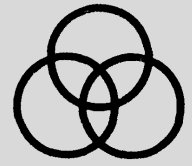


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## City of Minneapolis the Real Winner at NRP Awards Dinner

More than 400 Minneapolis residents attending the NRP Awards Dinner on February 24 enjoyed a night of celebration as 20 NRP initiatives from the program's first decade were honored with NRP Awards. The winning projects include:

**Best Housing Program:** HOMS Initiative, Jordan Home Improvement Program, and Logan Park Problem Properties Program.

**Best Economic Development Project:** Nicollet Avenue Streetscape: Eat Street.

**Best Human Services Program:** Glenwood/Lyndale Community Clinic, and Youth Farm and Market Project.

**Best Single Site Renovation:** D.B. Lyon House located at 419 Oak Grove St. in the Loring Park neighborhood.

**Most Innovative Housing Project (large scale):** East Village Mixed-Income, Mixed-Use Rental/Commercial Development on 11th Ave. S. near Elliot Park.

**Most Innovative Housing Project (small scale):** Artists on Chicago a 10-unit scattered site housing project for artists in the Powderhorn Park and Central neighborhoods.

**Best Environmental Project:** Lake Nokomis and Lake Hiawatha Improvement Project, and the Green Institute.

**Best Transportation Plan:** Neighbors for Safe Driving Campaign in the Fulton and Lynnhurst neighborhoods.

**Best Schools Project:** Cityview Community School, 3350 4th St. N., and Pratt School Renovation, 66 Malcolm SE.

**Best Library Project:** Hosmer Library, 347 E. 36th St.

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## Strand to Fill Vacant NRP Policy Board Seat

Jeffrey Strand, Section Supervisor for the Hennepin County Taxpayer Services Department, was named Revitalization Neighborhood Representative to the NRP Policy Board on February 26, 2001.



Jeffrey Strand

Strand, a member of the NRP Management Review Team and a Protection Neighborhood Alternate to the Policy Board, replaces outgoing Revitalization Neighborhood Representative Jason Amundsen who resigned his Board position in January.

Strand's selection was in accordance with NRP Bylaws that require a lottery be held among Policy Board Alternates. Strand, a 23-year resident of Minneapolis, has lived in the Shingle Creek Neighborhood in North Minneapolis for the past 11 years.



## NRP Policy Board Report

Approved February 26, 2001

### NRP Policy Board Elects New Officers

The NRP Policy Board elected new officers at its February 26, 2001 meeting. Hennepin County Commissioner Mark Stenglein was re-elected as Chair; Ken Kelash, Minneapolis Central Labor Union Representative, was elected Vice Chair; and Nicholas Kakos, Protection Neighborhood Representative, was elected Secretary. The Policy Board elects its officers annually.

# Rainville Sr. Wins Prestigious NRP Chairperson's Award

On a historic night where more than 400 Minneapolis residents gathered to celebrate a decade of NRP achievements, Michael Rainville Sr. was awarded the Prestigious Chairperson's Award for his commitment to making his neighborhood and city a better place to live, work, learn, and play.

The award was given to Rainville Sr. by Hennepin County Commissioner and NRP Policy Board Chair Mark Stenglein.

Rainville Sr. has served as the Chair of the St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization since 1986. He has utilized the NRP to create innovative improvements to his neighborhood such as the annual "cops on bike" program in cooperation with St. Anthony East and the Nicollet Island East Bank neighborhoods, the NE Housing Resource Center in cooperation with the Greater Metropolitan Minneapolis Housing Corporation and the formation of the Mississippi Eastside Neighborhood Development Corp. (MEND) a partnership of the Bottineau, Sheridan and St. Anthony West neighborhoods. In addition, Rainville Sr. has been instrumental in shaping a strategic development plan that covers all of Northeast Minneapolis.

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## NRP Awards Winners / *from front page*

**Best Parks Project:** Loring Park renovation, 1382 Willow Street, and Stewart Park renovation, 2700-12th Ave. S.

**Best Community Building Project:** Lyndale neighborhood initiatives - Block Clubs Deluxe, Mujeres en Acción, and Youth Leadership Initiative.

**Best Multi-Jurisdictional Project:** Whittier Community School for the Arts, 2620 Grand Ave. S., and Windom Community Center, 5821 Wentworth Ave. S.

You can find additional information about all 63 of the projects that were nominated for NRP Awards in the NRP Awards Guide. Limited copies are still available. To obtain a copy, please call Brett at 612-673-5158.

## IN BRIEF

### 7th Annual South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair Saturday, March 10

The South Minneapolis Housing and Home Improvement Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at South High School, 3131 - 19th Avenue South.

The fair, which is free and open to the public, will include information about home remodeling and rehab, home buying, and financing options like Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) and Fannie Mae low-interest loans. More than 100 reputable contractors, real estate agents, lenders, and neighborhood representatives will be on hand to answer questions.

Free informative seminars will be offered such as: hiring and working with a contractor, first-time homebuyer programs; roofing, kitchen and bath design; MCDA mortgage and home improvement loans; and a Home Depot wood craft workshop for children. Food will be available and there will be hourly drawings for door prizes.

For more information about the fair, or reserving exhibit space, please call Krista Hong at 612-721-0310.

