



# BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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March 2025

## 2025 BMNA Events

**Winter Fest**  
Thursday, March 27th

**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Friday, April 18th

**Festival of Garage  
Sales**  
Saturday, May 3rd

**Annual Meeting &  
Pot Luck Dinner**  
Wednesday, May 14th

**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Friday, June 13th

**Ice Cream Social**  
Thursday, July 24th

**Member Night**  
September 25th

**Sip & Stroll**  
Thursday, October 9th

**Harvest Dinner**  
Thursday, November 20th

**Saturnalia**  
Saturday, December 13th



## Winter Fest 2025 - March 27th, 6-10 pm

**Utepils Brewing**  
225 Thomas Avenue North

Our first big event of 2025 is coming up on Thursday, March 27th at Utepils. You can purchase a ticket for the event at [bmna.org](http://bmna.org). Your ticket includes dinner catered by Davanni's, an Utepils beverage of your choice, dessert, live music and dancing.

Take a look our list of sponsors and silent auction items! Our local businesses are the backbone of this event and our neighborhood. Next time you visit one of these businesses, thank them for their support.

It's not too late to become a sponsor or donate an item to the silent auction. Email Lynda Shaheen at [coordinator@bmna.org](mailto:coordinator@bmna.org).



### BMNA WINTER FEST SILENT AUCTION CATALOG

These items will be up for auction from 6-8:30 PM. Please thank these generous donors

#### Dining and Food

Pimento Jamaican Kitchen & Rum Bar gift card  
Milda's gift card  
La Mesa gift card  
Bryn Mawr Pizza and Deli gift card  
Davanni's pizza party  
Cuppa Java gift card basket  
Barbette gift card  
Fulton Brewing beverages  
Punch Pizza gift card  
Sebastian Joe's gift card  
Sweet Green gift card  
Red Cow/Red Rabbit gift card  
Tao Foods gift card

#### Experiences

Alliance Française class or summer camp and membership  
Tour of neighbor's bee and chicken setup  
Book and tour of the Minnehaha Falls with Karen Cooper  
Dance lesson with Brian Sostek  
Lunch with Marion Greene  
Tour of U of M bee lab  
Coffee at Cuppa Java with Katie Cashman  
Bakken Museum passes

#### Rejuvenate

Bryn Mawr Soap basket  
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Big Dog Energy candle  
Bryn Mawr Chiropractic  
Natural Step Tai Chi class  
Byler Bodywork LLC gift card  
Harriet Grove Botanicals gummies and drinks  
Studio 411 massage

#### Art

Robin Brown fused glass plate  
Legendary Landmark Art Prints  
Doug Rusk charcuterie board  
Bryan Ball Pottery  
Deb Miner Posters for Parks  
Scott Monge photos  
Rebecca Wynia print  
Adam Reinstein photo  
Bob Arnoldy pottery  
John Mihelic photo  
Judy Remington fused glass  
Kathy Ripke pet portrait  
Leo Verrett art  
MIA tickets  
Rebecca Mozdy painting  
Bonnie Boynton print  
Studio Whimsy gift card

#### Shopping Spree

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What the Pup dog nail trim  
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Trader Joe's gift basket  
Godinger cocktail set  
Harper's Bryn Mawr Tote bags



**We would also like to thank our sponsors who contributed in other ways to Winter Fest.**

**DIAMOND:** Utepils Brewing

**PLATINUM:** Davanni's, Further Performance, Mill City Dental

**GOLD:** Bryn Mawr Soap, spruce, SRF Consulting Group, Alex Boylan/AlexanderGroup, Northwestern Tire and Auto, Susan Stryker and Annie Child-Coldwell Banker Realty, EdgeWork Design Build

**SILVER:** Vickie Dungan Insurance Brokers of MN, La Mesa, Katie Cashman for City Council, The Eloise, Bryn Mawr Market, Cuppa Java, Jan Search, MSW, LICSW-Psychotherapy, Psychoanalysis, Parent Coaching, Bryn Mawr Chiropractic, Big Hill Books, North End Hardware, Bryn Mawr Pizza and Deli, Henry & Son



# BMNA Reporter

**BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
 Board Meeting Minutes  
**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**  
 6:30- 8:00 PM  
 Hybrid Meeting

