As a result, they couldn’t believe that their voice or opinion would make a difference. One student complained that social media and misinformation had “fried their attention spans”. Add to that, issues of poverty and racism, and what

they see as “ego-driven and aimless politics” that do nothing to address their issues, makes it hard for these students to see how voting could help to change their lives.

On a more basic level, young voters who are willing to vote face confusing, logistical barriers including: missing the registration deadline, working while attending school; not knowing where to send an absentee ballot; not knowing where to find a polling place; not having access to public transportation; etc. When your life is fluid and unstable, and you don’t know where you’re going to be in the near future, it’s hard to make a voting plan.

Traditional political campaigns don’t reach out to this age group, cutting them off from basic candidate information. Political parties are still using old forms of media and communication and are completely ignoring the preferred social media platforms where young voters get their news.

What Do They Care About

Youth-focused issues can differ from those of older voters. According to a recent study at Tufts University, their concerns are; jobs with a living wage, abortion, climate change and gun violence. Caryn Scheel is the Youth Engagement Coordinator for Minneapolis Elections and Voter Services. She would add the following issues from the highly diverse and marginalized youth she works with; mental health, public transportation, and homelessness as it relates to safety.

Opportunities to Engage

Jahnavi Rao founded the non-profit, New Voters, eight years ago at the age of 16, to address her age groups lack of engagement. Rao has found registration to be the key to voter engagement and outcome. Her goal is to register 85% of eligible students in each of the 450 schools throughout the country that New Voters has targeted. Once registered Rao has found that 80% of those new voters will cast a ballot.

Rao has had to win over teachers and administrators who consider discussing the election process to be political. New Voters begins its engagement process by holding non-partisan presentations in class home-rooms. Student leaders from clubs, sports, arts groups, etc., are identified to run each schools’ registration drive. They are assigned a mentor or are partnered with a community group like The League of Women Voters, who guide them through the process and provide registration materials. By being in charge and hands-on, these students gain owner-

ship of the process and are able to pass on their expertise.

Caryn Scheel’s job in Minneapolis is to line up student election judges for 137 polling places, typically located in underrepresented communities with the lowest voter turnout. After years of covid isolation, students have felt isolated, depressed, and lacking in social skills. Scheel says that being given a direct role in the election process not only helps to develop personal confidence, but also raises trust in how elections are run. An added benefit is that this sends a positive message to the families and communities of each newly engaged student.

Local Initiatives to Enlist Voters and Build Leadership

The MN Secretary of States office offers a wealth of information for high school voters: A teachers guide for registering students to vote; a statewide mock election; high school student resources; registration materials; webinars; elections dictionary; and much more (sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/get-involved/)

The MN Secretary of States site also offers support for college and university students, as well as for those serving in the military. These include: Elections resources; webinars; study abroad toolkit.

Based on accepting state and/or federal aid, postsecondary institutions are required to provide student housing lists to the county. The institutions must provide student registration forms to enrolled students in the fall and spring semesters. A campus vote coordinator must be appointed and the student government must be included in developing a voter engagement plan.

The Minnesota Youth Council “envisions a state where decisions that impact youth are made WITH and BY young people.” Its focus is on shaping policy and decision making, including in the area of civic engagement. (mnyouth.net/myc)

CityWide Student Leadership Board employs thirty students from twelve schools with diverse backgrounds to identify projects, collect data from their schools, and identify solutions. They advise district leaders regarding the educational experience in the MN Public Schools. (mpschoools.org/departments/student-engagement)

Conclusion

The problems of low youth turnout and engagement are there, but once identified, with work they are solvable. Already there are positive impacts from pre-registration, automatic registration, and same-day registration. But one thing is clear; the political parties need to sit up and listen. Gen Z and Millennials are scheduled to become a majority of the electorate later in this decade. If they get mobilized, they have the opportunity to shape the future for all of us whether we give them a voice or not. So, take three young people to a polling place. You won’t regret it!