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### CUE Front Porch Project Looking for Partners in NRP Phase II

A task force of the Minneapolis Committee on Urban Environment (CUE) is researching the possibility of working with neighborhood organizations to design and construct front porches. CUE's goal is to connect architecture students from the University of Minnesota College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture as design and build resources for Phase II NRP housing projects. Front porches add value and livability to existing homes, character to the streetscape, and make neighborhoods safer by placing more eyes on the street.



If you would like more information on the Front Porch Task Force or want to become part of a citizen's environmental action committee striving to make Minneapolis beautiful, please call 612-673-3014 or email: [CUE@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:CUE@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

## 7th Annual Teen Job & Opportunity Fair Saturday, March 17th at South High School

The Teen Job and Opportunity Fair is a free event that offers Minneapolis youth ages 14-18 employment, volunteer, and employment-ready workshop opportunities in one convenient location.

The event will be held Saturday, March 17th from Noon to 2:30 p.m. at South High School, 3131-19th Avenue South.

For the seventh year, employers and service agencies have the opportunity to connect with over 700 prospective youth employees and volunteers at South High School. There are over 56 participating organizations involved with the planning, participation, volunteer and financial support of the Teen Job and Opportunity Fair. This event not only serves as an opportunity for youth, businesses and non-profits, but also as a celebration of the city's resource of energetic and motivated youth.

The Teen Job and Opportunity Fair offers positive and constructive activities for kids to do while helping them earn money and build resumes. Those attending this year's event will be able to apply for summer jobs, attend career workshops, and mingle with other youth and employers.

For more information about the Teen Job and Opportunity Fair, please call the What's Up? Youth Info Line at 612-399-9999.


## Deadline for CCP/SAFE Building Blocks Awards Nominations March 16

Are you part of an effective block club? Or, do you know of a block club near you that is doing creative work in your neighborhood? If so, the Minneapolis Police Department wants to hear from you! CCP/SAFE is asking the community to help recognize noteworthy block clubs by submitting nominations for the 3rd Annual Building Blocks Awards. There will be

at least one Building Block Award presented in each of Minneapolis' five police precincts. Copies of the nomination forms are available from SAFE teams at each precinct, and the form is available on the City of Minneapolis web site at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/safe](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/safe).

Building Blocks Awards are given to successful block clubs that build a sense of community, share leadership, improve livability, and resolve neighborhood problems while working cooperatively with the Minneapolis Police Department. The Building Blocks Awards are designed to convey much-deserved honor on successful block clubs and to stimulate people's interest in creating new block clubs where there are none or to revitalize older less active ones. Winners in each police precinct will be honored during Police Week in May. Those receiving awards will be able to share their stories throughout the spring and summer in order to help promote the importance of block clubs to the community.

Minneapolis is home to an active network of nearly 2000 block clubs. If you have questions about the Building Blocks Awards or block clubs in general, please contact Crime Prevention Manager John Baumann at 612-673-3447 or by e-mail at [john.baumann@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:john.baumann@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).



**Robyne Robinson of KMSP Channel Nine News Hosts March Episode of Minneapolis Neighborhood News**

People who missed Robyne Robinson's Minneapolis Neighborhood News debut at the NRP's Historic 10-Year Anniversary Conference and Awards Dinner on February 24 will get another chance to see her as the show will be airing throughout March on NRP TV. Join Robyne as she gives viewers an up close look at several of the many important neighborhood revitalization accomplishments that have resulted from hard-working and dedicated Minneapolis residents participating in the NRP!

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.



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### **Rainville Sr. Wins Prestigious Chair Award**

NRP Policy Board Chair Mark Stenglein, left, presented Michael Rainville Sr., center, with the Prestigious Chairperson's Award at the NRP Awards Dinner on February 24, 2001. City Council President Jackie Cherryhomes, right, joined Stenglein in presenting 20 NRP Awards. See pages 1-2 for more details.

## **March 2001 Calendar of Events**

- 8 Management Review Team (MRT) Meeting**  
4:30-6:30 p.m., 333 City Hall
- 10 South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair**  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., South High School  
3131 - 19th Avenue South. See page 3 or call  
Krista Hong at 612-721-0310 for more  
information.
- 16 Deadline for CCP/SAFE Building Blocks  
Awards Nominations**  
See p.3 or call Crime Prevention Manager John  
Baumann at 612-673-3447 for more information.
- 17 Teen Job & Opportunity Fair**  
Noon-2:30 p.m., South High School,  
3131 - 19th Avenue South. See page 3 for more  
information, or contact the Corcoran  
Neighborhood Organization at 612-724-7457.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day**
- 23 April Link Submission Deadline**  
Call 612-673-5158, or fax your submission  
to Brett at 612-673-5138.
- 26 NRP Policy Board Meeting**  
4:30-6:30 p.m., Room C-2350 Hennepin  
County Government Center.
- 26 Muslim New Year**
- 29 NRP Policy Board At-Large  
Neighborhood Representative Judy  
Schwartau's Meeting by Citizens for  
Citizens** 7:00 p.m., Bryant Square Park Craft  
Room, 31st Street West and Bryant Avenue South.  
Contact Judy Schwartau at 612-377-3007.

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