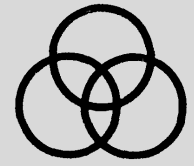


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RSVP's still being Accepted for NRP's 10-Year Anniversary Conference

There is still time to register to attend NRP's 10-Year Anniversary Conference and Awards Dinner on Saturday, February 24, 2001. Invitations for the event have been distributed to all 66 Minneapolis neighborhood organizations.

Contact your neighborhood organization or NRP conference Coordinator Krista Hong at 612-673-5142 for more details about registering for the Conference.

The all-day conference will begin at 8:00 AM. Northwestern University Professor and Institute for Policy Research (IPR) Co-Director John McKnight will give a keynote address while conference attendees enjoy a Continental breakfast at 9:00 AM.

For an updated schedule of the 27 workshops that will be held over three sessions throughout the day, please check the insert inside this issue of the NRP Link.

10 Years and Still Going Strong: NRP Progress Report Highlights Program Achievements

Did you know the NRP has invested more than \$175 million in Minneapolis neighborhoods since 1991? Did you know that 61 out of 66 possible Neighborhood Action Plans have already been approved? Do you know how neighborhoods have chosen to invest their NRP money? Be able to recite the facts, get a copy of the NRP's Progress Report 2000: "A Program of the People, by the People, for the People." Copies will be available beginning Saturday, February 24, 2001 at the NRP's 10-Year Anniversary Conference. Call Brett at 612-673-5158 to reserve your copy today.

Amundsen Resigns from NRP Policy Board

Citing the potential for a conflict of interest, NRP Policy Board Member Jason Amundsen resigned his Board position on January 19, 2001.



Jason Amundsen

Amundsen, who was re-elected to his second term as the Revitalization Neighborhood

Representative to the Board in November, announced he had accepted a position as campaign manager for Council Member and Mayoral Candidate Lisa McDonald. "My time on the NRP Policy Board has been a wonderful experience," Amundsen wrote in his resignation letter. "I have greatly enjoyed working with my fellow Board Members and neighborhoods. In particular, I am grateful in the trust demonstrated by the Revitalization neighborhoods in my re-election last November."

Amundsen's seat will be filled in accordance with NRP bylaws which call for a lottery to be held from among the three remaining neighborhood representative alternates to the Board. The lottery will be held at the next Policy Board meeting scheduled for February 26, 2001.



NRP Policy Board Report

Approved January 22, 2001

- Hennepin County 7.5% NRP Funds for Cedar-Riverside-West Bank Neighborhood
- Holland Neighborhood "Early Access" Request

NRP Unveils New Logo

The NRP will kick off Phase II with a redesigned logo. The new look logo still bears the customary three rings that reflect each of the stakeholders involved in neighborhood revitalization: residents, government and the private sector. The focus of the NRP is where the three rings intersect. NRP staff work to bring residents, government and private interests together to share resources and talents, address problems and take advantage of opportunities.



NRP Awards Winners to be announced at Feb. 24 Awards Dinner

NRP Awards winners will be announced at the NRP Awards Dinner on February 24, 2001 at the Regal Minneapolis Hotel, 1313 Nicollet Mall.

The Awards will recognize the Best Housing Program, Best Economic Development Project, Best Human Services Program, Best Single Site Renovation, Most Innovative Housing Project, Best Environmental Project, Best Transportation Project, Best Schools Project, Best Parks Project, Best Libraries Project, Best Community Building Project, and the Best Multi-Jurisdictional Project. In addition to the Awards being presented in the 12 categories above, NRP Board Chair and Hennepin County Commissioner Mark Stenglein will be presenting the Prestigious Chairperson's Award.

Winners of the NRP Awards will be chosen by a Committee of six judges: Rex A. Holzemer, Senior Administrative Manager, Hennepin County; John Hotvet, Traffic Operations Engineer for the Minneapolis Department of Public Works; Kim Keilholtz, Fulton Neighborhood Association Board Member; Julia Paulsen, Minneapolis City Planner; Michael Rainville Sr., Chair of the St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization; and Matthew L. Ramadan, Executive Director, Northside Residents Redevelopment Council (NRRC).

