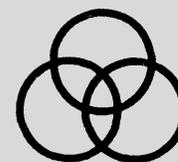


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## East Side Neighborhood Service to open new home August 14

The only thing that East Side Neighborhood Service (ESNS) needed to continue providing high quality services to Minneapolis residents was more space. Now, more than 85 years since the agency first opened its doors, ESNS will have the space it needs in the form of a new Neighborhood House. ESNS will hold a grand opening ceremony for the new facility on Tuesday, August 14 at 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Having evolved from a settlement house for new immigrants into an agency that provides a variety of services to thousands of children, families, and seniors, the Neighborhood House has been sorely in need of additional and more updated space.

That is why the Bottineau Neighborhood Association (BNA) agreed to help ESNS by investing \$200,000 of NRP funds in a capital campaign that raised \$7.8 million for the new Neighborhood House.

The grand opening event will provide Minneapolis residents with an opportunity to tour the new building and learn more about ESNS. Currently, ESNS programs serve everyone from pre-schoolers to seniors, from many different backgrounds and with many different needs. Over the years, the agency has expanded its operations to include 12 different program sites throughout northeast and southeast Minneapolis.

In addition to the multitude of senior services that earned the agency a 1999 United Way Fostering Excellence Award, ESNS also manages the Menlo Park Alternative High School, a Minnesota Care program, a food shelf for families in crisis, employment services, and family intervention programs. The new ESNS Neighborhood House is located at 1700 2nd Street NE. For more information about the grand opening event, please call ESNS at 612-781-6011.

Photo courtesy of East Side Neighborhood Service.



Because the new Neighborhood House is 25 percent larger than the original building, East Side Neighborhood Service has been able to increase its childcare capacity from 70 to 105 children.

### NRP Affordable Housing and Commercial Area Development reserve funds frozen

On July 23, the NRP Policy Board passed a resolution that freezes the NRP Phase II Affordable Housing and Commercial Area Development reserve funds until such time it is evident that sufficient funds have been identified for implementing Phase II of the NRP. All applications for the Phase II reserve funds will remain unopened and unevaluated until then.

The Policy Board also directed NRP Director Bob Miller to develop an interim plan for funding and implementing Phase II planning activity based on the need for program continuity and projected limitations in NRP resources. In the meantime, neighborhood organizations embarking on Phase II planning can apply to the NRP for up to \$10,000 for pre-Phase II planning activity.

# NRP Policy Board election set for Thursday, November 29

## Filing forms available August 13, 2001

The process for the election of neighborhood representatives and alternates for seats on the 2002 NRP Policy Board begins on August 13. Filing forms will be available at neighborhood organization offices, Minneapolis Public Libraries, the NRP Office and the Minneapolis City Clerk's Office, Room 304 in City Hall. Copies can also be obtained by calling the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Minneapolis at 612-333-6319. As in past elections, the LWV will be assisting in all aspects of the election process. Filing forms must be received by the LWV office no later than noon on Friday, October 5, 2001.

## What is the NRP Policy Board?

The NRP Policy Board is the governing body of the NRP. Its members provide overall direction to the Program and are responsible for the review and approval of Neighborhood Action Plans. Neighborhood residents hold four of the 19 seats on the board and serve for a one-year term. Policy Board meetings are typically held one Monday each month from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Hennepin County Government Center.

## Who is eligible to run for a seat on the Board?

Candidates seeking a term on the Policy Board must be a resident of the appropriate neighborhood category (i.e. protection, revitalization, redirection) for a minimum of 30 days prior to the election and be at least 21 years old when their term of office begins in January, 2002. A neighborhood representative and alternate will be elected for each of the three neighborhood categories (protection, revitalization, redirection). An at-large representative and alternate will also be elected.

## Election proceedings November 29, 2001

Each neighborhood will select an elector and alternate to vote on behalf of the neighborhood. Information on this process is being sent to each neighborhood organization. A Voters Guide listing the candidates will also be prepared by the LWV and distributed. Election proceedings, including candidate forums, will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Nov. 29 at the Crown Roller Mill Building, 105 Fifth Ave S. For more information on the election, call the LWV office at 612-333-6319 or Carsten Slostad at 612-673-5150.

## Training Series 2001: Upcoming Training Events

The following workshops are designed for board members and staff of neighborhood associations who are responsible for keeping records, collecting data, and using these records and data to create reports for your board as well as to manage NRP and MCDA activities.

### "Financial Software"

Saturday, August 25, 2001

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Learn how to use popular financial software programs Quicken, Quickbooks and others to record transactions and create reports for your board, the NRP and MCDA.

### "Financial Record Keeping I"

Tuesday, August 28, 2001

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Part one of a two-part training on how to create and use a simple chart of accounts, record transactions and create financial reports for your neighborhood board.

### "Access for Everyone!"

Wednesday, August 29, 2001

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

This session will provide an overview of innovative ways to tailor all of your neighborhood projects so they are accessible to everyone in your neighborhood. Inclusive design and accessible housing makes better buildings, more useful projects and stronger neighborhoods. This workshop will provide information on access issues, design standards, accessible housing, changing attitudes and civil rights considerations.

