



BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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BMNA Yearly COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The BMNA Community Projects Committee is once again looking for good ideas to improve Bryn Mawr. You could have the perfect suggestion.

Timeline:

Ideas will be solicited from now until February 2025. The committee will meet in March of 2025 to identify workable projects and present them to the board at their April Board Meeting.

Request for proposals December 2024 - February 2025

Submit a brief proposal to
jessica.wiley@bmna.org by February 28, 2025

Those who have submitted an idea will be asked to complete a short Google form about the specifics of the project.

Describe the project

Who will lead the project?

What will it involve?

How much funding is needed?

Who will benefit from the project?

The committee evaluates suggestions using the criteria listed below.

Is there leadership (an identified neighbor) to get the project done?

Is it possible (politically, physically)?

Does it meet the budget (Up to \$1500)?

Is it sustainable long term?

Does it have a wide impact on the neighborhood?

The BMNA Community Project program has been in place for the last 17 years. Projects from past years include:

- Awnings at Greenhouse Salon and Spa in collaboration with the Racial Justice Committee
- Utility box wrap on Cedar Lake Parkway and Ewing
- Hanging plants at The Villa Care Facility in collaboration with Harrison Neighborhood Association
- Doggy Waste Stations installed throughout the neighborhood
- Garden plantings at Anwatin/Bryn Mawr school sign
- Installation of an original Stacia Goodman mosaic in downtown Bryn Mawr
- Support for Minneapolis Nature Pre-School and Nature Play Adventure Camp for 4-7 year olds
- Traffic speed indication sign
- A bee hotel placed in J.D. Rivers Children's Garden
- Construction of a bench at Brownie Lake
- Buckthorn removal in Chestnut Park/Fruen Mill area over six years
- Construction of a Little Library on Penn Avenue
- 2011 Pedal to Pedal garden bike ride; which culminated in a renewal of our alternate year garden tour program
- Downtown banner project, part of a joint City of Minneapolis/BMNA NRP project
- Ash Bore identification project: Our team identified more than 800 ash trees in Bryn Mawr and presented neighbors with a variety of options
- Energy Challenge. Over 80 neighbors joined the challenge and received statistics about their energy use. From this project we leveraged our relationship with SEE to receive two cash awards that benefited BMNA initiatives

Redesigning the Upton garden in Area 4. Our first community project; we completed a remake of the Upton garden

The Community Project Committee includes BMNA board members Steve Harvey, Area 7; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Joanne Michalec, Area 4; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Susan Verrett, Area 2, Addie Arnold, Area 2, and Neighborhood Coordinator, Lynda Shabeen.



Saturnalia

Saturday, Dec. 14th, 4:30-7 PM
On Cedar Lake Rd

This is our last event of the year and it's free! Bundle up and come out and join the fun. Join the drum circle, visit Santa, roast marshmallows, hop on the hay ride, warm up by the fire and stop by Spruce Salon for some hot cocoa and check out the new Bryn Mawr spirit wear.

4:30-6:30 hot cocoa (thank you Cuppa Java!)

and marshmallow roasting

4:30-5:30 drum circle

5:00-6:30 visit Santa

5:30-6:30 hay ride

Adults only party at Cuppa Java, 7:00-9:30.

Rod Gordon (Area 3 resident) will entertain us on the piano playing all of your holiday favorites.

Local businesses are offering great deals in honor of Saturnalia. There is something for everyone.

Big Hill Books - 25% off all kids', middle grade and young adult books 4:30-6:30

Harpers - Open 10-4 with multiple sale items

Cuppa Java - 15% off all food and drink 4:30-6:30

Bryn Mawr Market - 15% off everything in their cooking and baking section.

Bryn Mawr Pizza & Deli - \$3 slices of pizza 4:30-6:30

Greenhouse Salon & Spa - 15% off everything during Saturnalia. 30% off all plants and pots through the end of the year.

Bleu - clearance/garage sale all day. Visit Santa inside Bleu.

Have you joined yet?

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Membership - 2024

The BMNA does not charge dues. Please consider making a financial contribution of \$50 or more along with your membership. BMNA is a 501C3 tax deductible organization.

Yes, I want to help the BMNA by making a financial contribution of:

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Bugle Notes

Area 4

Bryn Mawr resident and Army retiree veteran Dan Ojeda, Jr. has created SAMSON, a statuette symbolizing a triumphant struggle against all odds in bringing down his captor's temple. In anticipation of Veteran Day and thereafter, the figurine will be on display, variously, at several Twin Cities locations including Basilica of St. Mary, Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and the Twin Cities Archdiocese.

For further information, contact Ojeda at 612-371-5933. 449 Cedar Lk Rd So, Minneapolis, MN 55405.