**Board and Staff**

- Brian Treece - President
- Karen Soderberg -Treasurer
- Jessica Wiley - Secretary
- Liv Nielsen - Area 1 Co-Rep OL
- Sue Verrett - Area 2 Co -Rep
- Michael Tieleman - Area 2 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
- Drew Quirk- Area 6 Co-Rep
- Michael Scott -Area 9 Co-Rep
- Barry Schade - Emeritus
- Lynda Shaheen - Communication/ Development Coordinator
- Patty Wycoff - Event Coordinator

**Guests:**

- Mark Dhennin - Area 5
- Ben Gansky -Area 6
- Marianne Carpenter -Area 9
- Steve Spohn -Area 9
- M. Navarro -Area 9
- Paula Chesley
- Venke Davis OL
- Yoga Prakasa OL
- OL - online

**Call to Order at 6:35PM**

Agenda approved.  
 Minutes from January 8, 2025.  
 Amended to include John Trujillo as in attendance OL.Approved.

**City of Minneapolis -**

**Councilperson Katie Cashman**

Cashman reiterated that she will not support vacating the right of way on Vincent Ave So. The owner has rights to her property and to explore development. Owner is currently conducting an environmental investigation using Braun Intertec Corporation. No land use application has been submitted to date. Owner has contacted the park board about possible land donation. Update on the boulevard gardening ordinance. The intention is to allow the public to use boulevards for planting, to create policies and language that will clearly spell out what is lawful. Technically boulevard gardening is currently not allowed. News reported by Fox 9 had inaccuracies; the city is not banning Little Free Libraries. Coffee with Katie will address this topic March 2. Grace Rude from the City's Homegrown Minneapolis program will discuss changes and answer questions. Question about who would monitor problem gardens. Ordinance will be voted on next month. Cashman pointed out that Coffee with Katie is a monthly opportunity for Ward 7 constituents to share ideas and concerns with her. It is not a political event. Read updates from Cashman at [minneapolismn.gov/ward7](http://minneapolismn.gov/ward7)

**Presentation on new community gathering program -**

Beth Turnbull, Colleen Pulawski, and Ben Gansky presented a proposal for a gathering series. Envisioning a reading group, salon, and working committee. Defined salon as an event where there is a specified topic or theme, specific people speak, then an open managed conversation ensues.

Proposing seasonal groups gathering 3-4 times a year based on topics of shared interest, resulting in collective action. There is a link to a survey in the Bugle and the e-newsletter.

**Crime Prevention Specialist Report - Email report from Shannon McDonough**

Reported on the period from January 5- 27. Two thefts, 2 burglaries. 2 vehicle thefts, (one was running). A robbery on Russell took place on the street. No one physically hurt. Board and neighbors can view crime stats at [minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/public-safety/police-public-safety/crime-maps-dashboards/crime-locations-map/](http://minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/public-safety/police-public-safety/crime-maps-dashboards/crime-locations-map/)

**Treasurer Report- Karen Soderberg**

Met with Wiley and Shaheen to work out kinks in QuickBooks. Ready to file taxes. \$9300 in the black for 2024.

**Communications & Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen**

Facilitated request for letter of support for Market grant. Publicized blood drive, Racial Justice film, Community Projects, Market mural event, public safety meeting. Edited website. Met with Katie Cashman's office. Bryn Mawr Market had an open house for new mural. Market wants to continue to do neighborhood events. Welcome Packet pizza coupons were being photocopied. Taking steps to ensure coupons are original, they are only for new neighbors. Attended monthly meeting with Ward 7 coordinators facilitated by Katie Cashman's office. We have 1612 households on our mailing list. WinterFest sponsors have been contacted from last year, 7-8 sponsors so far, a dozen silent auction items. Barry Schade encouraged area reps to pick up and distribute Welcome Packets.

**Event Coordinator Report - Patty Wycoff**

WinterFest at Utepils on March 27. Utepils donating the private rooms and \$3 off on drinks. Piano in private room, Saddle Sores band in main room, 2 bars. Davani's catering meal, pizza and salad. \$30 ticket in advance for dinner, beverage, live music. Committees can have a table.

**Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad**

The 20th is the deadline for articles/ads.

**Webmaster - Jeremy Staffeld**

Lynda Shaheen shared mockup for new website. Developer is Nativ3.

**Committee Reports (as needed)**

**Schools -Colleen Dhennin**  
 Bryn Mawr Elementary Principal Oldenburg planning budget for next school year, which is based on anticipated enrollment. Estimating class size too early has been an issue. Using a later date will give a more accurate number. Caregiver conferences Friday February 14; serving light breakfast and lunch for teachers.

