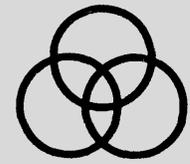


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NRP kicks off new year with a dynamic new Web site

The NRP is kicking off the new year with a dynamic new Web site that places a wealth of information and online resources directly at the fingertips of visitors.

Easily navigable, the site is equipped with powerful new tools that allow people to freely track NRP activities going on in all of the neighborhoods throughout the city.

In addition, visitors can now take a virtual multi-media tour of several projects that have resulted from the efforts of hard-working Minneapolis residents participating in the NRP.

More importantly, the site offers something for everyone with an interest in the NRP – from the

Minneapolis resident who wants to know precise details of NRP initiatives taking place in his/her neighborhood to the many government employees from other cities throughout the world seeking ways to replicate the internationally recognized NRP in their municipalities.

The new NRP site is also interactive, giving visitors the ability to make their voices heard with regard to the things they feel are important. Visitors can spread the word about upcoming events in their neighborhoods by submitting details to the NRP through a simple online form.

That's not all. Visitors can watch videos of Minneapolis residents describing how they used the NRP to address challenges in their neighborhoods or communities. The site is designed to allow people to share important information with each other that is sure to make the NRP even more efficient in the future. It's all online, so head to www.nrp.org and check it out now!

East Village

details view partners

The Minneapolis Affordable Housing Task Force Report issued in July 1999 made several recommendations about how to effectively increase new housing production and affordable housing availability throughout the city. Before the report was ever issued, however, residents in the Elliot Park neighborhood were already thinking of ways to increase the density and attractiveness of their neighborhood as well as offer people of low- and moderate-incomes more housing options.



The color and the type of East Village's facing bricks and the rounded northwest corner were chosen to match the existing historic architecture in the neighborhood.

By investing \$500,000 of NRP funds as gap financing, Elliot Park Neighborhood Inc. helped jumpstart a new \$29.5 million mixed-income, mixed-use housing development project. The development, called East Village, consists of 179 units of housing, a Dunn Bros. Coffee Shop, a convenience market, and an underground parking garage. The project already serves as a model for future developments in the city due to its mix of housing options. While East Village represents the first market-rate housing built in Elliot Park in decades, it also brings 40 units of housing that are affordable to households with incomes at or below 50 percent of the Metro Median Income.

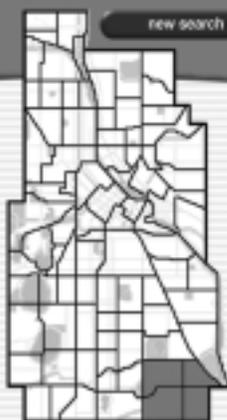
For more information about East Village, please contact the Central Community Housing Trust at 612-341-3148 or watch Minneapolis Neighborhood News episode #64 originally broadcast in December 2001.

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- Loring Park
- Lowry Hill
- Lowry Hill East
- Lyndale
- Lynnhurst
- Marcy Holmes
- Marshall Terrace
- McKinley
- Nicollet Island/Earl Bank
- Northumb East**
- Northwest Park
- Near North, Willard Hay
- Phillips
- Powderhorn Park
- Prospect Park
- Seward
- Sheridan
- Shingle Creek
- Southeast Como
- St. Anthony E.
- St. Anthony W.
- Stanbush Ericsson
- Stevens Square
- Summer Fieldwood

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PlanNetNRP

The project tour gives NRP Web site visitors a detailed look at some of the things Minneapolis residents are doing to make their neighborhoods better places to live, work, learn, and play.

PlanNet NRP data base users get timely, convenient access to a multitude of reports about neighborhood action plans throughout the city.

Bryn-Mawr's first Saturnalia winter festival draws good crowd

Even without snow, the Bryn-Mawr Neighborhood Association's (BMNA) first Saturnalia winter festival on December 15 was a big hit with families from the neighborhood. BMNA modeled Saturnalia after the ancient Roman celebration that once coincided with the completion of the planting of winter crops. The neighborhood's scaled-down and soon-to-be annual version of the occasion accomplished its goal of bringing families together for a respite from the winter blues. In fact, as strange as it may sound to some, activities associated with Saturnalia are purposely devised to pay tribute to the cold of the season and the various cultures which have traditions associated with the cold.

The Bryn-Mawr festival included activities for all ages. Gardening enthusiasts enjoyed a winter flower arrangement demonstration and kids learned how to make wreaths. There were also hay rides, performance artists, a roving accordion player, and open fires for roasting marshmallows and chestnuts. Hot chocolate and hot apple cider were available to festival goers in each of the downtown eateries. Highlights from Bryn-Mawr's Saturnalia winter festival will be featured in mid-February on the NRP's Minneapolis Neighborhood News cable television program. You



True to the tradition of the Saturnalia festival, children roasted marshmallows over open fires at several locations along Cedar Lake Road in downtown Bryn-Mawr. Roasted chestnuts and hot apple cider were also available inside all of the downtown eateries.

can watch it in the City of Minneapolis on Channel 16 on Sundays at 5:00 p.m., on Channel 17 on Fridays at 6:30 p.m., and on Channel 14 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 9:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Environmental Sustainability Conference to be held January 26

The Center for Neighborhoods will host a conference on neighborhood-level environmental sustainability Saturday, January 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Society, 900 Mount Curve Boulevard.