- Submitted by Jim Stokes, Area 4

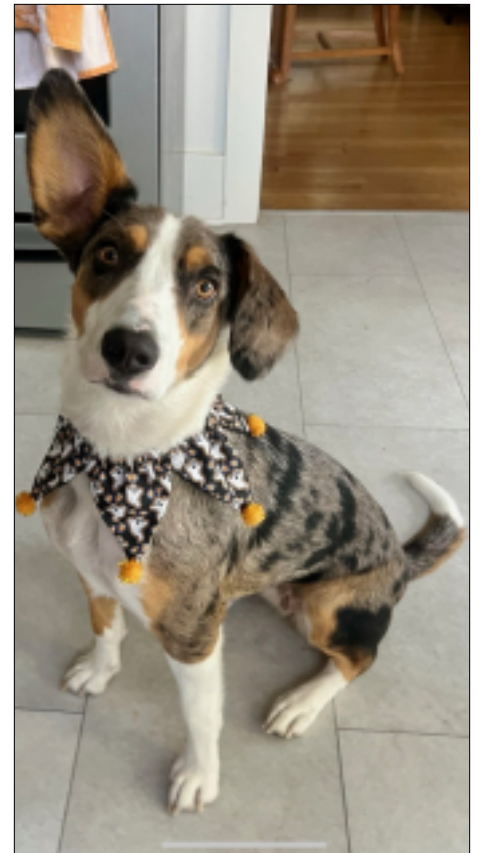


Pup of the Month

By Carter Casmaer

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

This month we are absolutely stoked to introduce the one and only Nova! This little lady has style. Let's get right into it and address the elephant in the room - the ear situation. They are absolutely enormous, indeed magnificent, very soft and she only knows how to roll one way and that's with the right ear up and the left ear down. Allegedly, she can read your mind with those big ears but rest assured she uses her powers for good - mainly to keep her humans sending a steady stream of popcorn and cucumbers her way. Nova is a young pup - only one and a half years old - but she has the poise and strong energy of Marilyn Monroe, Angeline Jolie and Prince as her Gemini lineage is unquestionable. She comes to us from The Bond Between rescue by way of Kentucky. Her genetics are anyone's guess at this point but her coat says 'Catahoula' and those ears sure seem to be the product of a few genes donated by an Appalachian Corgi. She's very friendly, very fast, can jump quite high and when she wants to she can be a bit of an escape artist. Of course these are all skills that suited her quite well in her previous life running moonshine across The Bluegrass State. She is always down for a road trip or a day at the dog park and not only can she



sit, lay down and shake but also knows how to play peak-a-boo AND can magically seem to guess which hand you're holding a treat in (again, the ears...she's a mindreader!). Pups like Nova make an outsized contribution to the kaleidoscope of awesome canine citizens parading through Bryn Mawr on any given day and we're lucky to have her. If you see Nova in the wild be sure to say hello...and consider slipping her a cucumber slice on the down low.

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



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BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

6:30– 8:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Board and Staff

Brian Treece – President
 Addie Arnold – Vice President
 Karen Soderberg – Treasurer
 Jessica Wiley – Secretary
 Liv Nielsen – Area 1 Co-Rep
 Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co-Rep
 Michael Tieleman – Area 2 Co-Rep
 Allison Fruen Batzli – Area 3 Co-Rep OL
 Beth Franzen – Area 4 Co-Rep
 Alec Werning – 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
 Anne Hartman – Area 7 Co-Rep
 Carol Chapman – Area 9 Co-Rep OL
 Jay Peterson – Emeritus
 Barry Schade – Emeritus
 JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor

Guests:

57 in person

5 online

OL - online

Call to Order at 6:35 PM.

Agenda approved.

Minutes from October 9, 2024, moved, seconded. Motion carried.

City of Minneapolis - Councilperson Katie Cashman

Cashman discussed the purchase of parcels of land on Vincent Ave So, distributed a flyer responding to six frequently asked questions. Purchaser met with city staff to discuss plans for the property. Currently there is a public right of way on Vincent Ave So to the border of school property; owner indicated they may request Vincent be vacated. Vacating a street involves a multi-step process including a lengthy application, city staff recommendation, a public hearing at a planning commission meeting, and city council approval. Cashman anticipated that it would be a lengthy process. Cashman stated that it is difficult to obtain street vacations, there have been several proposals for this property in the past that have not come to fruition. City staffer Brette Hjelle informed Cashman it has taken years for other street vacation applications. Process for applying for a vacation can be accessed online <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/street-or-alley-vacation>. A city planner has been assigned to work with the owner. Cashman answered questions from neighbors in attendance and Board members. The city does not do land swaps. The city has not been saving the street for future development. Cashman has encouraged owner to engage with the neighbor-

hood association and encouraged working with crime prevention specialist Shannon McDonough to address difficulties occurring between owner and neighbors. shannon.mcdonough@minneapolismn.gov | (612) 398-4707. Cashman said a 311-call instigated cleaning up rubble on Vincent Ave So. Board members asked for a separate meeting to give neighbors the opportunity to discuss their concerns. Steve Harvey agreed to spearhead setting it up. Discussed possibility of contacting a mediator regarding neighborhood issues. Cashman discussed the situation at the former Joffe clinic. It was neglected and demolished. Tents set up behind the building were on BNSF land. BNSF removed the encampment. We Win Institute has purchased 2801 Wayzata Blvd in Area 2. Cashman is seeking input on the city budget through a survey she distributed.

