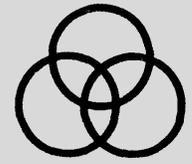


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## John McKnight to be Keynote Speaker at NRP Awards Dinner

When the NRP commemorates its 10-year Anniversary on February 24, it will do so with a keynote address from Northwestern University Professor and Institute for Policy Research (IPR) Co-Director John McKnight.

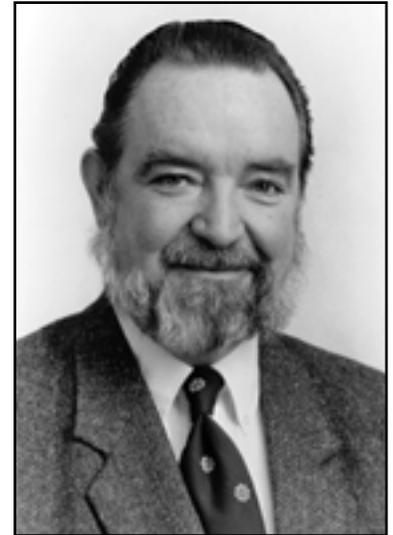
For nearly three decades, McKnight has conducted research on social service delivery systems, health policy, community organizations, neighborhood policy, and institutional racism. He currently directs research projects focused on asset-based neighborhood development and methods of community building by incorporating marginalized people.

McKnight has been associated with many of the Institute's major research projects since he joined the organization in 1969. These have included research on the urban determinants of health, law enforcement, urban disinvestment and metropolitan government, deinstitutionalized child welfare services, police anticrime programs, and the effects of the perception of crime upon community responses. He also directed the Chicago Innovations Forum, an IPR-based dialogue among neighborhood leaders and innovators in economic, political and social development.

Much of McKnight's work on asset-based community development is captured in a book he co-authored in 1993: **Building Communities from the Inside Out: A Path Toward Finding and Mobilizing a Community's Assets.**

The book has circulated through a broad range of community, government, business, nonprofit, and educa-

tional institutions in the United States and Canada. McKnight serves on the Board of Directors of numerous community organizations including the Gamaliel Foundation and The National Training and Information Center. Before joining Northwestern, McKnight directed the Midwest office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. If you still haven't received your invitation to the NRP Neighborhoods Conference, please call Brett at 612-673-5158.



**John L. McKnight**

### Nominate Your Neighborhood for an NRP Award

Time is running out on neighborhood organizations that want to nominate a project, program, or plan for one of 12 prestigious NRP Awards to be presented at the NRP Awards Dinner on February 24. The deadline for applications is January 15. If you need a nomination form, please call Brett at 612-673-5158. The NRP Awards will also honor outstanding volunteers. If there is an individual or group in your neighborhood that has gone above and beyond the call of duty, then nominate that person/s today.



### NRP Policy Board Report

Approved December 18, 2000

- Hennepin County 7.5% NRP Funds for Powderhorn Park Neighborhood
- Affordable Housing Reserve Fund Guidelines Adopted

\* View the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund Guidelines on the NRP web site located at [www.nrp.org](http://www.nrp.org) \*

## **NRP Conference Update: Krista Hong Named Event Coordinator; Volunteers Needed ; RSVP's Due**

The NRP recently hired Krista Hong as the NRP Neighborhoods Conference Coordinator. Krista has been active in several Minneapolis neighborhoods and is currently a Special Events Consultant and Leadership Trainer for the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association (NENA). Krista has been the coordinator for the South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair for the past three years.

If you would like to volunteer to help Krista make the NRP Neighborhoods Conference a huge success, please call her at 612-673-5142.

Minneapolis residents that want to attend the Feb. 24 NRP Neighborhoods Conference and Awards Dinner need to register by January 16. Invitations to the Conference have been made available through all 66 neighborhood organizations participating in the NRP.



## **Folwell Senior Leaf Rake, East Village Housing Development, and Lake Harriet School Playground Featured this month on NRP-TV**

Tune in to *Minneapolis Neighborhood News* throughout the month of January to learn about a new 179-unit housing development in the Elliot Park neighborhood. The mixed-income, mixed-use project represents the first of its kind in the Elliot Park neighborhood in more than 70 years.

This month's program also features volunteers from the Fulton and Linden Hills neighborhoods as they work together to assemble new playground equipment on the Lake Harriet Community School campus.

The program's broadcast schedule is as follows:

- **Channel 34** Tues., Thurs., and Sat., 9:30 p.m.
- **Channel 33** Fri., 6:30 p.m.
- **Channel 32** Sun., 5:00 p.m.

## **Workshop Aimed at Helping Youth Added to Neighborhoods Conference Lineup**

The Search Institute of Minneapolis recently agreed to conduct a special workshop at the February 24 NRP Neighborhoods Conference. The workshop, titled "Building Neighborhoods That Help Youth Thrive," will give Minneapolis residents an opportunity to learn how they can help young people succeed in today's ever changing world. The Search Institute will share research identifying 40 developmental assets necessary for youth to live prosperous lives. While many of these assets already exist within our neighborhoods, they often times go untapped. The Search Institute will lead a discussion aimed at assisting neighborhoods in providing young people with the resources they need to develop more of these assets.

The Search Institute's research shows that the more of these developmental assets young people have, the more likely they are to do well in school, maintain good health and get involved in pro-social activities – and the less likely they are to take drugs, drop out of school or engage in violence. This session is sure to engage participants in a discussion of neighborhood level strategies for building developmental assets in youth.

