



BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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November 2024



Save the date!

Saturnalia

**Saturday, Dec. 14th
4:30-7 PM
On Cedar Lake Rd
in downtown Bryn Mawr**





Harvest Dinner

**Thursday, November 21st
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria**

The annual Harvest Dinner is a fall feast sponsored by the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association. The BMNA will provide roasted turkey and a vegan side dish, along with beverages and paper products. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. Neighbors will vote for their favorite side dish and prizes will be awarded to the top three dishes. We will share the #1 recipe in the December Bugle.

You don't want to miss this event! Bryn Mawr has many incredible chefs.

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Nov. 21, 2024


Give to the Max Day

Give to the Max Day is back on Thursday, November 21, 2024! GiveMN links donors with organizations that are working to make Minnesota a better place. It's online giving website, GiveMN.org, enables charitable giving any time and any place, allowing people to donate with ease and enthusiasm. Don't forget the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association when you are Giving to the Max

Red Cross Blood Drive

**November 22nd, 12:00-5:00 pm
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church basement**

Our 4th and last blood drive of the year is on Friday, November 22nd. Please sign up to donate at redcross.org. Walk ins welcome.





BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2024
6:30– 8:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

Board and Staff

- Brian Treece – President
- Addie Arnold – Vice President
- Karen Soderberg –Treasurer
- Liv Nielsen – Area 1 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
- Beth Turnbull - Area 5 Co-Rep
- Haven Stephens - Area 6 Co-Rep
- Stephen Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep
- Michael Scott - Area 9 Co-Rep
- Jay Peterson – Emeritus
- Barry Schade – Emeritus
- Lynda Shaheen – Communication/
Development Coordinator

Guests

Dave Gammell area 9, Pat Waddick area 7, Casey Burrows area 7, Dan Martin area 7, Mark Dhennin area 5

OL guests–Rod Miller area 6, John Davenport area 1, Jody Wynen area 6, Karol Smith area 6

Call to Order at 6:32 PM.

Agenda approved (Beth Turnbull, Liv Nielsen)
Minutes from September 11, 2024, approved (Beth Turnbull, Beth Franzen)

Board Representation Survey conducted by Victoria Balko, Neighborhood Support Specialist for City of Minneapolis- Neighborhood Community Relations. Absent due to schedule conflict. Lynda Shaheen will email a link for the board to complete the survey.

City of Minneapolis Councilperson Katie Cashman

Will attend Nov meeting. Lynda Shaheen reported. Vincent lots update:

asked city to clarify what’s private and what’s public in the area of the lots.

Crime Prevention Specialist Report, Shannon McDonough

From Email: Aug 30- Sep 27: Thefts from garage, from vehicles, and vehicle stolen from garage. (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/>) Neighbors reported shots fired Oct 5, 1:15 AM, on the 400 block of Upton. Questioned why McDonough did not respond or provide official report. Lynda Shaheen said she can ask McDonough for this.

Communications & Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen

Communications:
Coordinated electric vehicle grant letter of support
Discussed empty lot owned by Joffe and parking at WOTW with neighbors and Katie Cashman’s office.
Board member reported an unhoued person has been sleeping under the Cedar Lake Pkwy bridge that goes over the N. Cedar Lake Trail and the railroad tracks (between areas 1 and 2).
Met with developers for new website
Publicized back to school events
Coordinated Member Night
Coordinated with Park Board staff for Bryn Mawr meadows opening celebration Oct 24, 4:00-5:30pm
Coordinated with SWLRT staff to arrange tour and rail safety meeting. Still waiting for final date.
Publicized 61A candidate forum.
Met new management at Eloise and Theodore.
Attended city coordinator meeting with NCR staff
Attended Ward 7 meeting with Katie Cashman’s office
Discussion: Delay in same-day voter registration. During primary voting, it took extra time to register some people with Area 9 addresses because the addresses were not yet loaded in the system. Everyone was able to vote but it took extra time.

