

The ElmwoodNeighbor

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Join the Board! Neighborhood Board Positions Open!

Several Elmwood Neighborhood Board positions will be coming open this fall, with a number of long-serving individuals stepping down.

Board president Hanna Barker — who is one of the members stepping down — said, “This is an exciting time for the Elmwood Neighborhood Board. While we’re losing a number of individuals who have provided many years of faithful service to the neighborhood, this is a chance for new residents to step in and help ensure that Elmwood residents remain engaged and active in shaping our community’s future.”

Many of the board members stepping down have served the community for a number of years. Tom Larson, who has been on the board for 16 years, said, “I joined the board in 1996. Bob and Anna Tift and John and Sue Basill were instrumental in organizing the board and getting the community organized. We had noise from railroad switching and lead contamination issues spurring the neighborhood into action. And along the way, amongst other opportunities, we had the Elmwood comprehensive plan, the Minnesota Rubber site, playground equipment, traffic issues and the bike trail to weigh in on. These were all important efforts, but I’ve enjoyed the fun activities the most. Events like the Halloween parties, garage sales and summer picnics were very rewarding. I’ve had the pleasure of working with a wonderful group of people over the years and feel fortunate to have been part of such a great community. I’m hopeful Elmwood residents will continue to be engaged in our little corner of St. Louis Park.”

Elmwood Needs You!

Consider a position to celebrate and promote our neighborhood!

Contact Hanna Barker at (612) 987-4818 or Paula Evensen at (952) 924-0519 to join the board. Or, attend the board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 23!

DID YOU KNOW?

The recently closed coffee manufacturing plant at 5725 Highway 7 started producing coffee in 1977, when McGarvey Coffee—owned by Superior Coffee and Foods—moved to town. McGarvey Coffee did quite well in St. Louis Park, providing products that were used in 70 percent of restaurants in the Upper Midwest. Current owner Sara Lee bought the plant in 1991.

Board member Paula Evensen echoed Larson’s thoughts. “I started on the Elmwood Board several years ago,” she said. “Our current president moved to another home in St. Louis Park, and our neighborhood association was inactive for a while. With the help of Tom Larson and some other former board members, we got Elmwood active once again.”

She continued, “I am proud of how we worked with the city and developers during the building of the Wooddale condos, the Towerlight project, the fire stations and the never-ending light rail station discussions. I am looking forward to seeing a new group of neighbors leading us forward.”

For information on becoming a board member, contact Hanna Barker at (612) 987-4818 or Paula Evensen at (952) 924-0519. Or, better yet, attend the Neighborhood Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 23, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.





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Annual Neighborhood Meeting and Social on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church

The Elmwood Neighborhood’s Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church located at 3801 Wooddale Avenue South. (*Note: this is a new location.*)

The meeting will be preceded by a social to thank outgoing board members. Hot dogs and chips will be served starting at 6:00 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. All neighborhood residents are encouraged to attend.

Items to be discussed include:

- Neighborhood business updates;
- New board members and upcoming events;
- LRT station planning;
- Sidewalks, trails, bridge and bike concerns; and
- Traffic signals

Representatives from the City of St. Louis Park as well as councilmember Anne Mavity will be on hand, as well.

Neighborhood Company Bemis to Close Doors

Bemis Co. will reportedly close two Twin Cities plants this year, resulting in layoffs for more than 160 employees.

The Neenah, Wis.-based packaging company will close a St. Louis Park plant by late September and a Minneapolis plant by the end of the year, Minnesota Public Radio reported. The move will result in the loss of 162 jobs.

Bemis told MPR that the closings — as well as a handful of others domestically and internationally — are aimed at increasing the company’s efficiency. About 500 employees will lose their jobs companywide. (reprinted from *TwinCities.com*)



Neighborhood Halloween Party!

Sunday, Oct. 28 from 3-5 p.m.
Aldersgate United Methodist Church

All kids and parents welcome!
Enjoy games! Contests! Face painting!
Refreshments! And a magic show!

RSVPs are appreciated. Call Colleen at (952) 451-5121 by Oct. 20 if you plan to attend.