Crime Prevention Specialist Report -

Stabbing in early November in Area 2. Board discussed what constitutes reporting a crime. Haven Stephens will contact Shannon McDonough, have the process explained, and write an article for the Bugle. Carol Chapman supported the idea of having access to a mediator for issues that are occurring on Vincent and in Area 9.

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/>.

Communications & Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen written report

Communications included publicizing Sip and Stroll, bike outings, Meadow's ribbon cutting. Met with new business owner, developers for website, neighbor working on branding and marketing across all platforms. Contacted City Councilperson Katie Cashman's office regarding property purchased on Vincent, Park Board Commissioner Elizabeth Shaffer about Eloise Butler construction, We Win Institute on Wayzata Blvd, Steve Minn, Lupe Development, about trail access to Wirth Park, and service coordinator at Wirth On The Woods. Distributed diversity survey from City NCR staff to all Board members. Development activities included submitting request to extend NCR contract for 2025, work on NCR funding documentation. Donations are \$20,616 compared to \$16,437 in 2023, Sip and Stroll- Items Sales \$294 compared to \$165 in 2023.

Event Coordinator Report - Patty Wycoff written report

Sip and Stroll went smoothly, great turn out. Big Hill Books perfect place for check-in and selling merch. Many neighbors said it is their favorite event, businesses appreciate this event. Low-cost event that continues to grow. Harvest Dinner Nov. 21. Blood Drive Nov. 22. Trying to locate the sandwich board from the corner of the church. Preservation Minneapolis Walking Tour will take place in

mid-September 2025. Winter/Spring Fest, meeting with La Dona on November 23rd to discuss holding Winter/Spring Fest at La Dona again.

Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad

The 20th is the deadline for articles/ads. There is no Bugle in January. Responded to a question about historic Lieder house article in November Bugle.

Committee Reports (as needed)

Schools – Colleen Dhennin

PTO thanks neighbors for generous donations on election day, raised \$2242. Playground nearly completed. Negotiating with district office for additional teachers, class sizes are above targets. Working on getting more accurate data on the expected number of students for funding. School has requested that the BMNA be a sponsor for Toys for Tots. Colleen Dhennin will write the application; school staff will fill the orders. Dhennin moved approval of BMNA as sponsor for Toys for Tots campaign, Karen Soderberg second. Motion passed.

Active Transportation- Josh Nichols

Alec Werning reported. Hosted a successful ride and picnic to Minneapolis local Dervish Mazza in mid-October. Encourage individuals to submit feedback on Metro Transit's Network Now plan (due November 15). December 7th Holiday Decor ride at 10:00 AM to Farmers Market. Will have extra room to bring holiday trees home. Hoping to have a bus alternative option.

Racial Justice – Steve Harvey

Request for increase in budget for purchasing trees for North Minneapolis. Beginning talks with persons in North Minneapolis about LRT plans for Broadway. Data dashboard on Minneapolis Public Schools website about school transformation plans. Would be helpful to have summaries about crimes.

Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade

Accolades for neighborhood advocating for parks, specifically for continued projects at the Meadows. Eloise Butler is expanding. Commissioner Shaffer asking for input on marijuana use in parks. Brian Treece requested funding for lights on rinks in Mead-

ows. Meadows is not one of the planned rink closures.

Neil Trembley reported on Cedar Lake Park Association working to acquire remnant land in Cedar Lake Corridor.

Gardens – Drew Quirk

Working to get hoses reclaimed for the winter. Thanks to Kathy Ripke for work on the Newton Triangle. Got loads of pavers from Minnesota Green society. Downtown planters in progress,

Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley

Presented draft budget for 2025. BMNA committee chairs submitted budget adjustments. Send questions to Finance Committee between now and December meeting. Will vote on final budget on December 11.

Communications - Jay Peterson

Summarized where the process is for building new website. Showed front page mock-up.

Community Projects - Jessica Wiley

Will solicit for 2025 projects December – February. Identify projects for funding in March 2025.

Facade Grant – Addie Arnold

Handed out flyers to all the businesses during Sip and Stroll. La Mesa and Bryn Mawr Market continue to be interested.

Discussion Items, New Business, Updates & Announcements

Long time neighbor and former BMNA Board Member Clarence Shall-better passed away.

Extensive buckthorn removal around Cedar Lake taking place.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Upcoming Events:

Harvest Dinner, Thur, Nov 21, 2024

Blood Drive, Fri Nov 22, 2024

Saturnalia, Sat Dec 14, 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.

December at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Come celebrate Christmas with us!

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 22 at 10:30 a.m.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 at 7:30 p.m.

No church service Sunday, December 26.