Voting Open

Voters can cast their ballots early by mail or in person at the Early Vote Center, 980 E. Hennepin Ave.

Voting by mail

All mail-in ballots need to be received by Election Day (Nov. 5) to count. If you choose to deliver your ballot in person to the Elections & Voter Services office, it must be returned by 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 5. Mail ballots cannot be dropped off at polling places on Election Day.

Find more information on how to vote by mail on the City website. www.voteminneapolismn.gov

Voting at the Early Vote Center

The Early Vote Center, 980 E. Hennepin Ave., makes early in-person voting more convenient for Minneapolis voters. It’s especially helpful if you need language support or other special accommodations, such as curbside voting. Voting early can also help you avoid lines and crowds at polling places on the day of the election.

The Early Vote Center’s hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The center will extend its hours for the final two weeks of voting, including Saturdays and Sundays. Find all Early Vote Center hours on the City website.

For more information about registering and voting in Minneapolis, go to the City website. www.voteminneapolismn.gov

On the Ballot

Prepare to vote by knowing what will be on the November 5 ballot.

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U.S. Senator
U.S. Representative District 5
School Board Member At Large
School Board Member District 4
Chief Justice - Supreme Court
Associate Justice - Supreme Court 5
Associate Justice - Supreme Court 6
Judge - Court of Appeals 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14
Judge - Court of Appeals 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 22, 22, 24, 33, 40, 44, 48, 49, 56, 58, 59
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1
Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Renewal
SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1
Revoking Existing Technology Capital Project Levy Authorization;
Approving New Authorization

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From the Board

Submissions from BMNA Board Members

What is volunteerism? It is defined as “an act of doing work in community service.” I feel it important to stress how this keeps the wheels in all of our lives moving forward to benefit all.

Many think to themselves that their lives are too busy for volunteering. Perhaps they are already doing so, but don't define it as the dictionary does. The following are examples of what I've witnessed as a long-time resident:

- trash picked up on sidewalks and streets
- work in neighborhood gardens mulching and planting
- assisting in a sponsored BMNA special event
- driving a neighbor to a medical appointment
- shoveling snow for your property and others
- being a representative on your local BMNA Board or other non-profit board


- “adopt” a storm drain on your block for cleaning
- donating blood at our local drive
- mentoring a students or working in the classroom at our local schools,
- calling appropriate authorities to report incidents
- removing graffiti on public signs, watching a neighbors' property for them
- bringing a meal to one in need
- child sitting for someone.

Many of these are a onetime commitment and others more long term. My list could go on and on but these were a few examples. Anything you can do is appreciated. If you can fit one or more of these or other opportunities into your life you can feel proud that you have contributed to the wellness of our community. We in Bryn Mawr are renowned for our participation.

- Area 2 Co-Representative,
Susan Verrett

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - October 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	2	3	4	5 Active Transportation Pumpkin Ride to the Minneapolis Farmers Market. Meet up 10:20am at Garden of Hope and Healing
6	7	8	9 BMNA Monthly meeting 6:30pm Bryn Mawr Church, 6:30pm & Google Meet. Joining link posted on BMNA.org.	10 Sip and Stroll 6-8pm Bryn Mawr business district	11	12
13	14 Indigenous Peoples Day Water Blessing 10-11am at Bassett Creek, Garden Committee Meeting, 7-8:30pm gardens@bmna.org	15	16	17	18	19
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Out & About

Be Seen!

Grab a Flag!

You may have noticed buckets of orange flags at the busy intersection of Penn Ave and Cedar Lake Road, they're not part of the construction but, the color coordination is undeniable!

As the active transportation committee works with the city, county and MNDOT on more permanent solutions to make the intersection safer for pedestrians and cars, a fast option felt needed after two of our own committee members and their sweet pup had a very frightening experience just trying to get to the bookstore.

Hence, we decided to try "see me" flags! They're used in other cities and have proven to have a positive impact at 4 way stops(though it does feel like the stop sign is just a suggestion to some drivers) to create a safer crossing for pedestrian traffic.