**Active Transportation -**

**Josh Nichols**

Preparing for meeting with Katie Jones and Frank Hornstein regarding transportation issues. Following upcoming projects - resurfacing Penn Ave, rebuilding Cedar Lake Road Bridge, completion of LRT station. Events will be planned 6 months out. No word yet about Safe Walk to School grant. Wirth Park parking and traffic survey link in February 12 e-newsletter. Katie Cashman shared that Senate bill SF 1091 has been introduced for traffic calming.

**Racial Justice - Steve Harvey**

Emailed report. Successful showing of "Mankiller" film, 60 attendees. Investigating donating trees to North Minneapolis. Exploring ways to improve Bryn Mawr's relationship with North Side businesses and neighbors. Harrison Neighborhood Association celebrating its 40th anniversary at La Dona on February 22.

**Parks - Chris Etz/Barry Schade**

Park Board Rep Elizabeth Shaffer considering a run for City Council. Thanks to Katie Cashman for her work on the boulevard gardens policies. Bryn Mawr neighbor Mike Welch was honored by the city for his 25-year service on the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission.

**Gardens - Drew Quirk**

Formalizing a monthly calendar for volunteering during the season. Completed application for watering from city.

**Finance - Jessica Wiley**

Currently working with independent contractor Michael Wilson on 990's and tax return. Will be completed this spring for review by the Board.

**Community Projects - Jessica Wiley**

February 28 deadline for submitting projects for funding. Committee will meet in March.

**Discussion Items, New Business, Updates & Announcements**

Michael Scott discussed Theodore issues with renewing leases and parking. Suggestion was made for a self-defense activity.

Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 27, WinterFest at Utepils

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](mailto:organizer@BMNA.org) at least five days before our event.

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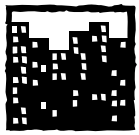
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Applications are open now for three current vacancies plus eight seats that will open in May. Applications are due by March 16.

Read more on the City website at [www.minneapolis.mn.gov](http://www.minneapolis.mn.gov)

### Tree Lottery

Minneapolis property owners can now enter the City Trees Lottery through March 14. Each property is eligible for up to three trees for \$30 each. More than 15 varieties of shade and evergreen trees are available, and the trees are 3 feet to 7 feet tall.

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### Save the Date: Precinct Caucuses

This year, Ward 7 Precinct 1 (Bryn Mawr) caucuses will be at 7 pm Tuesday April 8. The DFL caucus in particular promises some excitement, as first term City Council member Katie Cashman has drawn two signifi-

cant challengers: Park Board Commissioner Elizabeth Shaffer and East Isles neighborhood activist Paula Chesley. Come and hear what your neighbors have to say.

- Dick Adair and Wendy Jerome, Area 6

## Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - March 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
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 BMNA Monthly meeting 6:30pm Bryn Mawr Church, 6:30pm & Google Meet. Joining link posted on BMNA.org.	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Submissions due for next Bugle. Drop in the Bugle Box at the Market or email <a href="mailto:bugle@bmna.org">bugle@bmna.org</a>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 BMNA Winter Fest 6-10 pm at Utepils	28	29
30	31					



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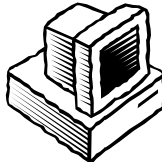
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## From the Editor

I love my side hustle designing and creating costumes for youth musicals. The creativity I get to use to help them bring stories to the stage gives me life. I am not the kind of designer who believes you should copy other people's work, so you will never see me making a semi-replica of a Broadway costume. I tell my students that when we copy, people compare and our version is not likely to hold up to the original.

But we can take inspiration from other designers who are intentional about color, shape and use of patterns and embellishments to help the audience understand the story. I enjoy bringing the actors in to collaborate. This is partially to help them feel more of the process but also it recognizes that they are much more likely to wear it and feel confident on stage than if I handed them a hanger and said, "Here. wear this."

I was so sad when Litin Party up on Plymouth went out of business. They were my absolute go-to for all things party and prefab costume accessories. This past month, Party City announced that they are closing. Although it didn't hold a candle to Litin, it was a still place where I could go for hats and accessories.

I am not a fan of pre-made costumes. I prefer to alter thrifted cloth-

ing or create from scratch. I have been doing the later since I was 10 years old. I was a competitive figure skater and when our family welcomed kid number five. My mother informed me that it was time for me to start making my own competition and show costumes, so she signed me up for a sewing class at the YMCA.

Going into a fabric store is a tactile thrill that never gets old. I am working on two shows right now. In the past month, I have created three dresses, one king jacket and assorted other items. People who know me texted me when they heard the news that JoAnn Fabric & Crafts was closing all its stores.