Development

Met with Big Hill Books about merchandise sales (\$1208 YTD).
Sent emails to all 2024 donors to invite them to Member Night.
Sent emails to all 2023 lapsed donors to encourage them to donate in 2024 and come to Member Night.
Ordered new merchandise for Member Night.
Donations are at \$19,651 compared to \$16,337 this time last year.
Member night new member donations \$2185 compared to \$2665 last year. Item sales \$486 compared to \$320 last year.

Event Coordinator Report – Patty Wycoff. From Email.

We’re all set for Sip and Stroll tomorrow 6-8. Check in is at Big Hill Books in the basement. The drawing is at Cuppa Java about 8:15. We have 13 businesses participating and the weather looks fantastic. When I had the posters printed for each participating business I had them laminated. We can use them each year moving forward and avoid this printing expense.

I met with a rep from Minneapolis Preservation on Monday. We walked around Area 3. We have so many options for a great historical walking tour in 2025. I’ve asked for late Aug or mid Sept for our tour. They will be letting me know our date when the 2025 schedule is decided. There will be 3-4 more meetings before our event. This is going to be a unique event for the neighborhood.

We have the harvest dinner and a blood drive in Nov. I’ll be creating a Sign-up Genius for volunteers for both events.

Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad

No report. The 20th is the deadline for articles/ads.

Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld

Jay Peterson reported. Slow couple weeks. Keeping plug-ins current.

Committee Reports

Schools - Colleen Dhennin
Need volunteers for the Election Day treats table noon-2:00, 4:00-6:00. (See BMNA website or email newsletter for SignUp Genius link.) Need reading tutors (contact Lei. Washington@mpls.k12.mn.us) and outdoor help for science teacher (contact Allison.Kavanagh@mpls.k12.mn.us).
Active Transportation - Josh Nichols
Alec Werning reported. Canceled parking day due to schedule conflicts. Successful ride to Farmers Market for pumpkins. Need to RSVP to mike.tieleman@gmail.com for Dervish Mazza ride Oct 19, 4:30. Dick Adair invited Park Commissioners Shaffer and Thompson to a walk-through exploring connecting Bassett’s Creek and Luce Line trails under Cedar Lake Rd to avoid street-level traffic.

Racial Justice - Steve Harvey
Sacred Sites tour moved to spring because fall dates all booked. Looking for suggestions for films for Dec and Feb. Working with Kristel Porter to potentially donate trees to areas in North Mpls.

Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade

Oct 24 Meadows opening is a big deal! Come celebrate! BMNA should send a rep-Brian Treece or Chris Etz.

Gardens – Drew Quirk

Beth Franzen reported. Newton Triangle dug up and planted!

Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley.

Karen Soderberg reported. Meeting Oct 14 to prepare to draw our funds from the city.

Communications - Jay Peterson

BMNA website redesign. Big thank you to Jay for all the work invested here! Proposal to engage Nativ3 to build site, Colin Kulow for design work and ongoing maintenance, and to establish a 20% contingency. Discussion: Current webmaster position will probably be unnecessary. Board members will be able to do some jobs such as editing, design, picking pictures. Nativ3 also provides maintenance options. Karen Soderberg seconded. Approved.

Façade Grant – Addie Arnold

Struggling to communicate and finalize agreement with Doug Anderson for BM Market building. Required contractor bids are slowing the process with other businesses: Utepils, LaMesa, Studio 411.

Other Standing Reports

SWLRT Update. Rail safety meeting Oct 22, online, 6:00-7:15 pm. See Metrocouncil.org Public Meetings and Events.

Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

Bus stop bench installed on Wayzata Blvd N in Area 9!
Jody Wynen reported that the heavily used trail connection to Wirth Park behind Anwatin is full of big rocks, unsafe, and has reduced public access to woods. Park Commissioner Shaffer willing to do a walk-around Oct 17 in the morning.

Adjourned at 7:48p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Upcoming Events:

- Sip and Stroll, Thursday, Oct. 10th, 2024
- Bryn Mawr Meadows Park opening celebration, Oct 24, 4:00-5:30pm
- Election, Nov 5
- Harvest Dinner, Nov 14

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new owner met with Ward 7 staff to discuss plans for property. No variance or anything filed yet. Cashman

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Bugle Notes

Area 3

New Body of Work by Bryn Mawr Area 3 Resident

Long-time Bryn Mawr resident and former *Bugle* columnist Greg Lecker announces a new body of work focused on Bassett Creek in Bryn Mawr.