Online streaming also available, details at www.bmpc.us.



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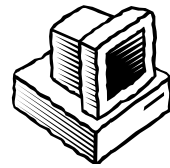


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Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
Area 1	December 2 December 16 December 30 January 13 January 27	
Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7, 8, 9	December 9 December 23 January 6 January 20	
Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		December 10 December 24 January 7 January 21
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From the Editor

The year is winding down and although an unseasonably warm autumn is being chased out by an arctic blast, the days of family and community traditions are upon us. This Thanksgiving we will be heading to the cabin again for another casual, rustic celebration. We will be joined by our oldest and her husband. This will be the first time she will be with us since she was a freshman in college and my dad surprised me by flying her home.

I hope you were able to join the many neighbors who came out for the Harvest Dinner. Even if you didn't, there's one more chance to come out and celebrate this extraordinary community. Once again, our local businesses will be the backdrop for our Saturnalia Winter Festival.

Drumming in the streets, hot cocoa, roasting marshmallows over open fires and hayrides are all back. Santa will be toasty and warm inside Bleu to hear the wishes of young and old alike, and pose for photos.

Sadly, after opening their gates a year ago at the last Saturnalia, Bleu will be shutting them for the last time when the night is over. I for one will be very sad to see them go. But I know something great will come next and, in the meantime, I still have

lots of quality options for shopping locally.

These magical experiences don't just happen. It LITERALLY takes a village. The Board (see page 12) and the staff (Neighborhood Coordinator, Lynda Shaheen and Events Coordinator, Patty Wycoff) put in a lot of time and effort to make Bryn Mawr a great place to live. But none of it matters, not even the *Bugle*, without you the neighbors. Head over to page 7 to read the tribute to all the gifts of time and treasure we logged this year. And that is not including the many, many hours of service by the BMNA board, committees and the volunteer corps that makes sure your *Bugle* reaches you every month.

I want to shout out the advertisers and thank them for their support. Please mention that you saw their ads the next time you visit one of the businesses. I want to point out a couple new shops that are in this month's edition. Minne's Sliders on Glenwood (coupon alert!) and Crumb Corner Baking in Area 3.

The *Bugle* crew will be taking a holiday hiatus, so the next time this paper will hit your steps is February 2025. I want to thank all the contributors and advertisers who shared these pages in 2024.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, editor@bmna.org

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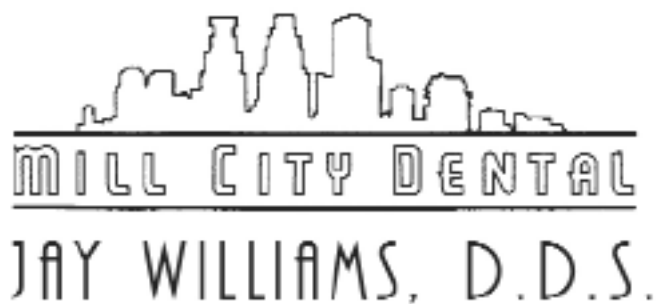


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Minneapolis to Replace Lead Water Infrastructure for Property Owners

Using new state and federal funding, the City of Minneapolis has started work to replace aging water infrastructure for property owners across the city. The City has completed a citywide inventory of all water service lines. The water service line is the pipe that runs from the water main in the street to the meter inside a property. In Minneapolis, the entire water service line is owned by the property owner.

Residents who have either a lead water service line, a galvanized water service line requiring replacement or a water service line of unknown material will receive a letter from the City. The letter has information about the water service line material, steps that can be taken to minimize lead exposure in drinking water, and an update on the City's effort to replace lead water service lines. An interactive map of the water service line inventory can be viewed on the City's website.

How we know our tap water is safe?