For those who were reluctant to ask, I am positively unmoored. I have no idea what I am going to do for future projects. It takes all my self-control to not rush to the store and buy everything on the shelves.

In good news, the Academy Awards are Sunday. All the kiddos are coming over for a watch party so of course that calls for a food theme. There will be pink bubbles with optional green elixir. My Instagram story will have snaps of Anora's six-carat soup, the Fruitalist tray, Popcorn and other punny nods to this year's nominees.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, [editor@bmna.org](mailto:editor@bmna.org)

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## 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 profiling Henry! He may in fact be the biggest, silliest and friendliest dog to ever live in our neighborhood.

Henry is a Rottweiler, German Shepherd mix (with probably a few other varieties of awesome tossed in) and is just over two and a half years old. He's the first canine companion his human couple have welcomed into their lives and they chose well. In his very early life Henry lived with a woman who, despite her best efforts, couldn't find the time to give this energetic boy the good life he deserved. One day, while perusing the internet for their perfect pup, they found themselves drawn to a slightly off kilter posting with a few blurry pictures of Henry. Their intuition told them to look just a little closer, and so they reached out. By that evening Henry had moved into their hearts and their home.

One of my favorite things about Henry is how, when he sees a two or four legged companion he would like to greet, he makes himself as flat as a pancake. As you approach, he remains flat, but he starts to wag his tail until he just can't contain his excitement anymore and he just has to give you a deeply heartfelt hello.

Henry's backyard is beautifully landscaped and even has a water feature that he enjoys submerging himself in... even when he's not supposed to. He drinks more water than



any dog I've ever met. One of his best four legged friends is named Gnocchi and sometimes they go skiing together at sunset. Also, he once ate a headlamp.

Beneath his silliness and assorted hijinks Henry's loyalty to his humans and his thoughtfulness shines through. He's the type of dog who doesn't leave the yard if the gate is accidentally left open because he knows how to be a good boy. He's kind to the cat he cohabitates with because why wouldn't he be? When you spend time with Henry you just get the feeling that he wants what is best for you. His vibes are very much that of a gym bro with a heart of gold who will bring you a pre-workout to drink, spot you during your set and pump you up because he sees your potential and he knows you can add another plate to the bar. He

wants you to share his excitement for being alive and most of all he just wants you to send it.

Between mouthfuls of snow Henry told me that not a day goes by that he doesn't appreciate how acts of love have shaped his young life in such tremendous ways. His previous human taught him how loving someone, and wanting what's best for them, can sometimes mean having to let that person or pup move on from your life. Soon after, his forever humans showed him the kind of love that makes one open their heart and take a chance on a pup with a heart of gold. He wants you all to know that if you're on the cusp of making a difficult decision that he is here to support you (but please bring him a snack).

Keep sending outstanding pups to [brynmawrpupofthemonth@gmail.com!](mailto:brynmawrpupofthemonth@gmail.com)

## Blood Drive Update

The February 9th Red Cross blood drive had 31 scheduled donors. 3 donors were first time donors. Our goal was 22 units and we collected 21. Our next blood drive is April 18th. Sign up to donate at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

Thank you Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church for hosting the February 9th blood drive. BMNA will host the April 18th blood drive.

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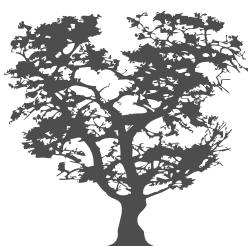
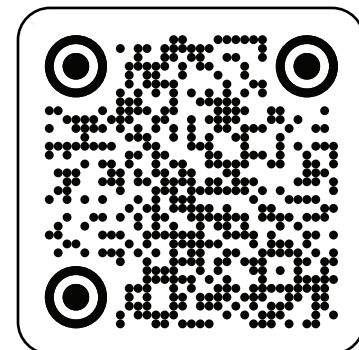
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**BMNA**

## Invitation to Join the Pilot Bryn Mawr Community Gathering Program

Dear Neighbor,

We are excited to extend a second invitation to join a new neighborhood 'think tank'. This initiative aims to bring together community members over a month-long period to learn, deliberate, and take collective action on an issue in our beloved neighborhood. Our pilot sessions will be dedicated to exploring "The Pedestrian Experience" in Bryn Mawr.