Greg Lecker's "Bridging Troubled Waters" took a creative turn on June 28, 2024 when the US Supreme Court announced its decision reversing a long-standing environmental precedent known as "Chevron preference" (SCOTUS 1984). The decision will make it easier for courts to block environmental, climate and wildlife regulations.

Instead of being discouraged, Greg was heartened by this statement from his project's funder: "we at The Puffin Foundation have not found a spirit of despair and surrender, but rather a growing ferment for change". The project's paintings now incorporate watercolor painting of creek area subjects layered atop a block print. Funding has been made possible by The Puffin Foundation, Ltd.

"Bridging Troubled Waters" raises consciousness of Minnesota's urban



watersheds. Greg's watercolor paintings uncover a forgotten creek flowing by abandoned and misplaced industrial sites, railroad tracks, man-holes, storm sewers, informal dirt trails and illegal dumping.

Exhibit details:

Bridging Troubled Waters

Runs Nov 7 through Dec 5

Artist Reception

Thursday | November 7 | 7-9pm

(During November's First Thursday!)

Gallery Hours:

Open Studio Saturdays | 12-4pm

First Thursdays | 5-9pm

Gallery Immaginé

1st Floor | Studio 183 Northrup King Building, 1500 Jackson St NE, Mpls.

Area 5

Council Member Katie Cashman has announced her appointment of Area 5 Bryn Mawr resident Carolyn Bastick for the Ward 7 spot on the Community Commission on Police Oversight (CCPO). The CCPO is made up of 15 members, 13 appointed by City Council (one per ward), and two appointed by the Mayor.

Policy & Committee Updates

Community Commission on Police Oversight (CCPO) Nomination: Council approved my appointment of Carolyn Bastick for Seat 7, Ward 7, of the CCPO for a 3-year term, beginning June 1, 2024, and ending May 31, 2027. I want to take an opportunity to thank Carolyn for seeking the nomination. In Ward 7 we were fortunate to have several applicants for this open position, and she stood out as someone who will work hard to make this body an effective tool for advancing police oversight, strength-



ening the City's complaint process, and improving communication with the public about the work of this body. She is detail-oriented and brings extensive experience with process improvement, writing, and editing manuals. Carolyn is a Bryn Mawr resident and previously lived in the Folwell neighborhood, both in the 4th Police Precinct. Since her nomination, Carolyn has been incredibly communicative, and I know she will take her appointment very seriously and do great work for our City.

-Ward 7 News, September 6, 2024

Pup of the Month

By Carter Casmaer

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

This is a story about two small pups - brothers - who while separated at a young age managed to cross the great expanse of this world and find one another in, of all places, Bryn Mawr.

Wellington (left) and Frost (right) are two of the most unique pups I have ever seen. Their makeup is incredible as they share genes with Australian Shepherds, Border Collies, Cocker Spaniels, Corgis and the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. They have spotty noses, soft ears and beautiful eyes. They are very silly.

Both Frost and Wellington come to us with the assistance of The Bond Between rescue (formerly Second Hand Hounds). Frost's human first laid eyes on him when he appeared on television dressed as a hot dog. One month later Wellington's human visits an open house held by the rescue and, in each instance, adoption followed their initial meeting quite rapidly.

Then, one day, the impossible happens - Frost and Wellington meet. They are reunited. And, even better, they learn that they are neighbors! Imagine their human's delight as they realize their respective pups have a shared history and not only entered the rescue together but that they even share a birthday (Aries through and through)!

Life is pretty good for Wellington and Frost these days. They spend at least an hour a day perfecting their wrestling technique. While Wellington prefers pumpkin pie, Frost enjoys bananas and though Wellington is the more jetset pup (having visited Cana-



da, Rainy Lake, La Mesa pizza and even attended a wedding) Frost stays local but this allows him more time to practice his agility work. Wellington's human also happens to be fluent in French and he is very likely the only four legged francophone in Bryn Mawr. Their humans are reciprocal god parents and they describe these pup's relationship as "just delightful". I'm inclined to agree.