### "Financial Record Keeping II"

Thursday, August 30, 2001

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Part two of the two-part training on financial record keeping focuses on how to record, manage and report your organization's use of NRP and MCDA funds.

If you would like to attend any or all of these upcoming trainings, please RSVP by phone to Robert Thompson at 612-673-5149 or by email at [rthompson@nrp.org](mailto:rthompson@nrp.org). The RSVPs determine how many copies of materials to prepare. Please photocopy and post this schedule to assure that other board members and staff from your neighborhood organization are notified of these sessions! Light refreshments will be provided at all workshops! All sessions will be held in MCDA Conference Room 3 at the Crown Roller Mill building, 105 5th Ave S., Suite 200. If you need directions, please call Robert at the number listed above.

# In Brief

## National Night Out is August 7

On August 7, more than 32 million people in 9,400 communities throughout the U.S. will take part in the 18th Annual National Night Out (NNO). NNO is the single largest community-building, crime-fighting event in the nation. Here in Minneapolis, it is expected there will be 800 block parties and 40,000 neighbors participating.

People celebrate NNO in all kinds of ways – from simply sharing ice tea and conversation to organizing elaborate multi-block extravaganzas with live music and volleyball tournaments. NNO helps to build networks that can keep neighborhood crime away.

This year's theme "**Neighborhoods...Where It All Begins!**" gives voice to what NNO is all about. It's a time when neighbors celebrate each other and where they live. NNO helps neighbors to know one another and to look out for one another. It helps make blocks more vibrant, better places to live and it supports block club activities that take place year round. NNO is based on a simple concept – get to know your neighbors and if a problem develops in the neighborhood, take steps to deal with it as a neighborhood. Together residents can build a stronger, safer, healthier neighborhood.

New to NNO this year is the 2001 photography contest for Minneapolis residents. Photos entered must be taken on August 7 at an NNO event in Minneapolis.

The Grand Prize winner of the photo contest will receive \$500 while five runner ups will win \$100 gift certificates from National Camera. Photo subject categories for the contest are: youth, food, games, music, oldest and youngest. Entrants can submit **one** roll of film to their local police precinct for processing. CCP/SAFE will send entrants copies of their photos. Entrants processing their own film can enter up to 36 photos. The deadline for all submissions is August 10. People having problems dropping off film at a precinct should call 612-673-3568 by August 9.

To find out if your block is having a party or if you would like information on how to start a block club, call CCP/SAFE at 612-673-3568.

## Minneapolis Awards nominations sought

Wouldn't you like to recognize that individual who has really made a difference in your neighborhood or community? Well, now you can. The Minneapolis Awards are given each year to honor individuals who have contributed their time and talents to enhancing the quality of life in Minneapolis. Anybody who lives, works or volunteers in Minneapolis is eligible.

Nominees will have contributed in their neighborhoods, in the social services or business, through the arts, in service to youth, or in any number of ways. They may be leaders in the public sector or non-profit area, or they may quietly do their work behind the scenes.

Established in 1988, this annual award recognizes both recent achievements and a lifetime commitment to Minneapolis.

To request a nomination form, contact the Office of Public Affairs at 612-673-2101 or visit the City of Minneapolis' web site at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us). Nominations are due September 28, 2001. Your complete nomination should include the nomination form and an essay of no more than 750 words.

## Job Opportunity

### Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association seeks Community Organizer

The Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association (HNIA) is now looking for an organized, dynamic person to lead the HNIA organizing effort. Excellent communication skills – both verbal and written – are required. Experience as a community organizer or significant involvement in a neighborhood organization is preferred. A background with issues such as housing and crime and safety would be helpful.

The ideal candidate will have a high-energy personality, demonstrated leadership skills, and the ability to connect well with others. This is a full-time, skilled position. To apply, please send your resume to HNIA, "Attention: Hiring Committee," 2516 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418. Please submit one writing sample of any length addressing how you would approach organizing this project. For more information about the position or the writing sample, please call 612-781-2299. The deadline for applications is August 10, 2001.



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## Treasured community institution gets new home



East Side Neighborhood Service (ESNS) has been a fixture in the Bottineau neighborhood for the past 86 years. On August 14, ESNS will celebrate the grand opening of its new Neighborhood House. See the front page for more details.

## — August 2001 Calendar of Events —

### 7 National Night Out (NNO)

For more information on the NNO celebration nearest you, please call 612-673-3568.

### 9 Management Review Team (MRT) meeting CANCELLED. Next meeting September 13

### 14 East Side Neighborhood Services New Neighborhood House Grand Opening

4:00-8:00 p.m. Dedication at 5:00 p.m.  
 1700 2nd Avenue NE. See front page for more information or call ESNS at 612-781-6011.

### 20 NRP Policy Board meeting

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

### 24 September Link Submission Deadline

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

### 25 NRP Training Series 2001: "Financial Software"

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