We have scheduled a series of meetings in the basement of Big Hill Books, with the specific programming (for instance, expert presenters, musical guests, potluck parameters) TBD. Here are the details so far:

### Meeting Schedule:

First Meeting: March 29, 2:30-4:30 PM  
Second Meeting: April 5, 2:30-4:30 PM  
Final Meeting: April 19, 2:30-4:30 PM

Please note that there is an extra week between the second and third meetings. We anticipate distributing an 'assigned reading' prior to the first meeting; we believe this will enrich our discussions by giving us some shared vocabulary and background knowledge. While we \*highly\* encourage participants to attend all three sessions, if you are only able to attend 2/3, please don't count yourself out!

We look forward to your participation and valuable insights. Together, we can make Bryn Mawr a safer and more enjoyable place for pedestrians.

Warm regards,  
Colleen, Ben, and Bethanne

If you haven't yet, please scan the QR code or visit our website: [www.bryn-mawrgathering.com](http://www.bryn-mawrgathering.com) for more information and to RSVP!



Please refer to the February Bugle for the initial invitation, if you would like to follow the evolution of this project.

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- Cuppa Java** at 400 Penn Avenue S  
Thursday, March 20th, 5 - 7 p.m.
- Rustica** at 3224 W Lake Street  
Monday, March 24th, 10 a.m. - Noon

For more about Elizabeth, visit - [elizabethshaffer.com](http://elizabethshaffer.com)



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### Hello Bryn Mawr neighbors -

I'm Elizabeth Shaffer, your Minneapolis Parks District 4 Commissioner and now candidate for Minneapolis City Council in Ward 7. It is a tremendous honor to represent you on the Park Board. **Your voice has been heard and represented over my last three years in the parks.** We have seen success in each of the thirteen neighborhoods I represent and residents can attest to the work we have accomplished together. We have cleaned up our parks, worked to better care for our assets, including the natural environment, and enjoyed getting to know one another in the process.

Now I am running for City Council because Minneapolis is at a crossroads. Some think we must choose between safety and equity, between affordability and opportunity, between displaying compassion and balancing the budget. These priorities are not mutually exclusive. **We must be pragmatic and balance key priorities in a collaborative, not combative, spirit.** Together we can begin to forge a new path in Minneapolis that holds diversity of opinion as an asset in high regard.

**We must create safe, functional, and welcoming public spaces in Minneapolis. Promoting the livability of our communities is our top priority.** Safety is the underpinning of connectivity between all aspects of city life. We must support and properly fund our police and first responders who work tirelessly to serve and protect our communities. We must wholeheartedly commit to reforms that will make our city safer and more equitable, including investment in alternative 911 responders like the Behavioral Crisis Response Team and implementation of the state and federal consent decrees. We must treat everyone in our community, including the unhoused, with compassion and respect.

**Minneapolis must offer engaging options for consumers and businesses alike.** Our small and local businesses are vital to the city's economy and the well-being of our communities. The City Council must make it convenient and attractive to do business in Minneapolis, and we must collectively support our community businesses and set them up for success. Minneapolis must also be a champion for workers. Strong wages, proper benefits, and safe, welcoming workplaces are essential to ensure everyone gets a fair shake.

To accomplish all this, we need level-headed leaders on the City Council who will work collaboratively in the best interest of residents. As we navigate federal uncertainties and a depreciating local commercial property tax base, we need to be intentional in our budget priorities, starting first with core city services.

Together, we can accomplish great things for Minneapolis. **It's your city and I'm listening.**

Sincerely,  
  
Elizabeth Shaffer



- March 3, 1985      Blizzard with 17.6 inches of snow. Streets impassable, no buses. Couldn't get home from work, slept there.
- March 13-14, 2025 Full moon, the Dakota Istawicayazan Wi or sore-eye moon. There will be a total lunar eclipse starting just after midnight on 3/13, with totality from 1:26-2:31am on 3/14. During totality, the moon will appear reddish. Sunlight includes many different wavelengths (colors) of light. During an eclipse, the longer red wavelengths make it through the edges of the earth's atmosphere more effectively than shorter blue wavelengths, which are more susceptible to scatter. It's the same reason the sky appears blue during the day but red during sunrise and sunset, or when there's smoke in the air.
- March 15, 1997    Took an evening walk to the J.D. Rivers Garden area to see the Hale Bopp comet before it disappeared after entertaining us on clear nights for two months. Good view to the northwest over Wirth Park, relatively free of city light.
- March 26, 1995    Ice out early on Wirth Lake.



## Out & About

### 2025 Active Transportation Events


**J**oin the Active Transportation Committee on group walks, bike rides, and bus rides! Come meet your neighbors and build community - we'll get there in a fun and sustainable way.