If you experience a close call while crossing at any spot, please report it to 311. The record of incidents can help with our negotiations for a safer walking neighborhood!

Ok, back to the flags! It's easy!

Grab a flag, look for traffic, when it feels safe, cross through the crosswalk while waving your flag! Give a thanks to the drivers that are honoring your right of way. Drop the flag on the bucket on the corner! Be on your way!




More from Active Transportation

The Bryn Mawr ATC had the pleasure of hosting MnDOT's Metro District Engineer Khani Sahebjam, Project Manager Carrier Zempel, Transportation Program Supervisor Jennifer Wiltgen and Green Light LRT Extension Project Director Jim Alexander, Public Involvement Manager David Davies at the our last committee meeting. We learned about the different responsibilities and challenges MnDOT and Green Line LRT Extension project areas face and also shared our desired improvements for making key areas in Bryn Mawr safer and more accessible. We greatly appreciate these folks taking time out of their day to connect and hear

about our neighborhood. If you have any Active Transportation related questions about MnDOT or Green Line related work areas, feel free to send your question to activetransit-brynmawr@googlegroups.com

Pumpkin Ride!

Join fellow neighbors in a family friendly, casual bike ride to the Minneapolis Farmers Market. We'll meet at the Garden of Hope and Healing at 10:20 AM on Saturday October 5th, roll out time is 10:30AM. Come for fun or to score some awesome farmers market items like pumpkins! Many riders will have extra cargo space if you can't take a pumpkin on your own bike. See you there!



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Garden Storytime

Thursdays 10-10:30am
May 2 - October 12

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30pm
May 4 - October 19

Kids' nature stories and activities led by a garden naturalist!

No registration required, meet outside the Visitor Shelter

Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board



Garden Programs

Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary, 1 Theodore Wirth Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55422

Quaking Bog Walks

Saturday, October 5th, 4-5pm
Sunday, October 20th, 2-3pm
Join a Garden Naturalist for an hour on a guided walk through the Quaking Bog. Learn about the unique flora adapted within this fascinating environment as you discover some of the history of one of Minnesota's southernmost remaining tamarack bogs. Meet at Quaking Bog parking lot.

Brush with Nature: Watercolors in the Garden

Saturday, October 19 1-3 pm
Gather in community and get creative with watercolors inspired by

the nature around you. All skill levels welcome! Enjoy an introduction to watercolors and general instruction on the hour from Garden Naturalists and artists from the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden Florilegium. Take an artistic approach to experiencing the Garden. Some basis materials provided. Meet outside the Martha Crone Visitor Shelter.

Fall Garden Fun

Saturday, October 26, 1-5pm
Sunday, October 27, 1-5pm
Celebrate changing seasons with activities for all ages! Make a fall-inspired craft, take a guided tour of the autumn colors and blooms, or enjoy a story-walk on the woodland trails. Meet outside the Martha Crone Visitor Shelter.

Questions can be sent to: ebwg@minneapolisparcs.org



Second Annual Ĥaĥá Wakpádaŋ Water Blessing
October 14 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am CDT | FREE

On Monday October 14, please join us in honoring Ĥaĥá Wakpádaŋ (Bassett Creek). Dakota author Diane Wilson will extend a special welcome to participants. A water blessing will be offered by Tanaġidaŋ To Wiŋ / Blue Hummingbird Woman (Tara Perron), who is a Dakota and Ojibwe mother, writer, and entrepreneur.

We'll also celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day through song, land acknowledgment, and updates about the Ĥaĥá Wakpádaŋ / Bassett Creek Oral History Project. Indigenous participants will share ways to care for the lands and waters of Mni Sóta Makoce (Minnesota).

Using Dakota place names helps to honor the people who have lived here for thousands of years. Ĥaĥá Wakpádaŋ is the Dakota name for Bassett Creek.