As the seasons change, and with the winter holidays on the horizon, I asked Wellington and Frost if the changing of the seasons brings with it any new perspectives. They told me that, "Our lives are shorter than we realize and it's later than you think. So, whether it's the family you've chosen or the family you were born into, take the time to tell the people you love how much you appreciate their presence in your life. And take it from us, the best way to do this is to wrestle in the backyard and bite one another."

Before we go, I'd like to correct the record. Scout, who you may remember was the October 2024 Pup of The Month, was mistakenly identified as a boy when she is in fact a girl (and not just a girl but a very good girl).

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

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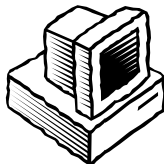
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Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
Area 1	November 11 November 25	
Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7	November 4 November 18	
Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		November 5 November 19

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



From the Editor

October is known for its unpredictable weather. Over this past week, Facebook has been flooded with posts recalling the infamous Halloween blizzard of 1991; like it's some kind of badge of honor just to have witnessed it. Governor Walz's VP run cast a national spotlight on it, but all I can think is, yup.

In true Minneapolis style, we hit a record high temperature of 80 degrees yesterday (October 29), and now tomorrow (Halloween) there is a chance of snow. And as wild as that may sound to the outside world, it is just how we roll here.

It has been a crazy warm autumn. Despite the early sunset, no jackets were needed for the annual Sip & Stroll. It was a balmy 50 degrees, so I suspect that only locals agree with me on this. It is true that Minnesotans spend a lot of time talking about the weather. But right now, it is a welcome reprieve from the uncertainty and anxiety over what will happen on election day next Tuesday.

I am finally on the mend after a two-month bout with plantar fasciitis. For the most part, I am pretty hardy when it comes to pain (and weather), but it was really annoying trying to strike a balance between using it and resting it.

During a work conference in Duluth last week, I joined in on a 40-minute walk (uphill of course) from Canal Park to a restaurant on the outskirts of town. I know that might not sound like a big deal to most people, but I have never been a runner or a recreational walker and after favoring it most of the summer, it was a bit of an accomplishment.

My weather issues and mild discomfort are nothing compared to what my crazy friend Jackie (Tielemann-Ward, Area 3) is currently putting herself through. She is walking the Camino de Santiago from the south of France all the way across Spain to the sea. Every few days, she finds some Wi-Fi and posts an update. The stories are wild, the pictures are amazing and I am happy to celebrate her efforts. But no chance I would ever want to join in. Did I mention that she is simultaneously working remotely full-time? Yeah. Go Jackie! You are amazing. But I'm out.

Since it seems that winter is actually coming, I finally picked the last of my tomatoes today and I dug out my down parka, so bring on winter. I have no doubt it will be filled with new adventures to tell for years to come. Next up in Bryn Mawr is the Harvest Dinner.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, editor@bmna.org



Area 4 Bugle Block Distributor Needed!

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

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Out & About

The Lieder House, A Historical Bryn Mawr Modern

In 1971, nationally acclaimed architect Bernard (Bernie) Lieder designed and constructed the award-winning “Lieder House” into his personal urban oasis. Mr. Lieder’s detailed eye for external design and internal function makes it one of the most distinctive examples of rustic modern architecture in the Twin Cities.

Veiled through a canopy of maple, basswood, red pine, and cottonwoods, this solid yet restrained architectural masterpiece nestles proudly within the bluffs of the Basset’s Creek Watershed, once a prehistoric interglacial river valley and home to the Mississippi.

The views boast the spectacular panoramic landscapes of this ancient woodland river valley and one of the most breathtaking vistas of the Downtown Minneapolis skyline.

Sheathed in the protective skin of old-growth rough-cut redwood siding, this rustic/modern contemporary couples organic, sustainable architecture with clean geometric lines, nodding to International, Bauhaus, and Prairie architectural styles.