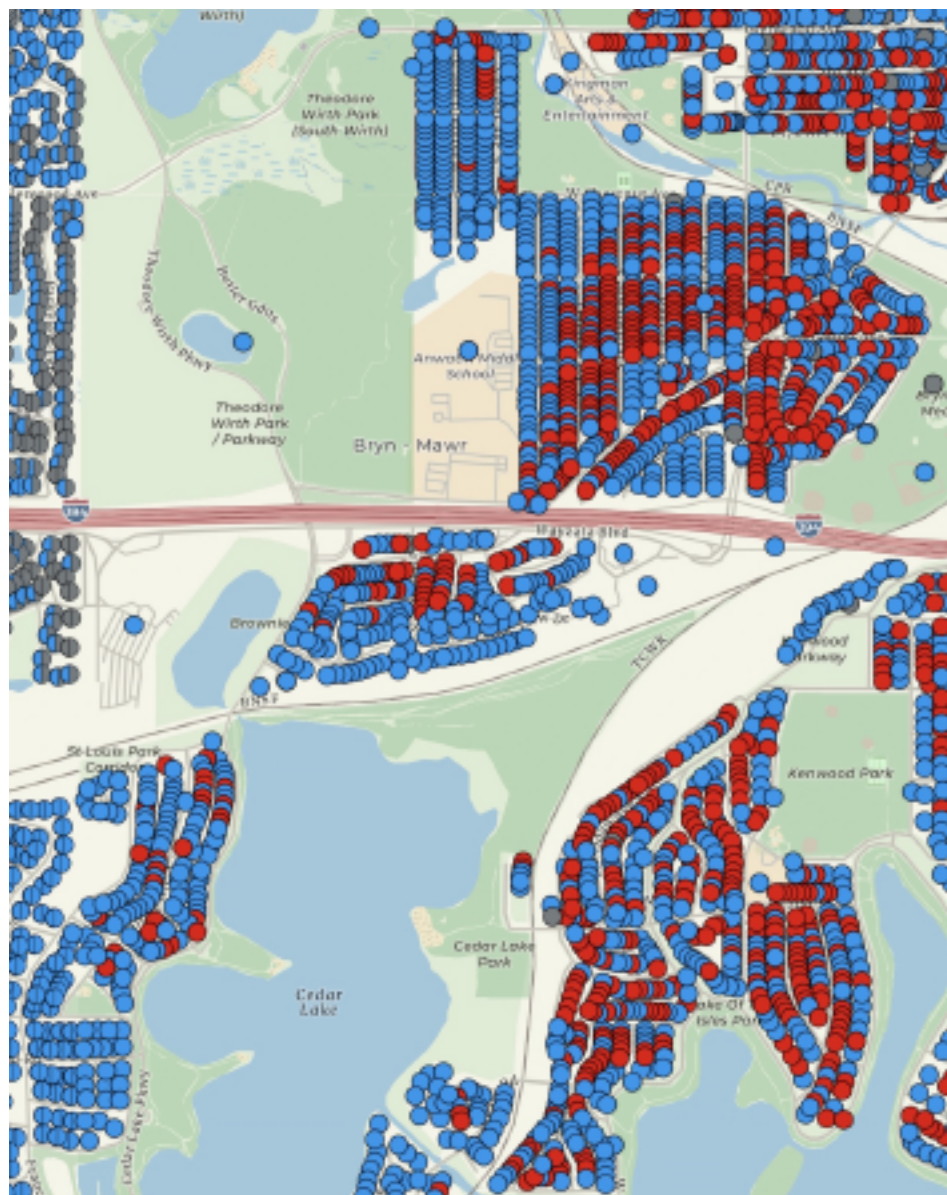
Minneapolis water is tested hundreds of times a day to ensure it's

safe to drink, and it has always met all federal drinking water standards for lead. The water is treated to make sure lead from pipes does not get into the water.

This year, using the new grant funds, we began proactively replacing lead service lines at no cost to the homeowner. In total, we will replace around 400 lead service lines using grant funds in 2024 with a plan to replace 1,000 in 2025. This effort will continue until we have replaced or attempted to replace every lead service line in the city (replacement requires the property owner's consent). It is important to note this is not an opt-in program. The state legislation requires us to prioritize replacement based on:

- Focusing on areas with lower-income residents and other disadvantaged communities.
- Focusing on areas with children with elevated blood lead levels.
- Coordinating the replacement of lead service lines with other capital improvement projects for the most efficient use of grant funding.

You can find more information on the City website: minneapolismn.gov



Help with Heat Bills

Minnesota homeowners and renters can apply for energy assistance to help keep their homes warm this winter. Find more information and apply at mn.gov

By applying for Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program, homeowners and renters may also qualify for Minnesota's Weatherization Assistance Program and receive free home improvements

to help save energy and ensure a warm, healthy, safe home.

Cold Weather Rule

The Cold Weather Rule is now in effect. The Cold Weather Rule means that if you can't pay your home heat bill, your heat can't be shut off Oct. 1-April 30. If you get a notice about disconnecting your primary heat source, make sure to immediately contact the utility and set up a payment plan.



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.
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Harvest Dinner

Neighbors gathered at Bryn Mawr Elementary on November 21st to share a harvest feast. The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association provided 4 roasted turkeys, salad, rosemary roasted potatoes and apple cider. Neighbors prepared their favorite side dishes. It was an impressive table of side dishes. Neighbors voted for their top 3 dishes and prizes were awarded to the winners.

Thank you, Cuppa Java, Bryn Mawr Pizza and Deli and Bobby and Steve's Bryn Mawr, for providing the prizes. We had beautiful centerpieces for each table created by Lynda Shaheen. The succulents were donated by the



BMNA Garden Community members, Dennie Juillerat and Kevin Thompson. The pots for the succulents were donated by Greenhouse Salon and Spa. This event was a beautiful collaboration of many in our neighborhood.