#### Walk to Winter Fest

**Thursday, March 27th at 5:30pm**  
Meet at the Garden of Hope & Healing in front of the church (420 Cedar Lake Rd S, Minneapolis, MN 55405). We'll walk over to Utepils together for the festivities. We'll leave Utepils as a group at 9:45pm to walk back (or a bit later if we can't peel ourselves off the dance floor! :dancer:).

#### Piecycle Ride

**Saturday, April 26th at 2pm**  
Stay tuned for details in the April Bugle!

**Playground Crawl**   
TBD - May 10/11 or 24/25 (more details to come)

**Mill City Market + Stone Arch Festival**   
June 14th at 9:30am (more details to come)

Stay tuned for more events to come in July to December, like Pedal to Petals, Parking Day, Pumpkin ride, a Dervish Mazza dinner, and our annual Holiday Tree ride!

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- 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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## Winter BioBlitz in Wirth Park

We will start off by learning some tracking basics from Bill Kass, a professional in track and sign, and then will head out and explore the parks and practice our tracking skills. We will also practice using the community science data collection app iNaturalist to capture our findings. Below are specific details about each tracking session. Saturday, March 22nd, 2025 | 9:00 - 11:00 AM at Theodore Wirth Regional Park

The event will begin at the Wirth Beach House (3200 Glenwood Ave,

Minneapolis MN 55405). Register at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org)

## Winter Programs

### Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary

Winter Tree ID Walk - March 4

Winter Birding Walk - March 18

Winter Nature Walk - March 25

Storytime for Children - Thursdays through March 27

Knitting Near Nature - March 14 and 28th.

Check the Garden website at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) for the exact times and any late changes to the schedule.

## New signs In Wirth Park

Recent visitors to Wirth Park have seen new direction signage ("wayfinding kiosks" in parkspeak) that has been installed throughout the park to upgrade park user experiences.

The example in the photo is at the Wirth Beach entry to the trail system that leads to the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden. Smaller signage will be used in various other places around the trail system. This particular kiosk has information about the Wildflower Garden highlighted.



## Bulldozers in the Park: Redux

By Neil Trembley

In mid-December of 2024, bulldozers tore through the northeast corner of Cedar Lake Park. The roaring, smashing, and grinding were deafening. It was also reminiscent of a similar occurrence in the park thirty years ago.

At that time, a makeshift prairie had sprung up from an abandoned rail yard north of Cedar Lake. Although it looked pretty, hordes of invasive exotics dominated the land, crowding out the native plants. In the early spring of 1995, bulldozers overturned and sculpted the land. Behind them came seed drills implanting native-specie grasses and forbs (herbaceous flowering plants) into the newly tilled soil. By the late spring of 1995, the landscape looked like the dark side of the moon. This writer was one of the those who had participated in the planning for the new prairie, but even I was aghast. Soon however, the forbs and grasses began to sprout up and by late summer, it was difficult to pick out any remnants of the bulldozers' work. Thirty years later, the Cedar Lake Park Prairie has become one of the jewels of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) park system.

Abutting the prairie and spreading to the north edge of Cedar Lake lay a densely forested area. For decades bird lovers and others trod the paths through the thick underbrush. For them, it was secluded and cherished place with a thick undercover. Unfortunately, much of that cover consisted of generations of gnarled buckthorn growth. Although volunteers made sporadic efforts to curb its progress, buckthorn—like rust—never sleeps. The tangled undergrowth strangled other trees and shrubs. In addition, some felt the lack of sightlines created an unsafe environment. For various reasons, the MPRB decided to act.

An unexpected windfall aided the park board's decision. When SWLRT

construction forced the closing of the Kenilworth Canal, MPRB sought redress. It received \$102,000 and decided to use this money exclusively at Cedar Lake.

MPRB asked some of the shareholders around Cedar Lake, including the Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA), what might be the best use of monies. Many projects were promoted: funding improvements at East Cedar Lake (Hidden) Beach, management efforts in the prairie, funding projects connected to the School Forest, as well as buckthorn removal efforts all around the lake.

MPRB decided to focus on the northeast corner of Cedar Lake Park. (See map). It delineated the eighteen-acre Mesic Forest section that went from the north end of 21st and Upton all the way around to the Mound area. MPRB recognized that there were many trees worth saving in the area. It was especially careful to mark out Maple/Basswood trees planted by the CLPA some years ago, as well as the Cedar Grove spiral that the group started in 1996. Luckily these trees were mature enough to be easily identified.