The interior is cleanly detailed, with solid-core oak doors, custom cabinetry, quarter-sawn oak countertops, and molding. It uses solid white oak rift and quarter-sawn wood flooring, with custom, industrial-grade red quarry tile as flooring.

Clear all heart vertical grain old-growth Redwood is used for the built-in shelving and trim. Most noteworthy is the incomparable and irreplaceable book-matched Burled Brazilian Rosewood Paneling that crowns the living area.

As one of the lead architects on the IDS tower, it is perhaps no coincidence that the unique skylights are



the same “bubble” skylights that have lit the IDS Chrystal Court since 1971.

The age of the home, its unique story, design, views, and irreplaceable one-of-a-kind features made “The Lieder House,” as it was called, it the talk of Bryn Mawr for decades.

We’ve recently opened up the north slope, so it’s more visible from Chestnut. I’m hoping the new owners will love it as much as we have. We’ve spent 23 restoring it to as close to the original (minus the ugly lower-level orange asbestos tiles).



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.
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Active Transportation Committee Pumpkin Ride Recap



On an unseasonably warm October day, Bryn Mawr neighbors rode to the Minneapolis Farmers Market. Bikers purchased pumpkins, gourds, shortbread, and assorted market treats and transported them back to Bryn Mawr by bike using backpacks, a bike trailer,

and a cargo bike. Thanks to everyone who came out! Stay tuned for more information about winter rides and other upcoming ATC events by following @activetransit.brynmawr on Instagram or send us an email at activetransit-brynmawr@google-groups.com to learn more.



Visit [BMNA.ORG](http://www.bmna.org) for a link to membership information.
<http://www.bmna.org/bmna/membership.html>

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - November 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 Election Day Visit the PTA Treat Table at Bryn Mawr Elementary	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 BMNA Monthly meeting 6:30pm Bryn Mawr Church, 6:30pm & Google Meet. Joining link posted on BMNA.org.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Submissions due for next Bugle. Drop in the Bugle Box at the Market or email bugle@bmna.org	21 Give the the Max- donate to BMNA at GiveMN.org Harvest Dinner 6-7:30 at Bryn Mawr School	22 Blood Drive 12-5pm at Bryn Mawr Church. Sign up at RedCross.org	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Holiday	29	30



BMNA

Sip and Stroll

It was a beautiful night for our annual Sip and Stroll. Our local businesses donated 23 prizes for the drawing at the end of the event. This is always a well attended event and our local businesses appreciate the opportunity to connect with neighbors. Many neighbors have said this is their favorite BMNA event.

Thank you Big Hill Books for the use of the basement for check in. Thank you Cuppa Java. Your staff went above and beyond for the neighborhood. Thank you for staying open late so the fun could continue.



**Save the date:
Saturnalia, Saturday, December 14!**

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Bryn Mawr Meadows Park Improvements

Thanks to everyone who came out to the ribbon cutting at Bryn Mawr Meadows Park. Speakers included: Al Bangoura, Superintendent; Meg Forney, President; Elizabeth Shaffer, District 4 Commissioner from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board,

Jacob Frey, Mayor; Tim Sexton, Public Works Director; Margaret Anderson Kelliher, City Operations Officer and Catherine Cesnik, Chair, Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission. This multi year project transformed the park into a sustainable site that incorporates both nature and recreation for people of all ages.



Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

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Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
Community Connections and Violence Prevention

The Minneapolis Audubon Society November Meeting
Friday, November 8th, 1:00 pm
 Kathy Meinhardt will be presenting on experiences and photos from seven years as a Bluebird Recovery Volunteer.

The Minneapolis Audubon Society meets monthly September to May at 1:00 pm in the Bryant Square Park building at 3100 Bryant Ave South. Anyone can attend our regular monthly meetings without charge. The public is invited and the atmosphere at our meetings is open and welcoming. The lecture is free and there is free parking.

New BMNA items for Sale!

Contact Lynda Shaheen,
 coordinator@bmna.org to purchase
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Gardens

Pruning

I had an instructor in a “Woodies” class (dealing with all things to do with trees and shrubs) who, when asked when the best time was to prune replied, “When your tools are sharp.” He was grinning, but it was a true statement, since the job of pruning is much easier, and therefore more pleasant, when you have sharp tools. But there is more to the answer.

