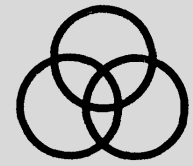


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Major improvements made to Keewaydin Park playground site

One of the most important functions of the NRP is to strengthen partnerships between neighborhoods and government jurisdictions to assure that shared city-wide goals are accomplished. The new playground at Keewaydin Park in south Minneapolis is a prime example of how the NRP is working in this capacity.

Residents from the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association (NENA) invested \$70,000 of NRP funds in a \$300,000 project that included major site improvements and the installation of new play equipment at the Keewaydin Park playground. NENA collaborated with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Minneapolis Public Schools to make the project possible.



Five-year-old Cole is just one of the many children who are happy the spiderweb was added to the new Keewaydin Park playground.

Minneapolis Urban League celebrates opening of new northside building



The new Glover-Sudduth Center for Urban Affairs and Economic Development is located on the northeastern corner of Plymouth and Penn avenues in north Minneapolis.

Residents in the Near North and Willard Hay neighborhoods invested \$350,000 of NRP funds in the new Glover-Sudduth Center for Urban Affairs and Economic Development. The center officially opened on September 22.

The center is home to the Minneapolis Urban League's administrative offices and was named in honor of two of Minneapolis' most esteemed leaders, Gleason Glover and Gary Sudduth.

The \$6 million center also houses a new Employment and Training Center and will serve as a small business incubator for six small businesses seeking the opportunity to grow in a nurturing environment.

NRP to offer several important training workshops in October

The following workshops are designed for board members and staff of neighborhood associations who are responsible for managing NRP and MCDA activities.

"Preparing for Phase II"
Monday, October 1, 2001
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Provides a basic introduction to Phase II of the NRP including how to enter into a Phase II participation agreement.

"Evaluation I"
Tuesday, October 2, 2001
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

This session will help you understand what it takes to do a thorough administrative, financial, and programmatic evaluation of your neighborhood's Phase I activities.

"Evaluation II"
Wednesday, October 2, 2001
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

This session will help you identify, collect, and interpret key data for your Phase I evaluation.

"Basic Board Roles and Responsibilities"
Saturday, October 20, 2001
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Learn about the fiduciary duties of your board as well as guidelines for developing clear, effective policies.

"Contract Management"
Monday, October 29, 2001
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Learn how to develop scopes of service and line-item budgets as well as create and manage contracts.

"Modifying Your Action Plan"
Tuesday, October 30, 2001
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

This session will cover everything you need to know about modifying your Neighborhood Action Plan.

"Access for Everyone"
Saturday, November 3, 2001
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Learn innovative ways to make all of your neighborhood projects accessible to everyone!

To attend these upcoming trainings, please RSVP by phone to Robert Thompson at 612-673-5149 or by email at rthompson@nrp.org. 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.**

2002 NRP Policy Board candidate filing deadline October 5

Time is running out on people who are planning to run for a seat on the 2002 NRP Policy Board. Candidate filing forms **MUST** be received at the office of the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Minneapolis no later than noon, Friday, October 5, 2001. The LWV office is located at 81 S. 9th Street, Suite 335.

Filing forms can be obtained at neighborhood organization offices, Minneapolis Public Libraries, and the Minneapolis City Clerk's Office, 304 City Hall. You can also receive filing forms by calling the LWV at 612-333-6319 or visiting the NRP web site at <http://nrp.systems.net/phase2/election2001.html>. Candidates 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 and the at-large category. Election proceedings including candidate forums will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2001.

NRP Policy Board Election Schedule

- **October 5** Candidate filing deadline
- **Nov. 21** Elector registration deadline
- **Nov. 29** Election proceedings



NRP Policy Board Report

Approved September 24, 2001

- Action Plan modification for the Sheridan neighborhood
- Action Plan modification for the Harrison neighborhood
- Conflict of Interest Policy

View the Conflict of Interest Policy online at www.nrp.org

In Brief

SSCO hires State Rep. Dibble as interim director

The Stevens Square Community Organization has hired Minnesota State Representative Scott Dibble (DFL-Minneapolis) as its interim executive director.



Dibble replaces Cara Letofsky, who resigned to coordinate the new Minneapolis Community Land Trusts Project.

"This is where my passion lies, working at the neighborhood level," Dibble told the Southwest Journal recently.