Prize Winning Dishes

1st Place-

Free oil change at Bobby and Steve's
Sarah Moe
Garlic Rosemary Bread with homemade butter

2nd Place-

\$30 gift certificate from Bryn Mawr Pizza and Deli
Bill Miner
Corn Bread

3rd Place-

\$15 gift card from Cuppa Java
Mary Ann Carpenter
Lone's Sage Dressing (a family recipe)

Door Prize winner

Carol Ann Young (pictured above right)



A special thank you to BMNA board members, Jessica Wiley, Beth Franzen, Liv Nielson and Sue Verrett. They roasted, carved and delivered the turkeys for this event.



Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - December 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	6	7 ATC bike ride to the Farmers Market Annex to pick up holiday decor. Meet at Cedar Lake Rd & Laurel at 9:45am 10am departure.
8	9	10	11 BMNA Monthly meeting 6:30pm Bryn Mawr Church, 6:30pm & Google Meet. Joining link posted on BMNA.org.	12 Taste of Anwatin Community Event & Band Concert 5:30-7:30pm at Anwatin Middle School	13	14 Saturnalia BMNA Winter Festival 4:30-6:30pm on Cedar Lake Rd Adults-only party 7-9:30pm at Cuppa Java
15	16	17	18	19 Bryn Mawr Elementary Talent Show 12:30pm in the Anwatin Middle School Auditorium	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Minneapolis Public Schools Winter Break - December 23, 2024-January 3, 2025						
29	30	31	<p>No Bugle in January! See you in the new year.</p>			
Winter Break - December 23, 2024-January 3, 2025						

A Year Of Giving

It was a generous year of giving in Bryn Mawr in 2024. Our neighbors supported the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association, Red Cross Blood drives, NorthPoint Food Shelf and an epic election day bake sale with all proceeds supporting the students at Bryn Mawr Elementary. We're ending the year collecting new and gently used mittens and gloves for the students at Anwatin Middle School and Bryn Mawr Elementary School.

Neighbors have generously donated to support BMNA programs, contractors, and communications. Our Give to the Max campaign in November raised \$610. We are revamping our website to make it more easy to use and will launch in early 2025. Your donations matter. Neighbor contributions make up about one third of our budget. We would like to reach as many households as possible, no matter the amount. You can donate at www.bmna.org or contact coordinator@bmna.org 612.234.7819 to see if you've already contributed in 2024.

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association was the host of 3 Red Cross Blood drives. Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church was the host of 2 blood drives. BMNA and the church helped each other with volunteer gaps to ensure each blood drive was a success. It has been a beautiful partnership that we are planning to continue in 2025.

In July, neighbors donated 126 food items and \$134 to NorthPoint Food Shelf. We had a donation bin for food items at the Ice Cream Social and Bryn Mawr Market designated their change jar to support NorthPoint.

On November 5th, the BMNA and Bryn Mawr Elementary PTA co-hosted an election day bake sale. This was a record breaking bake sale thanks to neighbors!

As we reflect on the past year and the work we have done, we are more proud than ever to be a part of this giving community.

- Lynda Shabeen, Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinators

Blood Drive Update

Our last BMNA sponsored Red Cross Blood drive of the year was another success. We had 23 donors and 6 of them were first time donors. Blood donations are the lowest in years. In the post COVID workplace, large corporate donation clinics have decreased because of hybrid workplaces. Only 3% of Americans donate blood and only 18% are eligible to donate. We are planning to continue supporting the Red Cross in 2025. We hope to increase participation with the neighborhood's support.

- PattyWycoff, Events Coordinator

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Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - January 2025

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
			New Year's Day Holiday 1	2	3	4
			Minneapolis Public Schools Winter Break - December 23, 2024-January 3, 2025			
5	6	7	8 BMNA Monthly meeting 6:30pm Bryn Mawr Church, 6:30pm & Google Meet. Joining link posted on BMNA.org.	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther Kine Holiday Submissions due for next Bugle. Drop in the Bugle Box at the Market or email bugle@bmna.org	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Deadline for first round of School Requests. Visit ExploreMPS.org	

Developments in Regaining Public Access to the Wirth Woods

In late October members of the Bryn Mawr community, MPRB, the Loppet Foundation and Anwatin met up to discuss the future of the Anwatin - Wirth Woods connection near the Eloise Apartments' pond. Currently there is a rainwater runoff ditch filled with rubble that has impeded public access to the Wirth Woods, with the exception of a small temporary bridge that was put in place by residents. During the meeting all parties acknowledged that a permanent fix is necessary for the public to have safe year-round access into Wirth Woods. The Loppet suggested that if a bridge were to be built across the drainage ditch that it should be at least 7ft. wide, (preferably 15 ft. wide), and be able to support a load of at least 1,500 lbs. so that the machine that is used to

groom the winter trails will be able to cross it. This means that a professionally engineered bridge should be made, thereby ruling out the community-built Boy Scout option. Who would be responsible for funding and making this happen is still unclear, but acknowledging the problem is always the first step on the road to progress. For this Winter's ski season the Loppet Foundation recently put down fresh gravel in preparation for snow to accommodate the ski trails. This is a welcomed temporary solution as we wait to see how this issue will be permanently addressed. It is my deepest hope that through collaboration our community will regain safe public access to this crucial trail intersection.

