

**We want our neighbors to understand their role in supporting the residents staying in the Powderhorn Park Sanctuaries and stay informed about what's going on. Below are answers to some common questions:**

**Where are people staying?**

We have two sanctuary sites in Powderhorn Park. One is at 32nd St. and 10th Ave (NW) and the other is at 33rd St. and 14th Ave. (NE) These areas were chosen with the safety of neighbors, residents, and the park in mind. Each location will be staffed 24/7.

**Why two locations?**

Several community members were in temporary shelter that is no longer available. Sanctuary residents and community organizers determined that creating two locations was the most manageable path forward.

**Where can I find info about donation, volunteer, and meal support?**

All info can be found at [bit.ly/PPSanctuarySignUp](http://bit.ly/PPSanctuarySignUp)

**Who is organizing this?**

A group of volunteer organizers and the sanctuary residents are working together to organize. PPNA is lending its support as well as other nonprofits. The truth is, the organization is not ideal right now. PPNA is clear that organizers and sanctuary residents are doing the right thing and are here to support them in getting the appropriate and much-needed resources.

**What systems are currently in place to keep everyone safe?**

Sanctuary residents have agreed to a 10 pm quiet hour curfew and a commitment to zero violence at the sanctuary. Organizers and volunteers are staffing each location 24/7, but without support from the government or a nonprofit to help staff, we worry that this won't be sustainable.

**What's the long-term plan?**

Sanctuary residents want homes! Help us advocate for long-term solutions being led by Freedom From the Streets and other unsheltered community members. We know that the sanctuary in the park is not a long-term solution, and the sooner can transition sanctuary residents into long-term housing, the better!

**I'm concerned about community safety... how is that being managed?**

This is a valid concern! We know that the park sanctuary is not a perfect solution - this sanctuary was created because our City, County, and State government failed to provide safe housing for hundreds of unsheltered people in Minneapolis (and around the metro area). Sanctuary residents, organizers, and volunteers are working hard to staff both sites 24/7 to ensure the safety of everyone. This includes medical support. If you're able to help, sign up to volunteer at [bit.ly/PPSanctuarySignUp](http://bit.ly/PPSanctuarySignUp). Also, if you're concerned about safety, please join us in advocating for dignified, long-term solutions for our sanctuary neighbors! More info below.

**How can I help advocate for my neighbors in the Sanctuary?**

Start here: <https://bit.ly/parksanctuary>. Once you reach out to the folks on that list, you can call or email every single elected and appointed leader ([click here for their contact info](#)) and ask that every level of government work together for the following things:

- Funding for culturally appropriate, harm-reduction staff at each sanctuary site through a nonprofit organization
- Access to water, electricity, bathrooms, and other essential needs to keep sanctuary residents clean and safe
- Permanent homes for the sanctuary residents

**If you have further questions, reach out to PPNA - [info@ppna.org](mailto:info@ppna.org) or 612-722-4817**