10:00 - Meet at Bassett Creek Park (5609 32nd Avenue North, Crystal,

MN 55422). Rain or shine. Free and family friendly.

Registration is optional.

Thank you to the funders including the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board, City of Golden Valley Environmental Commission, Golden Valley Community Foundation, and Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

Thank you also to community partners including the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission, City of Golden Valley DEI Commission, The Loppet Foundation, the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, and the Plymouth History Center.

Whóphida thaŋka (thank you!) to cultural advisors Bradley Blackhawk (Ho-Chunk), Darlene St. Clair (Dakota), Jim Rock (Dakota), and Roxanne Gould (Anishinaabe).

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Gardens

Small Trees for Urban Spaces

Studies have shown that the most appealing landscape to most humans is what is termed an “oak savannah”. In this ecosystem large canopied trees are sprinkled within swaths of open grasslands. As appealing as that landscape is, it is rare to live in such a setting. Most homeowners with city lots are unable to host majestic oaks in either their front or back yards. When looking for smaller trees to fit into their smaller landscapes, it can feel limiting. City lots are usually not expansive and sometimes are challenged further by utility lines that can dictate the height of suitable trees. But there are good candidates for smaller urban sized trees. Here are some suggestions.

The number one, and all-round best-in-show, is the Amelanchier, known commonly as a Serviceberry, or Juneberry. It comes either as a single stem tree, or in a multi stem version. There are even Amelanchier varieties that are shrub sized. Amelanchier has something to offer in all four seasons. In early spring they have pronounced grey-toned bud clusters that become attractive white flowers, resembling narrow-petaled apple blossoms. These blooms give way to fruits in June, hence the common name. The fruits resemble seedy blueberries. Humans and birds both find them irresistible. In fall the green oval leaves of summer turn varying shades of orange to burgundy. And in winter the tree’s smooth grey bark and attractive structure can be fully appreciated. It is an all-round winner.

There are several other small stature trees that deserve consideration.

Redbuds (*Cercis canadensis*) are spectacular in the spring, covered in small fuchsia blossoms, even before their heart shaped leaves emerge. And redbuds have a branching structure that is stratified, which gives them a Japanese-garden aura.

The Fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) is another great small tree. It

has white blossoms that present in fleecy, fringelike clusters and are fragrant. These blossoms then turn to drupes that are first green in color but turn a murky purple, resembling small hard calamata olives. This tree was a favorite of Thomas Jefferson, who besides being our third President, was an early and ardent plantsman.

The Wahoo (*Euonymus atropurpureus*) is a native understory tree, meaning it can handle more shade than most trees. It has almost unnoticeable tiny star-shaped maroon flowers in the spring, but its most striking feature is its berries in the fall, which are a bumpy combination of bright pink and orange, similar to the fruit of bittersweet vines., but with even wilder colors.

The Wafer Ash or Hoptree (*Ptelea trifoliata*) is not really a true ash, so no worries about it being attacked by the deadly emerald ash borer. It is another native tree variety. It has leaves in groupings of three that resemble poison ivy leaves. It is a fast grower and late in the summer it puts out pompoms of quarter sized wafer-shaped seeds that are papery, pale green and beautiful.

The Smokebush (*Cotinus coggygria*) is poorly named. It really should be named Smoketree. For most people a smokebush will remain a “bush” only if they are diligent with their pruners. Given room and moisture, smokebushes are happy to grow to small sized trees. Their advantage is they can add color to a landscape year-round, coming in both purple leaved varieties and a variety that is chartreuse leaved. Though they don’t resemble typical flowers, the mid-summer display of frothy puffs of “smoke” on this tree (bush?) are real showstoppers

There are many more “woody” candidates vying for a place in the urban landscape.

The Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*) is one. Like the redbud, it branches in distinct horizontal layers. Adding to its appeal are clusters of spring flowers and subsequent blue-

black berries which are food for birds.