- Jody Wynen, Area 6



Out & About



Holiday Decor Farmers Market Ride December 7th

Join Bryn Mawr's Active Transportation Committee for a winter bike ride to the Minneapolis Farmers Market Annex to pick up holiday decor. Wreaths, garlands, and even trees will be available for purchase - and we will transport them back to Bryn Mawr in a car-free manner! Meet at the Garden of Hope and Healing at the intersection of Cedar Lake Rd S and Laurel Ave at 9:45 AM on Saturday, December 7th, and we will roll out at 10:00 AM. Check our Instagram page @activetransit.bryn-mawr, Bryn Mawr e-newsletters, or send us an email at activetransit-bryn-mawr@googlegroups.com to learn more.

If you don't want to bike, an alternate bus option via Route 9 may be available.

Late Report on Active Transportation October Ride

The Bryn Mawr Active Transportation Committee hosted a bike ride to the Dervish Mazza eatery on Saturday, October 19th. The group of fourteen people was glad to support a nearby northside business, and Mo's food was wonderful! The group biked to Dervish Mazza (1418 Emerson Ave. N) to pick up dinner, and then went to Bethune Park in the Near North neighborhood for a picnic. Look in the Bugle and Bryn Mawr email newsletter for upcoming Active Transportation Committee events.



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The Minneapolis Audubon Society December Meeting

Friday, December 13th, 1:00 pm

Kiwis, Keas, and Kkapos: The Unique Avifauna of New Zealand.
Howard Towle, Professor Emeritus from the University of Minnesota will be presenting a lecture on the birds of New Zealand and the efforts in New Zealand to protect native birds.

The Minneapolis Audubon Society meets monthly from September to May on the second Friday of each month. The meeting is at Bryant Square Community Center, 3100 Bryant Ave So. The lecture is free and there is free parking.



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December 5, 5:30-7:30pm
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Recreation Centers are Open Noon-9 pm on School Release Days

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has plenty of activities for your child to enjoy during Minneapolis Public School's release days. In addition to a wide array of programs and events offered annually, each recreation center has amenities available for you to socialize and have fun when it's convenient for you. From Ping-Pong to foosball, games in the gym or board games you can find a variety of options to suit your style.



- December 15, 2024 Full moon, the Ojibwe Pawatchi Giziz or descending cold moon.
- December 19, 2004 Great Gray owls showing up in large numbers south of their usual range (Alaska to western Ontario) after a cool summer and a decline in their main food supply (rodents). These owls are much larger than our familiar Great Horned owls, grayer, without ear tufts, active by day. If you see one, you'll be startled by its size.
- December 26, 2004 Giant tsunami in the Indian Ocean following an undersea earthquake near Sumatra, causing waves up to 100 feet high nearby and 30 feet high across the Indian Ocean in Somalia. The third most powerful earthquake ever recorded (Richter 9.25), it caused the entire earth to vibrate 10 mm. Almost a quarter million people died, many of them children who were fascinated by the sight of the ocean being sucked out to sea before the tsunami hit.
- January 13, 2025 Full moon, the Dakota Witelli Wi or hard time moon.
- January 15, 2019 Skated all around Cedar Lake on perfectly smooth ice, thanks to no snow and a series of recent freeze-thaw cycles.

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Volunteer in Nature

Volunteers wanted to fill the birdfeeder at Chickadee Landing in the school forest this winter. Contact jill@minneapolisnaturepreschool.org to get involved. Thanks to the BMNA Community Project funding for a new cable and bird feeder system!

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.brynmaurchurch.org or contact Lynda Shaheen, lynda.shaheen@gmail.com

MPS School Choice

Enrolling a new student in MPS or know someone who is? Want to request a new school or enroll in a magnet? The school request season for the 2025-26 school year opened on Monday, Nov. 11.

Submit school requests by Jan. 31 for the best chance of getting your first choice school. Go to ExploreMPS.org to learn about the wide variety of schools and programs MPS offers and to submit your request.

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
brynmaur.mpls.k12.mn.us

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Following election day tradition in Bryn Mawr, our events coordinator, Patty Wycoff, secured donations of baked goods from several area bakeries and coffee from Cuppa Java to treat voters at Bryn Mawr Elementary School when they arrived at the polls. Appreciative neighbors have often left a donation at the treat table for the school's PTA, but members were truly overwhelmed by the generosity of neighbors and businesses this year as they were treated to a record \$2,244.52 in donations. PTA funds help host a variety of events for students throughout the school year including the fifth grade Eagle Bluff environmental field trip in spring. Thank you, neighborhood voters!



Our sincere thanks also go to our donor businesses who outdid themselves this year: Cuppa Java, Cub Foods, Isle Buns, Kowalski's, Lund's/Byerly's downtown, Rustica, and Turtle Bread Company. Next time you stop by any of these businesses, please thank them for supporting our scholars in Bryn Mawr.

