



Morningside

Neighborhood Association

What is the Morningside Neighborhood Association?

The Morningside Neighborhood Association (MNA) is a volunteer-led neighborhood organization and Minnesota non-profit corporation. The mission of the MNA is to promote a better community through group action, to promote involvement in decisions made by local government, and to represent the interests of all residents and property owners in the Morningside Neighborhood of Edina.

How was the MNA formed?

The MNA was formed at a neighborhood meeting in November 2003. Prior to the meeting, volunteers delivered the meeting notice to every Morningside address. About 65 neighbors attended the meeting, voting unanimously to form the association, adopt the proposed bylaws as revised at the meeting, and elect 15 neighbors to the first steering committee.

Who leads the MNA?

The MNA is led by a steering committee, elected each year at the Annual Meeting. Thirty-five Morningside residents have served on the steering committee over the years. Election to the steering committee is open to all Morningside residents or property owners age 18 and over.

Who's on the steering committee? How can I contact them?

Names of current steering committee members are listed on the MNA website: www.edinamorningside.org. For privacy, personal contact information for steering committee members is not provided. You may contact the steering committee as a group by emailing edina.morningside@gmail.com.

How does someone become a member?

Membership in the MNA is automatic for all Morningside residents and property owners age 18 and over. There are no dues and no requirements to be on membership list to participate in MNA meetings and events. Neighbors may sign up for the MNA email list to receive news and updates on issues of interest to the neighborhood.

How is MNA funded?

The MNA is funded by donations.

What does the MNA do?

The MNA helps to keep neighbors connected and informed about issues of interest to the neighborhood. We do this through flyers delivered three to five times each year by volunteers to every address in the neighborhood, the email distribution list, MNA website, social events such as Neighborhood Night Out, and meetings such as the Annual Meeting in October. Examples of MNA activities include:

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- Working with Vierkant Disposal to start the Organics recycling program
 - Hosting City Council and School Board candidate forums
 - Facilitating a neighborhood meeting with the Police Department regarding burglaries
 - Inviting guest speakers, such as City Manager Scott Neal, to speak at the Annual Meeting
 - Facilitating a neighborhood conversation on residential reconstruction and developing recommendations to address neighborhood concerns

In addition, steering committee members participate on City committees and attend meetings to keep abreast of issues that may be of interest to the neighborhood so that this information can be shared with you.

Does the MNA “speak for” the neighborhood?

Although the MNA is a neighborhood-based organization, with membership open to every resident and property owner in Morningside, the MNA does not represent that it speaks for the neighborhood or for every individual in the neighborhood. The MNA may present the views of members and others who have participated in MNA meetings, surveys, or otherwise shared their opinions with us.

When does the steering committee meet? Can neighbors attend?

The steering committee meets monthly or as needed, at a date/time that works for most steering committee members. Neighbors may attend steering committee meetings. To find out when the steering committee meets next, email us at edina.morningside@gmail.com.

Who should I contact about a neighborhood concern?

Feel free to contact the steering committee about your neighborhood concern. The steering committee may be able to:

- share information on the topic with you;
- put you in touch with other neighbors who share your concern;
- put you in touch with the appropriate person to contact at City Hall or the school district about your concern; or
- share information about the concern via the neighborhood email distribution list.

You may also share a neighborhood concern at the Annual Meeting for discussion.

Please report any concern related to public safety directly to the Edina Police Department. Call 911 if it is an emergency or 952-826-1600 for a non-emergency.

How can I get more involved in the MNA?

The MNA is a volunteer-led neighborhood organization. MNA volunteers have discovered the value of building community through participation in MNA activities. Whether you have a few minutes or hours to give, we encourage you to participate in one or more of the following ways:

- become an active member by signing up for the MNA email list and attending MNA meetings and events;
- serve on the steering committee or a subcommittee;
- help out at an MNA event;
- deliver flyers to homes on your street; and/or
- make an in-kind or financial contribution.

To learn more, see Volunteer information at www.edinamorningside.org.