Some of the Panicle Hydrangeas (*Hydrangea paniculata*) can grow to small tree stature. The variety ‘Tardiva’ can grow to twelve feet tall and blossoms white. There are other varieties with blossoms that fade to lovely shades of pink.

Old-fashioned lilacs (*Syringa vulgaris*) will grow to small tree height.

Another shrub that can grow to small tree height given the right conditions is the Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*). This native is tolerant of wet soils. In late summer it puts out sputnik-shaped creamy colored blossoms the size of ping pong balls, the solid centers surrounded by halos of soft bristles.

So, there are lots of possibilities for city dwellers to have interesting and beautiful small tree specimens in their yards. Some of these options may be a little harder to find for purchase than bigger trees like maples, lindens, locusts, oaks and birches available at most garden stores. But the less common specimens are out there if you look at some of the smaller and more specialized nurseries and vendors. If you are in the

market for a new tree, at least consider some of these less used varieties. Look them up on the internet to find visuals to go with the above descriptions and to get mature heights and widths of all these species. And know there is a tree suitable for every location. Enjoy the hunt.

- Kathy Ripke

Next Garden Committee Meeting

Monday, October 14, 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.

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Anna Quirk (Area 6), Kathy Ripke (Area 6), Drew Quirk (Area 6)



- October 1, 2019 Flock of migrating cedar waxwings eating red berries on a mountain ash tree.
- October 1, 2023 Thousands of hawks, eagles, and other birds of prey passing over Hawk Ridge in Duluth. A good source for up to date information about bird migration is birdcast.info, sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (birds.cornell.edu) and Colorado State University.
- October 17, 2025 Full moon, the Ojibwe falling leaves moon.
- October 17, 2016 68°, calm, and sunny for a walk around Wirth Lake.
- October 18, 2022 22°, first hard freeze. Average temperatures in the Twin Cities follow a smooth curve up in the spring and down in the fall, except in late October, when there is often a fairly abrupt end to warm weather.



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The BMNA Schools committee will be hosting the the treats table at Bryn Mawr Elementary on November 5th. We will have donations from Turtle Bread Company, Lunds/Byerlys, Isles Bun and Coffee, Rustica and Bogart Donuts and coffee from Cuppa Java . Our committee will also provide a bowl of fruit for voters. The money raised will be used by the PTA to support students and teachers.



Here's how you can help...

1. Vote at Bryn Mawr Elementary on November 5th and reward yourself with anything on our treat table. Drop a buck or two in our donation bucket.
2. Bake something for the treat table.
3. Pick up a package of muffins and donate to the bake sale.
4. Volunteer at the treats table and sample treats while volunteering.

Sign up to donate a baked item or volunteer at SignUp Genius.

Please drop your baked item at the school on Election Day between 6:30 am and 5 pm. Contact Patty Wycoff at 612-239-1710 if you want to drop off items on November 4th.



Youth & Schools

Enjoy the School Forest with Bryn Mawr Scholars

Elementary School science teacher, Allison Kavanagh, is excited to help her students learn about nature in the school forest. She is looking for volunteers to make these ventures safe with another adult on hand. As our science specialist, she works with all grades on a rotating basis, so you can choose the age children you would like to work with and the time of day that works for you. She is very flexible and even one hour a week would be great. If you wish to explore this opportunity to get some fresh air and help kids connect to nature, you can email Allison.Kavanagh@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Bryn Mawr School Needs Reading Tutors!

Students at our neighborhood elementary school are in urgent need of caring adults to help them with reading skills. Both paid and volunteer tutoring opportunities are available! If you are interested or just want to learn more, please contact Lei Washington at Lei.Washington@mpls.k12.mn.us. And please spread the word to anyone else you think might be able to help fill this vital role in our school!