To oversee the project, MPRB contracted with Prairie Restoration Inc. (PRI). Its history with Cedar Lake Park goes back over thirty years. Indeed, PRI oversaw the first recontouring and seeding of the Cedar Lake Park Prairie back in 1995. Since then, it has provided plants and logistical support for several projects around Cedar Lake Park. It was uniquely qualified for the job.

Besides bulldozers, PRI brought in smaller grinders that could be used between stands of trees. It had to wait until the ground froze so as not to damage ground too much. But the area was large and replete with invasive undergrowth and the sounds of bulldozing and grinding echoed throughout the park. The work created huge swaths of open land and a thick blanket of woodchips that covered the ground. As the MPRB website nicely put it, "The project area may appear unsightly at times." Indeed.



Visiting the area just prior to the holidays, I was amazed at the difference. Sightlines have improved significantly—one can view the lake from the Cedar Grove, something that I've never experienced. The buckthorn has been eradicated—or so it seems. As most know, buckthorn is pernicious and sends out sappers under the ground that will resurface in time. That is why the project plan includes PRI revisiting the area for the next two years and continuing buckthorn eradication prior to planting native species trees and forbs in 2027. This is a long-term project and patience is needed. But it is fair to say that it will never be the same.

When I walked through the area, I talked to many people about their impressions. I asked one person about the improved sightlines, but they were dubious. They indicated that while there may be something to be said about seeing, there was something to be said about not being seen. Another person said they had a dog and felt protected and that they were disoriented by the destruction and unsure of the pathway, despite having walked there for years. Another person decried the loss of understory.

But the harshest criticism came in the form of an email sent to the park

board (I was copied) from a longtime user of the park, one who lived along the Kenilworth Corridor. They had already seen an immense swath of destruction scar the land, not to mention the trail disruptions that have gone on now for six years. They criticized the lack of transparency. Although they lived in the area, they had received no word about what was about to happen to their haven. They thought MPRB could have advertised the project more fully, perhaps with an open house.

Change is hard. What one person sees as an opening of the land, another sees as a closing of their refuge. Some have argued that buckthorn serves a purpose, and that it is dangerous to create such a complete vacuum. Certainly, this brings up the issue of maintenance: the die is cast and the land is vulnerable to other invasives. The park board needs to continue to pursue a long-term plan beyond the project timeline. After the seeding of the land, it needs to manage it so that what develops will benefit the land...and the people who use it.

It was, I believe, the environmental historian William Cronon who wrote, "Parks don't make cities more natural; they make cities more human."

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### 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](http://everymeal.org). The sign up sheet can be found at [www.brynmawrchurch.org](http://www.brynmawrchurch.org) or contact Lynda Shaheen, [lynda.shaheen@gmail.com](mailto:lynda.shaheen@gmail.com)

### Coach Minneapolis youth at the Step Up Mock Interviews on March 18-20!

Join us for a chance to directly support Minneapolis youth through our favorite volunteer event of the year! We're looking for community volunteers for the annual Step Up Mock Interviews, which will be back at the Minneapolis Convention Center on March 18, 19 and 20 from 4:15 - 6:45 p.m. each day. This is a great opportunity for individual volunteers as well as company teams.

As a volunteer, you'll connect with 2-4 Step Up youth participants and provide one-on-one feedback and coaching on their job interview skills and professional presentation. We'll help you prepare by providing a brief orientation and sample questions before the interviews begin.

Don't miss this fun and engaging opportunity to help our young people build new skills and confidence as they prepare for summer internships and future career success. We invite you to join us for one, two or three days.

For questions or more details, contact the Step Up team at [events@achievetwincities.org](mailto:events@achievetwincities.org). We hope to see you there!

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

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The Harlem Globetrotters exhibition basketball team formed in 1926 and traveled the world entertaining audiences with both on-court tomfoolery and amazing basketball shots and skills. Incredible athletes, in 1940 the Globetrotters won the World Basketball Championship and in 1948 and 1949, they surprised basketball fandom by defeating the world champion Minneapolis Lakers twice. Based in Harlem in the 1940s, the Globetrotters became the source of the best basketball talent in the country leading to the integration of the NBA when Sweetwater

(Nathaniel) Clifton became the first African American player to join the NBA. Over time, many more of the Harlem Globetrotters’ most talented players such as Wilt Chamberlain were picked off by the NBA. The Globetrotters became an exhibition basketball club and tour the country as family entertainers, role models for youth and goodwill ambassadors.