Pruning, in Minnesota, for most woody plants, is ideally done in late March. In March, there is a window of time, when it is still wintery enough that the deciduous trees and shrubs are bare of leaves and before the weather warms enough for their sap to start running. In this time without leaves their structure is easily seen, so judicious cuts can be made. This is the time you can more easily see any crossing or rubbing branches, which are candidates for elimination. Also, any obvious deadwood can be taken away. If there is a question whether a branch is indeed dead, and if the bark is thin, you can scrape a fingernail on the bark and if the scraping reveals an underlayer of green, the branch is still alive and needn't be pruned out. There are a couple reasons that late March is best for pruning. Though still chilly, it is not the bone-chilling cold of January, and so the task is more easily faced by most people. Besides the clarity of structure revealed at this time of year, it is also a time when the insects and diseases that may infect pruning cuts are dormant. The bark on woody plants is their protection from these destructive invaders. When it is cold outside, the open wounds in this defense system created by pruning are less likely to cause trouble since the invaders are in their own rest period in the winter months.

Contrarywise, the worst time to prune is at “budbreak” when sap is flowing, and plants are putting all their energies into forming their new leaves for the year. Pruning wounds at this point divert the plants energies from the normal spring activities

of growth into sealing off and “healing” these breaks in their natural protection system. And bugs and diseases are up and running, too.

Now of course, there are exceptions to the rule that should be noted. A big one is for trees and shrubs that blossom. If the blossoms are highly desirable, like lilacs, which blossom in the spring, any structural pruning should be done soon after their blossoming period. This is not really so much for the plant's best interests, but to avoid pruning away the flower buds for the next season, which are developed and set in the time following the current season of blooms. So, spring flowering trees and shrubs (if you care about next season's blossoms) should be pruned in late spring after blossoming and likewise, summer or fall blossoming woody plants should be pruned shortly after they each blossom. Pruning therefore will be scattered throughout the year.

Oak trees are another species to be particularly careful about. Oak wilt is a deadly disease that invades oak trees through breaches in the tree's bark. The vector of this fungal disease is an insect that can sense an oak with a wound from a vast distance. The recommended time to avoid pruning oaks has formerly been from Tax Day, April 15th, to the Fourth of July. But with further study and climate change, the warning has been extended. Now late fall to the end of March is the only time to safely prune oaks. If pruning an oak is unavoidable at other times a sealant should be applied to the cuts. This is the only time any sort of sealant needs to be applied to pruning cuts. Normally trees and shrubs can seal off their wounds without any artificial help. Care should be used in making the cuts as smooth and small as possible, to speed the healing process. Here we are back to the “sharp tools” comment we started with. And the proper sized sharp tool is critical, too. A cross-cutting pruner is best for small branches, loppers can handle larger branches. For even larger branches a pruning saw

is the best tool, being sure to do an undercut before too far into the process, to avoid ripping tree bark as the branch detaches from the tree. If the job is so big it needs doing by a chainsaw, consider hiring a professional. Chain saws are powerful and great care should be taken in their use.

Try to be cautious when pruning. It is easy to get carried away and overdo it, sometimes leading to regret. Remember you can always prune more later, but you cannot put back what you've trimmed off. The rule of thumb is never to take more than a third of a plant when pruning. Of course, there are exceptions to this rule. Certain plants can survive what is termed “renewal pruning.” In renewal pruning the shrub is cut down virtually to the ground and will rebound. Established dogwood shrubs and spiraeas are examples of shrubs that can handle this treatment.

When making cuts, always try to cut at a branching point, avoiding creating what are known as “coat hooks” which are stubs of a branch cut inches away from a branching juncture.

There is so much more to know about pruning. Subtopics like pollarding and espalier are fascinating. Whole books have been written about pruning. And they are worth consulting if you have other concerns or questions.

Pruning can be an art. Done well, it can enhance both the look and health of your landscape plants. Take care to do it at the correct time and with good tools.