The purpose of the conference is to link neighborhoods with environmental funding sources and other resource organizations that can support neighborhood volunteers and staff in their efforts to improve neighborhood environmental sustainability.

The conference will feature six workshops: watershed protection; community gardening, urban agriculture and forestry; solid waste reduction/recycling; safe, healthy and energy-efficient buildings; transportation alternatives; and working with industries.

The conference will also highlight several creative environmental initiatives and partnerships in Minneapolis and St. Paul that have proven effective.

Several Minneapolis neighborhood organizations will give presentations including: the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association, the Southeast Como Improvement Association, the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association, the Seward Neighborhood Group, the Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association, and the Harrison Neighborhood Association.

The event is free and open to the public. If you would like to attend the conference, register online at www.center4neighborhoods.org or call the Center for Neighborhoods at 612-339-3480.

In Brief

30th Annual CUE Awards January 28

The Committee on Urban Environment (CUE) recently announced the finalists for the 30th Annual CUE Awards. Winners will be notified at a presentation ceremony on Monday, January 28 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, 2400 3rd Avenue South. Mayor R.T. Rybak will deliver a keynote address following a reception at which all of the final projects will be featured in a display. The CUE awards honor both public and private sector projects and recognize the influence that individuals, partnerships, and long term vision have on Minneapolis design, aesthetics and the urban environment.

The NRP has always made a strong showing at the CUE Awards and this year should be no different as the program was involved in eight of the 34 project finalists. They include: East Village, a 179-unit mixed-income, mixed-use housing development; Agape Dos, a home for people living with AIDS; the Playwright's Center, a performance theater in the Seward neighborhood; the Franklin Avenue Streetscape, a \$3.8 million renewal project that spans from Chicago Avenue to 16th Avenue; the Southeast Minneapolis Industrial Plan, a multi-neighborhood effort to redesign and reconstruct the southeast industrial area; and the Humboldt Greenway Plan, an initiative that will result in the construction of nearly 200 new single-family homes and townhomes on an eight-block stretch of Humboldt Avenue North. Tickets to the CUE Awards presentation cost \$30. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please call CUE at 612-673-3014.



Residents in the Phillips neighborhood invested \$300,000 of NRP funds in the Franklin Avenue Streetscape project.

CUE membership application deadline is January 25

The Committee on Urban Environment (CUE) is now accepting applications for committee membership. The purpose of the committee is to encourage the preservation and development of the natural and built environment, architectural design excellence, neighborhood beautification, cultural amenities, public art, and urban forestry.

The committee has 29 members. The City Council appoints nine members and the mayor appoints eight. Also serving on the committee are: two council members, one representative for each of the following: the Mayor's office, Park and Recreation Board, School Board, Library Board, the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA), the City Planning Commission, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, the Minneapolis Arts Commission, the University of Minnesota Center for Urban Design, and the Minneapolis Downtown Council.

CUE applications are available at the Office of the City Clerk, Room 304 City Hall, 305 Fifth Street South, Minneapolis, MN 55415. Completed applications should be returned to the City Clerk. The application deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 2002. Four positions are currently vacant. For more information about CUE, please call Lonnie Nichols at 612-673-5468.

Homewood Studios resident artist Marrja Roth's first public showing January 6-19

Artist Marrja Roth is inviting friends and strangers alike to view her painting, drawing, and mixed-media collage work at her first Homewood Studios public showing January 6-19. Homewood Studios is located at 2400 Plymouth Avenue North. For more info about upcoming Homewood events, please call 612-587-0230 or visit the Web site at www.homewoodstudios.com.

Roth show hours: Weekdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Weekends noon to 5:00 p.m. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, January 13, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The NRP was one of the partners in a project that converted a formerly boarded and vacant building into what is now known as Homewood Studios.



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Bryn-Mawr winter festival: fun without snow



The Bryn-Mawr Neighborhood Association held its First Annual Saturnalia winter festival on Saturday, December 15. Read all about it on p. 2 of the NRP Link.

January 2002 Calendar of Events

1 New Years Day

City offices closed

5 City Ball

8:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Minneapolis Convention Center, 1301 2nd Avenue South. Join Mayor R.T. Rybak and the Minneapolis City Council for an evening of music, cabaret, dancing, dessert, and celebration. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at the State and Orpheum Theater box offices and at Ticketmaster, 612-673-0404 or www.ticketmaster.com.

10 Management Review Team (MRT) meeting *CANCELLED*

21 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

City offices closed

25 Neighborhood Environmental Sustainability Conference

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., First Unitarian Society, 900 Mount Curve Boulevard. For more information call the Center for Neighborhoods at 612-729-3828.

25 Deadline for applications to serve on the Committee for Urban Environment

Call Lonnie Nichols at 612-673-5468 for info.

25 February Link submission deadline

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

28 30th Annual CUE Awards Presentation

5:00-9:00 p.m., Minneapolis Institute of Arts, 2400 3rd Avenue South. Tickets are \$30. For more information about the CUE Awards see page 3 or call 612-673-3014. Tickets are available at the same number.

28 NRP Policy Board meeting

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

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