



Northeast flood basin overflows with local artists and youth

The Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association (HNIA) didn't want any part of the massive flooding that wreaked havoc throughout the Midwest this spring. Residents in the neighborhood learned their lesson in 1996 when raging floodwaters caused extensive damage to Edison High School as well as to several homes near the school.

Since then, HNIA has been working with the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department to improve the flood ravaged area by converting the badly damaged residential block across from the high school into a flood prevention basin.

Progress on the project recently inspired several Edison High School students to lend a helping hand. On April 20, as part of National Youth Service Day, students teamed with HNIA volunteers



to plant trees and shrubs in the area around the flood basin. In addition, the students brought an artistic flair to the project by painting several banners and flags that will soon be used to decorate the foot bridge crossing the flood basin. People like

Angel Borchrz, a long-time Holland resident, believe the flood basin represents a real community asset. "It's great to see the project move ahead to protect the school," Borchrz said.

When complete, the flood basin will include extensive landscaping aimed at giving Edison High School a real campus feel as well as an amphitheater that will serve the neighborhood for years to come. The Northeast flood basin is located between 22nd and 19th Avenues NE between Quincy and Monroe Streets NE. For more information about the flood basin project, contact Kevin Reich of HNIA at 612-781-2299.

14th annual Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour set for May 5-6

The Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour – a weekend Celebration of City Living – is proud to feature real homeowners and their charming homes. More than 60 Minneapolis and St. Paul homes will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 5 and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

Now in its 14th year, the Home Tour is a popular spring event for thousands of Twin Cities residents and remodeling enthusiasts. **Home Tour**  page 2

The home of Pam and Manuel Serra located at 5222 Aldrich Ave. N. will be on the 2001 Home Tour. The Serras used an NRP loan to help build an addition to their home.



Northeast Minneapolis welcomes sixth annual Art-A-Whirl May 18-20

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA) will be hosting Minneapolis' sixth annual Art-A-Whirl neighborhood arts festival during the weekend beginning Friday, May 18. Each year more than 10,000 people visit some 300 artists' studios and enjoy a variety of arts-focused family events taking place all over Northeast Minneapolis.

From Logan Park to old St. Anthony, from Marshall Street to Stinson Boulevard and all points in between, artists and galleries throw open their doors and invite the public to see art.

Art-A-Whirl represents the perfect opportunity for metro area residents to see why Northeast's spacious and sunny converted warehouses have fast become a haven for artists and their businesses over the last decade. A thriving community both financially and socially, Northeast Minneapolis has something for everyone. Art-A-Whirl embodies the spirit of this

dynamic community.

Visitors to Art-A-Whirl can either explore the art on their own or they can catch one of the many free shuttle buses that take people on guided tours.

All Art-A-Whirl events are free, family friendly and open to the public. For more information about Art-A-Whirl as well as a complete list of events and participating artists, please visit www.art-a-whirl.org or call 612-379-2255 extension 12. Art-A-Whirl runs from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 18, from noon to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, and from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20.

Art-A-Whirl is made possible in part by a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature, and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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The event promotes urban living, inspires home improvements and provides information to homebuyers.

Home Tour visitors can appreciate the periods and styles of city homes – extraordinary Victorians, cozy bungalows, new homes, classic four squares and warehouses converted into lofts. The 2001 tour includes a Victorian – once near demolition, which has been revived to its original splendor, an artist's home featuring functional art in Northeast Minneapolis and an owner-built bungalow in the Longfellow neighborhood.

The 2001 Home Tour will also highlight three neighborhoods in Minneapolis – Hawthorne, Lind-Bohanon, and St. Anthony West. Neighborhood tours are annual favorites that showcase several homes in the confines of their unique neighborhoods.

A 40-page Official Home Tour Guide provides descriptions of each home and a map of home locations. The guide will be available April 25 at all metro-area Bruegger's Bagel Bakeries, Hirshfield's Decorating

Centers and Lathrop Paint Supply. Information is also available online at www.hometour.org. If you would like more information about the 2001 Home Tour, please call 612-673-3978.

The Home Tour is a free, self-guided event sponsored by the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the NRP, the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA), the St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Brighton Development, the Fannie Mae Minnesota Partnership Office, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, Minnesota Public Radio and Renewal by Andersen.

Last year, the Home Tour welcomed 9,300 visitors who made 47,500 home visits.