- Kathy Ripke

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- November 1, 2021 Suddenly, dark-eyed juncos (“snowbirds”) arriving from Canada seem to be everywhere, small gray ground birds that stay together in flocks and flash white stripes on each side of their tails when flying. About 3/4 of our summer birds fly south in the fall, mostly because their food (insects, berries) disappears. Some species fly thousands of miles, while others spend the winter in our southern states. Some (geese, for instance) migrate at night, apparently guided by the ability to sense the earth's magnetic fields. Fewer than half of our songbirds survive their first year; the ordeal of migration may be part of the evolutionary process of selecting the fittest individuals.
- November 5, 2024 Election Day. Vote at Bryn Mawr Elementary, 7 am-8 pm.
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It can be challenging for families with very young children to meet neighbors who also have preschoolers or primary grade kids. With that in mind, the schools committee of the BMNA would like to invite our young neighbors to an open gym and pizza dinner at Bryn Mawr Elementary School one evening in November so parents and children can meet and socialize together. We would likely plan a time frame from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

If you would be interested in attending such an event, please email

colleen.dhennin@bmna.org and let me know which days of the week would work best for you and your child(ren). We will reserve the gym for the most popular day and I will let you know what we have planned. We look forward to meeting our young neighbors.



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)

252 Upton Avenue South
612-668-2500

brynmawr.mpls.k12.mn.us

Anwatin Middle School (6-8)

International Baccalaureate
256 Upton Avenue South
612-668-2450

anwatin.mpls.k12.mn.us

Anwatin Community Education

612-668-2470
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1500 James Ave. North
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11/3 Service of Belonging, Connection and Communion in preparation for the election

11/10 Celebration of All Saints

11/17 Waffle Worship

11/24 Thanksgiving Service of Gratitude

October 27 - December 8

BMPC Adult Education discusses

Jesus and John Wayne: How white evangelicals corrupted a faith and fractured a nation.

Author Kristin Kobes du Mez chronicles 75 years of white evangelicism in the U.S. The book reveals how evangelicals replace the Jesus of the gospels with rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism.

Adult Ed meets in the More Light Room and via Zoom on Sunday mornings 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. (Central Time).

Assignments

October 27: Chapters 1-2

November 3: Chapters 3-5

November 10: Chapters 6-8

November 17: Chapters 9-11

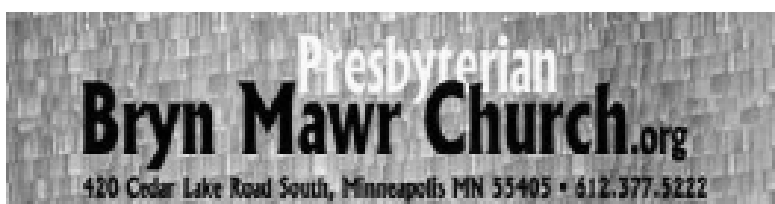
November 24: Chapters 12-14

December 1: No class

December 8: Chapters 15-16 & Conclusion

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Bryn Mawr Elementary Election Day Treat Table

The BMNA Schools committee will be hosting 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.



Sumner Library will Reopen

November 19

Sumner Library will reopen to the public Tuesday, November 19. The building has been closed for a planned renovation project. Work included interior and exterior renovations, historic preservation, refreshed youth space, and creation of additional meeting rooms.

The library will reopen with regularly scheduled hours:

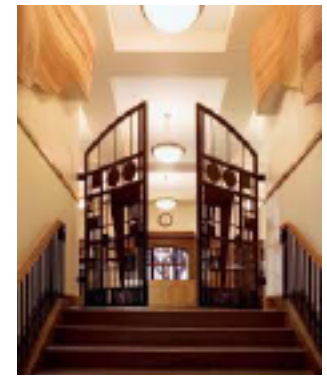
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 - Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Thursday: 12 - 8 p.m.
 - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Saturday: CLOSED
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- When the building reopens, please check your patron account to review pickup locations and update as necessary. If you need

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Reopening celebration

Join us to celebrate the reopening of Sumner Library on Sunday, November 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. The event will feature family-friendly activities, live music, and refreshments. Remarks from Library Director Scott Duimstra and CEO of LSE Architects Mohammed Lawal at 2 p.m. Musical performance by Cornbread Harris at 2:30 p.m.