Every Meal Volunteers

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in conjunction with Every Meal distributes weekend food bags to kids in need at Bryn Mawr Elementary School. Weekends can be a challenging time for kids who benefit from the free breakfast and lunch the school provides during the week. Every Friday at 11:30 we need 4 volunteers to spend up to an hour placing food bags in student's backpacks. The bags weigh between 3-5 pounds and are prepacked and stored on dollies that can be rolled through the school. Volunteers sign in at the school office in front (252 Upton Ave S) at 11:30 am. More information and videos can be found at everymeal.org. The sign up sheet can be found at www.brynmawrchurch.org or contact Lynda Shaheen, lynda.shaheen@gmail.com

MPS Places Tech Levy Question Before Voters on November Ballot

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 tight-

ening 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.

MPS School Board Sets Process and Timeline to Fill Vacant Seat

The Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) School Board has approved a process and timeline to appoint a director to fill the vacant election district 3 board seat and complete the remainder of the term, which runs until January 4, 2027. The process will include an online application, public interviews of selected finalists with the appointment to be made at the School Board's Nov 12 meeting. The application window will open at 8am on Sept 27 and close at 5pm on Oct 18 with public interviews of selected finalists happening on Nov 7.

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)**
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Sumner Library Renovation Project

After record rainfall earlier this summer, exterior work at Sumner Library is finally underway. Saturated soils in June delayed site work throughout the region and pushed out the start of Sumner's exterior work.

Great progress has been made since the last project update. Recent work includes:
Drywall more than 90% complete and painted.
New decorative light fixtures installed throughout the main level.

Acoustical ceilings being installed. Millwork installed and awaiting countertops.
Plumbing fixture installation nearing completion.
Installation of exterior drain tile, stormwater controls, and underground conduits is in progress.
Restoration of the windows in the historic portions of the building is complete and new storm windows are installed.
Carpet installation begins the week of September 2.

Read the full update on the Sumner Library building project page. Construction is projected to finish before the end of the year with an anticipated reopening soon after.

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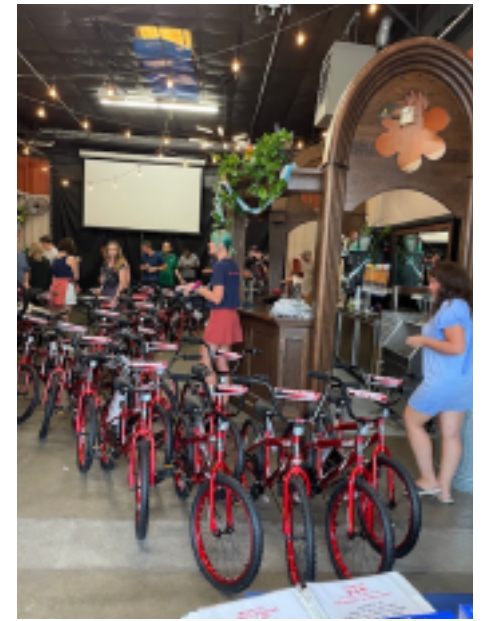
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People Power! Second Graders Get Bikes

National non-profit Can'd Aid in partnership with Yasso and Utepils teamed up to give a helmet and bicycle to each second grader at Bryn Mawr Community School on Friday, September 20th. Kids and parents gathered in the gym for a brief entertaining program turning them away from screen time and toward "people powered" outdoor time. Becca Farmer with Can'd Aid engaged future riders to learn basic bike safety and turned the floor over to mountain bike champion, Jeff Lenosky, who pumped them up with his story of fulfilling his dream to be a professional mountain biker while he performed wheelies around the gym and jumped his bike over their teachers. Lenosky then reminded them why they were in the gym and the real excitement began as kids

and parents picked up their helmets and bikes. All in all, Bryn Mawr elementary received 100 bikes and decided to aim at the second grade level as a segue into their bicycle safety physical education unit. According to their website, "Can'd Aid's people-powered programs provide tools and access for under-resourced communities to lead healthy, active, and creative lives." They reach out to local businesses to partner on donations and Utepils agreed to hold a bike build session for a local school. Educator Elizabeth Johnson at Bryn Mawr Community School received the message about the bikes and was able to procure the donation for our school.