After providing a lunch of Jersey Mike’s (partners of the Harlem Globetrotters) submarine sandwiches, Zeus (Julius) McClurkin and TNT (Brittany) Lister greeted students in

the gym where they demonstrated amazing basketball skills, modeled sportsmanship, and inspired kids to pursue their interests and goals.

Lister and McClurkin engaged students in cheers, a dribbling relay race, and a truly inspiring and joyful break in their day. They closed by awarding student Axel Banks Conyers with their “Great Assist Award” for being a person who befriends and helps out everyone at Bryn Mawr Elementary. Axel was chosen for the award by his schoolmates.



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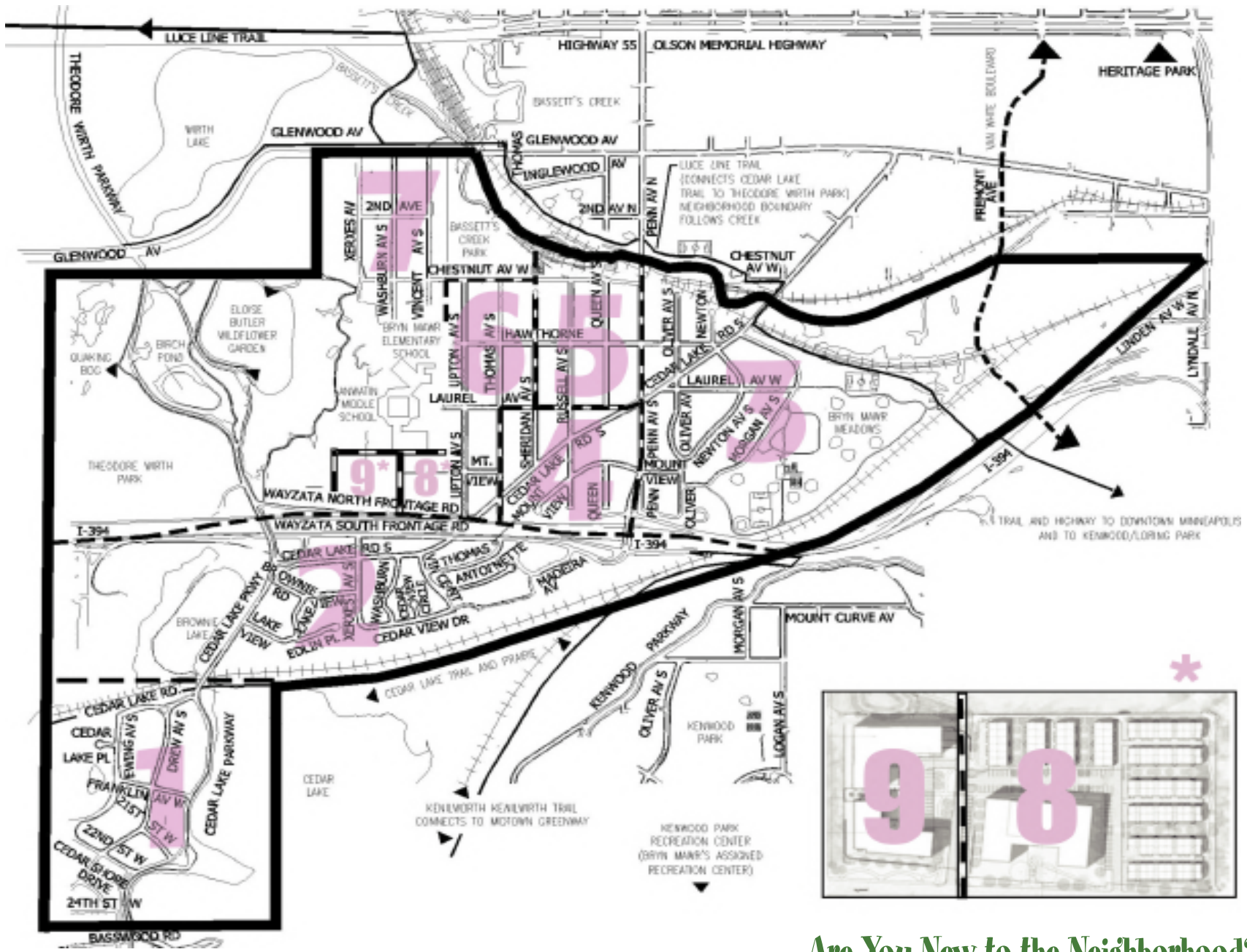
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