Dibble was a former aide to City Councilmember Doré Mead. He also worked as a neighborhood staffer for the Citizens of a Loring Park Community (CLPC) prior to being elected as the State Representative from 60B in November 2000.



Northeast Neighborhood House dedication, Central Ave. Block Party and Keewaydin Park playground featured this month on Minneapolis Neighborhood News

Beginning in mid-October **Minneapolis Neighborhood News (MNN)** will showcase three recent NRP projects including the new \$7.8 million East Side Neighborhood Services (ESNS) Neighborhood House. The facility has enabled ESNS to increase its childcare capacity from 70 to 105 children and has provided much needed space for ESNS's Menlo Park Alternative High School.

MNN will also feature the work of residents in four northeast neighborhoods, Holland, Windom Park, Logan Park, and Audubon Park. The residents have played a vital role in a \$1.5 million Central Avenue revitalization project that is currently underway. Included in the project is the installation of new pedestrian-scale lighting, the establishment of a new Business Watch Program to keep crime down, and Central Avenue identification banners with a new Central Avenue logo.

MNN's broadcast schedule is as follows:

- **Channel 14** Tues., Thurs., and Sat., 9:30 p.m.
- **Channel 17** Fri., 6:30 p.m.
- **Channel 16** Sun., 5:00 p.m.



Children broke in new play equipment at Lake Hiawatha Park during an August 1 playground dedication ceremony. Highlights of the event are now showing as part of the current episode of MNN.

HELP CHART MINNEAPOLIS' COURSE



For more than 50 years, the City of Minneapolis has been reshaped and revitalized by its community development efforts, which have included housing, new business development, and job growth, as well as neighborhood safety and character. Today, new financial realities challenge the City's community development programs including the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (MRP) and the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA). The Mayor, City Council and the people of Minneapolis need to reassess the City's spending priorities and revisit the role of community development.

Attend a community meeting reviewing Minneapolis' community development efforts and current challenges. Establish a foundation of facts and begin this important dialogue.

Don't miss this opportunity.

ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING NEAR YOU.

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| • Wed. Oct. 3
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Southwest High School
Media Center, 3414 W. 47th St. So. |
| • Thurs. Oct. 4
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Minneapolis Convention Center
Room 205, 1301 2nd Ave. So. |
| • Tues. Oct. 9
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Ericsson Elementary School
4315 31st Ave. So. |
| • Wed. Oct. 10
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Logan Community Center
Monroe and Broadway St. NE |
| • Thurs. Oct. 11
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Harrison Community Center
503 Irving Ave. No. |
| • Mon. Oct. 15
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Folwell Community Center
1615 Dowling Ave. No. |
| • Tues. Oct. 16
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Powderhorn Community Center
3400 15th Ave. So. |

For more information call Vaman Pai, Communications Department, City of Minneapolis (612) 673-2123.



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New playground in the Keewaydin neighborhood



Thanks to the spirited efforts of Nokomis East Neighborhood Association (NENA) residents, Keewaydin Park has a renovated playground with new play equipment. The playground officially opened on September 13, 2001. See front page for more details.

October 2001 Calendar of Events

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| <p>1 NRP Training Series 2001: "Preparing for Phase II" 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Suite #200, Crown Roller Mill,
105 Fifth Ave. S. Call Robert Thompson
at 612-673-5149 for information.</p> <p>2 NRP Training Series 2001: "Evaluation I"
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at 612-673-5149 for information.</p> <p>5 NRP Policy Board Election Candidate Filing Deadline See Page 2 for more info or
call the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis
at 612-333-6319.</p> <p>8 Columbus Day
City offices closed</p> | <p>20 NRP Training Series 2001: "Basic Board Roles and Responsibilities"
6:30-8:30 p.m. Suite #200, Crown Roller Mill
105 Fifth Ave. S. Call Robert Thompson
at 612-673-5149 for information.</p> <p>22 NRP Policy Board meeting
4:30-6:30 p.m., Room C-2350 Hennepin
County Government Center.</p> <p>26 November Link submission deadline
Call 612-673-5158, or fax your submission
to Brett at 612-673-5138.</p> <p>29 NRP Training Series 2001: "Contract Management" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Suite #200,
Crown Roller Mill, 105 Fifth Ave. S. Call
Robert Thompson at 612-673-5149 for info.</p> |
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