I like to hang on to the last whispers of summer for as long as humanly possible, and this year is no exception. The sun is setting a little earlier on Browndale each night, bonfires are roaring to life and kids are heading back to school...

BUT we enjoyed really great summer events, with the Summer Campout (thank you to Mike Schroeder for planning a great event and going with the flow when the weather seemed uncertain, but kids were dying to see a movie), 4th of July Kiddie Parade (where kids decorated bikes and scooters, met the SLP Fire Department and played fun games - apologies for the ensuing sugar rush from candy prizes), and NEW Adult Kickball Game, which was a big hit, or kick, if you will!

As we relish these last summery days and look forward to fall’s pumpkiny, sweater weathery goodness, we also anticipate some favorite fall events that our neighborhood has to offer.

The Fall Campout is just around the corner, on September 6 and Bonfire & Bluegrass on October 12. Check out the Bonfire & Bluegrass announcement for details on Browndale Board Elections. We need great people to join the board and help continue the awesome Browndale Neighborhood tradition!
Say hello to school, sweater weather and your sun-kissed neighbors, with the annual fall campout.

Bring your tent and beverages. The Board will take care of food and movies!
Are you interested in getting involved in the Browndale Neighborhood? Consider becoming a board member! It’s a great way to meet your neighbors, learn about the neighborhood and help make things happen! All open positions are 1-year commitments, which includes attending quarterly meetings and helping with events.

2020 OPEN POSITIONS

- **President** (must be a current board member)
- **Vice President** (must be a current board member)
- **Secretary** - Take meeting notes and send recap
- **Communications Director** - Post announcements / info to social media, manage e-mail list
- **At Large (3 openings)** - Drink beer - Help with Events

If you’re interested in joining or would like more information, please reach out to a current board member or email us at browndaleslp@gmail.com

Join us for a favorite neighborhood event - Bonfire & Bluegrass. Here’s what’s happening:

**CHILLI COOKOFF**
Got a winning chilli recipe? Enter to win by emailing browndaleslp@gmail.com by October 5.

Participants are asked to drop off a crock pot of chilli + ladel at the Park Building.

Those in attendance vote on their favorite chilli, and prizes are given out for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

**BAND**
Details being finalized, but look forward to great music and fun!

**BONFIRE**
Cozy up to the fire, roast s’mores, toast autumn.

**BOARD ELECTIONS**
We elect our 2020 Browndale Neighborhood Board at Bonfire & Bluegrass. See below for details.

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GET TO KNOW SLP FRIENDS OF THE ARTS

St. Louis Park Friends of the Arts is a local nonprofit that has been building community through the arts in St. Louis Park since 1995. Founded by a group of parents who came together to oppose cuts to music and arts programs in the schools, efforts quickly expanded to community-wide festivals, projects, and arts advocacy throughout the city.

Today, Friends of the Arts partners with the City of St. Louis Park and other organizations and artists to support, promote, and enhance the arts. You have likely seen some of the public artwork they helped bring to the city, some just on the edge of the Browndale neighborhood, like Dream Elevator, the tall, colorful tower outside of Towerlight, or the human-like figures and benches along 36th Street. In the coming year, you'll see new public art in St. Louis Park at the Westwood Hills Nature Center, Dakota Park, Bridgewater Bank development, Historic WalkerLake, Louisiana Ave. bridge over Minnehaha Creek, and more, thanks to Friends of the Arts' facilitation, partnership, and advocacy.

Bringing people together is at the center of all that Friends of the Arts does for our community. Events like the St. Louis Park Unity Sing, open mic poetry jams, storytelling forums, world dance performances, and community art projects are all great places to connect with neighbors and share in a common creative experience. None of this would be possible without the essential role of local artists. That's why Friends of the Arts supports artists with Arts & Culture Grants, opportunities to exhibit and sell work at the SLP Art Fair and Artist Showcase, scholarships for creative development, and access to free musical instruments for those with financial barriers.

You can find events, opportunities, and learn more about Friends of the Arts at www.slpfota.org.

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