NRP Policy Board Report

Approved April 23, 2001

- CARAG Neighborhood Action Plan
- Plan Modification for Sheridan Neighborhood

In Brief

Blooming Boulevards nominations now being accepted

The Minneapolis Committee on Urban Environment (CUE) is accepting nominations until July 16, 2001 to recognize beautification efforts for boulevard, front yard, back yard (alley), and community gardens. Gardens can be planted on residential, commercial, public, or private property, but must be visible to the general public and located within the City of Minneapolis. CUE wants to know what you think makes Minneapolis Beautiful!

To nominate online go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cue and click on the blooming boulevards nomination box. For more information or to request a nomination form by mail, call 612-673-3014 or email: CUE@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Reinventing the Pierre Bottineau Library community meeting May 12

The Sheridan Neighborhood Organization (SNO) and Minneapolis Public Library (MPL) will be hosting a meeting on Saturday, May 12 from 9-11 a.m. so people can exchange ideas on what they would like to see in the new Pierre Bottineau Library. The Library Board recently selected RSP Architects and plans are underway to develop an extraordinary library in the historic Grain Belt Brewery complex. The community meeting will be held at the Northeast Early Learning Center, 342 13th Avenue NE. MPL Project Director Amy Ryan also encourages comments by e-mail at aeryan@mpl.org or by phone at 612-630-6206. The Pierre Bottineau Library is currently located at 1224 NE 2nd Street.

Historic preservation round table for neighborhoods May 22

The Minneapolis Center for Neighborhoods (MCN) and the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota will be hosting a round table discussion on historic preservation projects. Topics include: how to get historic designation for an area or building, and how to find funding sources for historic preservation projects. The discussion will be held Tuesday, May 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Redeemer Missionary Baptist Church, 116 East 32nd Street, Minneapolis. For more information, please call the MCN at 612-339-3480.

Job Opportunity

Lyndale Neighborhood Association seeks Executive Coordinator

The Lyndale Neighborhood Association (LNA) is looking for an experienced community leader to serve as its Executive Coordinator. LNA is an award-winning, nationally recognized, community-based organization that is a national leader in the field of relational, asset-based community development.

LNA has been a vital partner in the successful revitalization of the Lyndale Neighborhood, with over 200 programs, projects, and activities and 500 active volunteers every month.

Working closely with the Lyndale Neighborhood Development Corporation and managing a team of five, the Executive Coordinator will ensure the financial health and the completion of operating and programmatic organizational goals. The EC supports an active board of directors to ensure the long-term strategic directions of the community and continued resident ownership. He or she will oversee volunteer management and involvement systems, financial and fundraising systems, and communication and outreach systems. In addition, the EC will lead the organization toward the realization of several new strategic initiatives such as the implementation of a community plan, designing investment and income-generating strategies, expanding our inclusive organizing efforts, and the expansion of the Lyndale Working Futures consultant program.

LNA is a fast paced, stable and professional organization on the cutting edge of community development. A successful candidate will bring a desire to become part of our community both professionally and personally. Experience is expected in: asset-based, community development; board leadership development; financial management; business planning; staff and volunteer management; community organizing; and fundraising. A second language is a plus. Compensation will be dependent on qualifications and experience. To apply, send cover letter, resume, references and salary history to Laura Johansson, Executive Search, LNA, 3537 Nicollet Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408. The deadline for applications is 5/07/01.



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Edison students help landscape NE flood basin



Edison High School students helped plant trees and bushes at a flood basin near their school on April 20. The students also painted banners and flags to decorate the area. See the front page of the NRP Link for more details.

— May 2001 Calendar of Events —

3 Management Review Team (MRT) Meeting

4:30-6:30 p.m., 333 City Hall

5&6 Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour

See front page or call Bill Carter at 612-673-2009 for more details.

12 A New Pierre Bottineau Library Community Meeting

See page 3 or call MPL Project Director Amy Ryan at 612-630-6206 for more details.

13 Mother's Day

18-20 Art-A-Whirl neighborhood arts festival

See page 2 or check the official Art-A-Whirl website at www.art-a-whirl.org for more info.

21 NRP Policy Board Meeting

4:30-6:30 p.m., Room C-2350 Hennepin County Government Center.

25 June Link Submission Deadline

Call 612-673-5158, or fax your submission to Brett at 612-673-5138.

28 Memorial Day Observed

City offices closed.

29 NRP Training Series 2001: "Financial Filings"

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Suite #200, Crown Roller Mill, 105 Fifth Ave. S. Call Robert Thompson at 612-673-5149 for info.

31 NRP Training Series 2001: "What's in our bylaws"

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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