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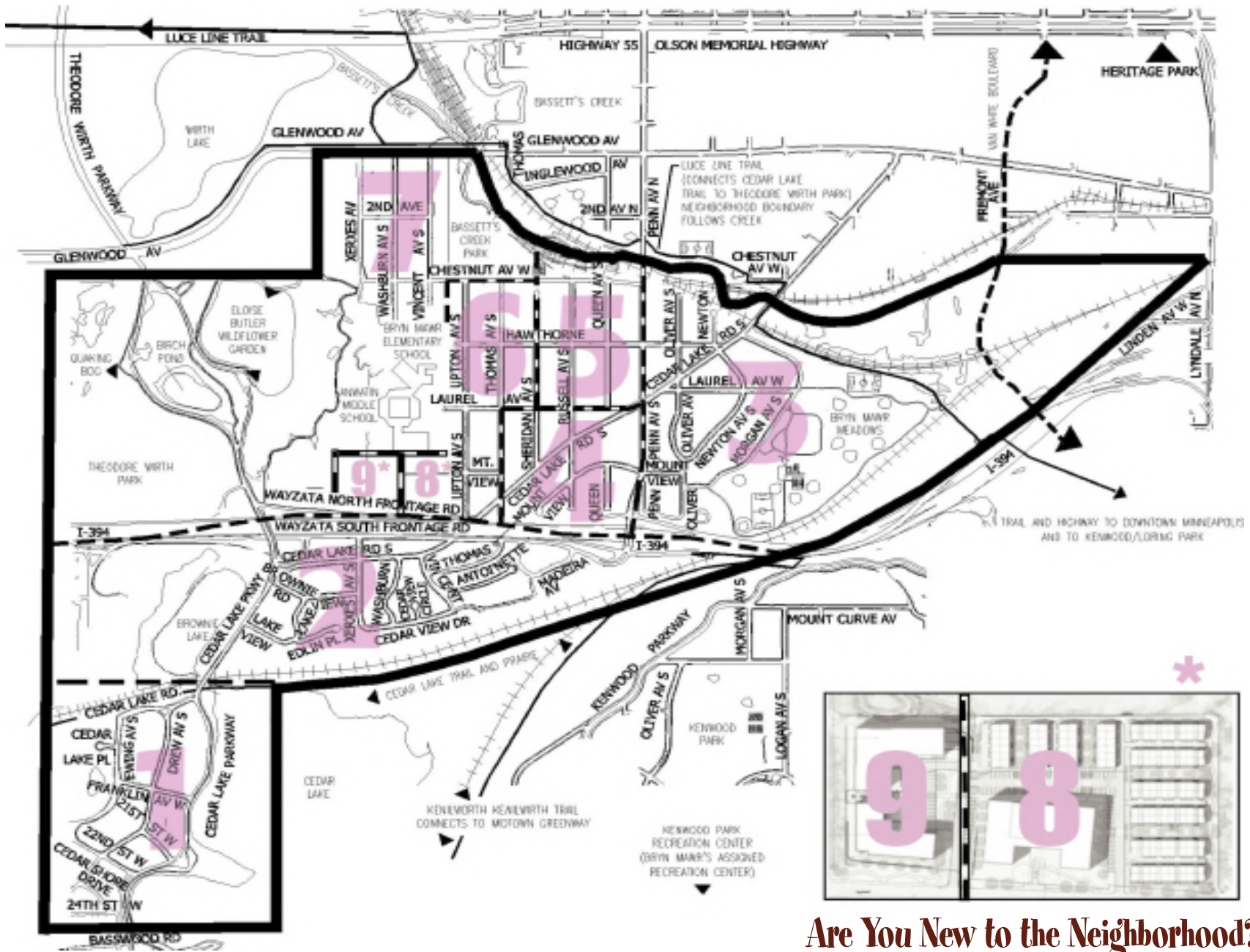
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