IN BRIEF

Home Tour 2001 Accepting Applications

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.



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 February 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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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 phone mail message for Jerrie Hayes, DMNA Chair, at 612-347-0307.

Southeast Como and Prospect Park Seek FT Environmental Coordinator

The Southeast Como and Prospect Park neighborhoods in southeast Minneapolis seek a FT Environmental Coordinator to organize neighbors around issues of air pollution and to help develop binding agreements with area industries to reduce toxic emissions. Pay for this position will be commensurate with experience and will be between \$15-\$20 hourly. Limited benefits are also available. Must be willing to work some evening and weekend hours.

To apply for this position, send a resume and cover letter detailing your experience in this type of work to: SECIA, 2010 E Hennepin, Minneapolis, MN 55413. The deadline for applications is February 16, 2001. To view a complete job description please visit the Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) web site at www.secomo.org. If you have further questions, contact the SECIA office at 612-676-1731.

Kingfield Neighborhood Association Seeks PT NRP Project Organizer

The Kingfield Neighborhood Association is seeking an NRP Project Organizer to be responsible for the initiation, oversight, and implementation of specific strategies in the Kingfield Neighborhood Action Plan. The preferred candidate should be an energetic, personable, responsible, highly organized self-starter with skills in volunteer recruitment, leadership development, long range planning, and research. PC and data base skills are necessary, however NRP experience is not required. The person hired for this position will ideally have experience in community organizing and/or planning and implementing long-range projects.

Pay will be commensurate with experience and will be between \$12-\$17 hourly. A benefit stipend will also be provided. The workload for this position is anticipated to be approximately 86 hours per month with a possible heavier time commitment in the spring and summer.

Job Duties may include but are not limited to: Organizing and assisting volunteers in developing a neighborhood resource booklet; Maintaining the King Park Activity Advisory Group and assisting it in defining its purpose, defining timelines, establishing budgets, and performing outreach to increase neighborhood participation in the group, especially from targeted participants in Park programming; Performing block club organizing and outreach, especially to under-represented populations, including assisting in implementing the Community Initiated Grant Program; and Assisting in establishing, coordinating, and evaluating the Kingfield Farmer's Market;

To apply for this position, please send a resume and cover letter explaining your qualifications to: KFNA, c/o Hiring Team, 3754 Pleasant Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55409. Questions about the position may be directed to Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA Coordinator at 612-823-5980 extension 1. Applications for this position will be accepted until the position is filled.



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New Computer Lab at Jefferson School

The Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA) and Jefferson Community School will be hosting a Grand Opening for a new community computer lab on Thursday, February 1. The NRP played a significant role in the project. Check the next issue of the Link for more details.

February 2001 Calendar of Events

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| <p>1 Jefferson 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.</p> <p>2 Groundhog Day</p> <p>8 Management Review Team (MRT) Meeting
CANCELLED - Next Meeting March 8</p> <p>14 Valentine's Day</p> <p>19 President's Day
City Offices Closed.</p> <p>23 March Link Submission Deadline
Call 612-673-5158, or fax your submission to Brett at 612-673-5138.</p> <p>24 "NRP Progress Report 2000: A Program of the People, by the People, for the People" Available
See front page or call Brett at 612-673-5158 to request a copy. The Report will also be distributed at the NRP 10-Year Anniversary Conference.</p> | <p>24 NRP 10-Year Anniversary Conference & Awards Dinner
8:00 a.m.-Midnight
Conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center, 1301 2nd Ave. S.
Awards Dinner at the Regal Minneapolis Hotel 1313 Nicollet Mall. See front page or call Krista Hong at 612-673-5142 for more information.</p> <p>26 NRP Policy Board Meeting
4:30-6:30 p.m., Room C-2350 Hennepin County Government Center.</p> |
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