## **Job Opportunity**

### **Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association Seeks PT NRP Coordinator**

The Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association (DMNA) is currently seeking an experienced PT independent contractor to assist with the implementation of its NRP First Step Plan, and to assist in the preparation and implementation of its NRP Phase II Plan. The preferred candidate should have strong organizational ability, experience in Word and Excel, excellent written and oral communication skills, and familiarity with the NRP process as well as local governmental agencies.

DMNA is an Equal Opportunity Employer offering compensation commensurate with skill level and experience.

Interested applicants should send their cover letter and resume to DMNA, LaSalle Plaza, Suite 131, 800 LaSalle Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55402. For more detailed information regarding this position, please leave a phonemail message for Jerrie Hayes, DMNA Chair, at 612-347-0307.

## IN BRIEF

### Tree Trust Grants Available for Tree Planting

Neighborhood groups, businesses, cities, churches and schools are eligible for grants of up to \$10,000 for tree planting next spring through a program established by Foster Wheeler Twin Cities and the University of Minnesota.

The program, UNITREE, is administered by Tree Trust to help promote energy conservation, improve air quality through urban reforestation and educate the public about the community forest.

Grants are available for areas surrounding the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus including the Marcy Holmes, SE Como, Cedar-Riverside, Prospect Park-East River Road, Phillips, Seward, and Elliot Park neighborhoods in Minneapolis.

Three neighborhood groups participating in the NRP—the Marcy Holmes Neighborhood Association, the Seward Neighborhood Group, and Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Association—received Tree Trust grants in the last three years.

UNITREE is now in its 7th year of operation. In that time, Tree Trust has coordinated the planting of 2,300 trees.

To qualify for a grant, organizations must develop a planting project with at least 75% trees, organize local community volunteers to learn about and help with planting, and provide a long term maintenance plan. They are also required to provide \$10 per tree or six shrubs planted.

Tree Trust will provide up to an average of \$100/tree, provide support in developing and reviewing applications, order and deliver plants and trees and provide educational support and hands on demonstrations to the grantee.

The deadline for applications is January 19, 2001 for plantings in the spring of 2001. For more information and application materials, contact Gail Nozal, Tree Trust Program Manager at 952-920-9326 or by e-mail at [gailn@treetrust.com](mailto:gailn@treetrust.com).

### Research assistance available through Neighborhood Planning for Community Revitalization— Applications due March 7

Is your neighborhood or neighborhood group currently planning, modifying, or evaluating its NRP Action Plan? Well, it may interest you to know that help is now available in the form of research assistance catered to meet the needs of your neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Planning for Community Revitalization (NPCR), a consortium of nine colleges/universities, supports neighborhood and community development organizations with applied research assistance conducted by skilled student researchers. Neighborhood organizations define the research project and direct the student to insure that the work fulfills the needs and interests of the community.

Organizations can contact NPCR's project director Kris Nelson at 612-625-1020 to discuss potential research projects and to obtain research project applications. You can also get an application online at <http://www.npcr.org/apply.html>. Completed applications should be sent to NPCR, c/o Kris Nelson, Project Director, 330 HHH Center, 301-19th Ave. S., Mpls, MN 55455.

### Home Tour 2001 Seeking Nominations

Applications are now being accepted from homeowners ready to showcase their homes in the year 2001 Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour. Forty Minneapolis homes and twenty St. Paul homes will be featured on the tour the weekend of May 5-6, 2001.

Homeowners should call Brett at 612-673-5158 for information on how they can get involved in the tour. Like last year, the NRP is putting together neighborhood tours that not only put homes on display but entire neighborhoods as well. The NRP-sponsored Seward tour was extremely popular in 2000.

The Home Tour, now in its 14th year, is co-sponsored by the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the Minneapolis Community Development Agency, the Minneapolis NRP, and local financial institutions and housing developers. The tour is a free, self-guided event where homeowners can discuss remodeling techniques with visitors as well as share ideas on how they realized their dream of owning a home.



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### Residents Set to Move into East Village

Throughout January residents will be moving into a new mixed-use, mixed-income development in the Elliot Park neighborhood. When the miniature city known as East Village is completed this summer, it will have added 179 new housing units and nearly 400 new residents to the neighborhood.

## January 2001 Calendar of Events

- 1 New Years Day**  
City Offices Closed.
- 11 Management Review Team (MRT) Meeting**  
4:30-6:30 p.m., 333 City Hall
- 15 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
City Offices Closed.
- 15 Deadline for NRP Award Applications**  
See p.1 or call Brett at 612-673-5158 for details.
- 19 Deadline for Tree Planting Grants**  
See page 3 for more information, or contact Tree Trust Program Manager Gail Nozal at 952-920-9326.
- 19 Deadline for MRT Applications**  
Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall Room 304, 350 South 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415. For more information call Carsten at 612-673-5150 .
- 22 February Link Submission Deadline**  
Call 612-673-5158, or fax your submission to Brett at 612-673-5138.
- 22 NRP Policy Board Meeting**  
4:30-6:30 p.m., Room C-2350 Hennepin County Government Center.
- 27 Armatage Neighborhood Association (ANA) Winter Festival**  
4:00-7:00 p.m., Armatage Park Building 57th Street and Russell Avenue South. Sleigh rides, bon fires, snow art, skating races, and more. Call 612-370-4912 for more information.
- Feb 1 Jefferson School Community Computer Lab Grand Opening**  
5:00-8:00 p.m., 1200 West 26th Street  
For more information contact JoAnne Nelson at 612-668-2740.

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