- Colleen Dhennin, BMNA Schools Committee



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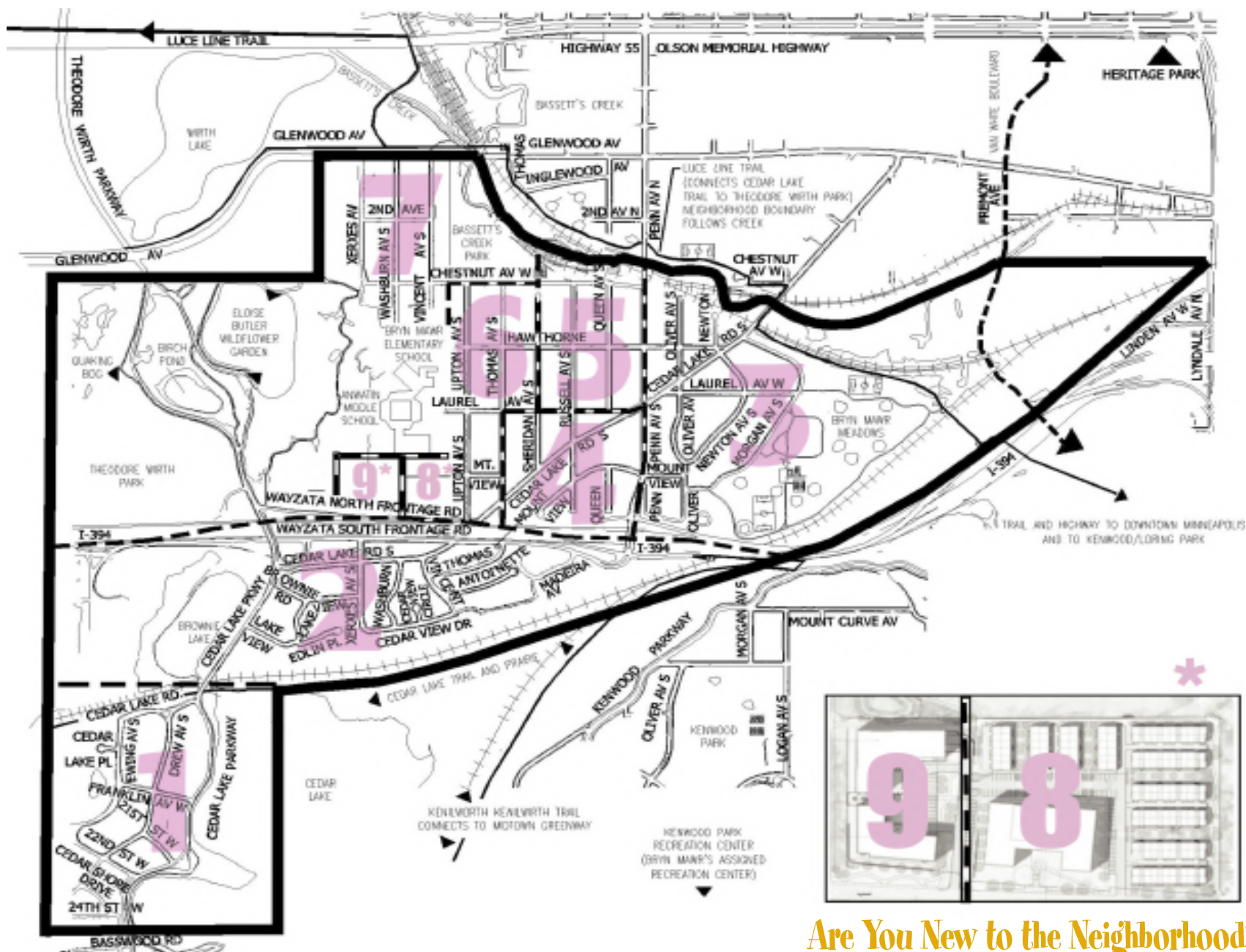
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