Our Schools Invite all Neighbors to Enjoy two Events this December

Taste of Anwatin

The traditional Taste of Anwatin will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Anwatin will be hosting family fun games and activities, a band and choir concert, and their much anticipated ethnic food and refreshments. Attendees can enter through door 7 on the south side of the school and may donate gently used clothing and unused toiletry items if they wish. Relax and enjoy an evening of dinner and family fun during the busy holiday season!

Bryn Mawr Talent Show

Bryn Mawr elementary school brings a new event to the season this year with a student talent show at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2024, in the Anwatin auditorium. Tryouts were held the eighteenth of November and performers are polishing their acts in anticipation of the big day. Neighbors and community members are more than welcome to attend and can access the auditorium through door seven on the south side of the school. Snacks and spirit wear will be available for purchase.

Winter Celebration

Minneapolis Nature Preschool's outdoor Winter Celebration is Dec 12, 5-7pm, by the new playground of Bryn Mawr Elementary. Night hike, cocoa, fire, and crafts. Free to all! Donations welcome.



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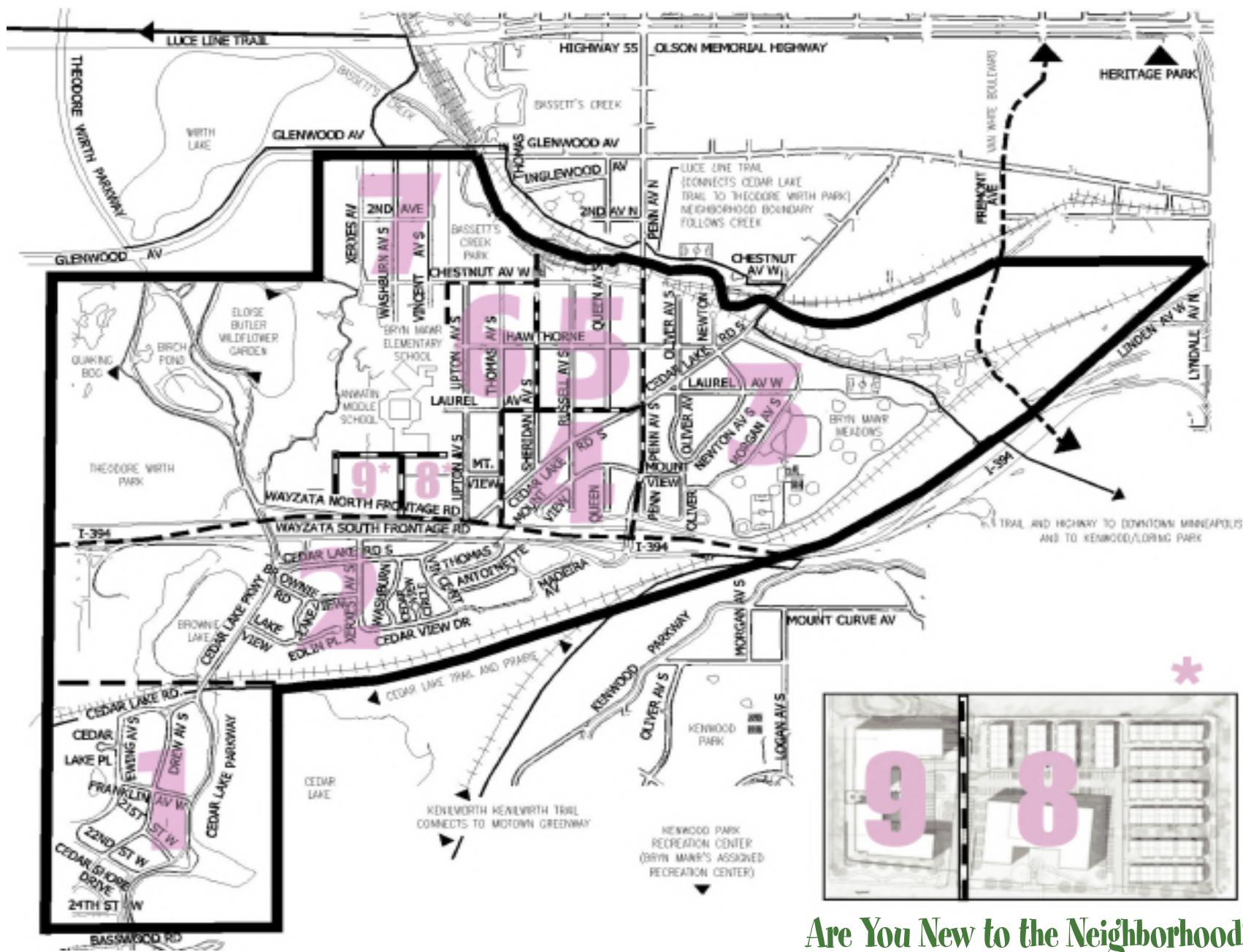
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