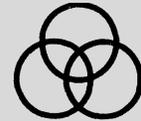


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Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association says yes, in our backyard!

The Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) and the Minneapolis Urban League will host a *Yes, In Our Backyard* groundbreaking celebration for a six-unit affordable housing development at 2:00 p.m. on September 21 at E. 35th St. and Bloomington Ave. S.

The new housing development, to be built on a former Super America site, will be comprised of two 3-bedroom units and four 4-bedroom units. All six of the units represent replacement housing under the Hollman consent decree.

Residents and business owners involved in the project say planning for the project was not always pleasant, but that consensus was eventually built around the idea to welcome public housing to the neighborhood. PPNA invested \$82,000 of NRP funds in the \$1 million project. Construction on the housing development will begin in October.

For more information about the Hollman experience, you may want to read a report that is now available on the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs Web site at <http://www.cura.umn.edu/publications/Hollman.html>

Lake Hiawatha festival goes above and beyond

The Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association (SENA) and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) took residents to new heights at the Seventh Annual Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Festival on August 7 at Lake Hiawatha Park. One of the big attractions for kids was a climbing wall that challenged them to make climbs of varying degrees of



difficulty. Fitness enthusiasts also had the opportunity to participate in the first-ever Hiawatha Hustle 5K run. If you would like to learn more about how you can get a climbing wall to your neighborhood event, please contact SENA at 612-721-1601.

NRP-TV to feature Pierre Bottineau Library, Jeremiah Program housing expansion, Lake Harriet historic restroom reopening and Longfellow Street Fest

Throughout the month of September, the **Minneapolis Neighborhood News (MNN)** cable television program will showcase construction efforts on the new Pierre Bottineau Library, the Jeremiah Program residential housing expansion project and the Lake Harriet historic restroom reopening. Tune in and find out how the Sheridan and St. Anthony West neighborhood organizations inspired efforts to incorporate the new library into the former Grain Belt Brewery campus redevelopment project. Four additional segments on the 30-minute show feature the Jeremiah Program residential housing expansion project, the Lake Harriet historic restroom reopening, the Longfellow Street Fest and the 2002 Midtown Greenway Parade of the Arts.



Minneapolis Neighborhood News
Channel 14 - Tues, Thurs & Sat 9:30 pm
Channel 17 - Fri 6:30 pm
Channel 16 - Sun 5:00 pm

2003 NRP Policy Board candidate filing deadline September 23

Time is running out for people who are planning to run for a seat on the 2003 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, Monday, September 23, 2002. 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 www.nrp.org/R2/News/NewsArch/2002/20020820.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, 2003.

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 21, 2002.

NRP Policy Board Election Schedule

- September 23 Candidate filing deadline
- November 13 Elector registration deadline
- November 21 Election proceedings

NRP Training Series 2002: September schedule of workshops

The following workshops are designed for board members and staff of neighborhood organizations

"Board Chair Peer Group"

Saturday, September 14, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Peer group workshops have proven to be an effective way of sharing information among neighborhood organizations citywide. This workshop provides an excellent networking and peer-to-peer learning opportunity for all neighborhood organization board chairs. If you have topics or issues you would like to discuss, call Robert at 673-5149.

"Writing and Modifying Your NRP Action Plan "

Tuesday, September 17, 2002 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Learn everything you need to know about writing and modifying your Neighborhood Action Plan.

"How to Leverage Investment through the Community Reinvestment Act"

Tuesday, September 24, 2002 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Enacted into law in 1977, the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) encourages banks to help meet the credit needs of the communities in which they operate. Banks are evaluated on their level of engagement in local community development initiatives, including housing and economic development for low- and moderate-income individuals and areas. Presenter Margaret Tyndall of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis will tell you how your organization can use the CRA to form partnerships with banks in your neighborhood.

"Contract Management"

Wednesday, September 25, 2002 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sound contract management begins with a good scope of service. This workshop provides an overview of how to develop and review a good scope of service as well as manage and keep track of your NRP contracts.

"Working Together: Neighborhoods and the Somali Community"

Monday, September 30, 2002 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This workshop will focus on the importance of neighborhood work, the role neighborhood organizations play in Minneapolis and understanding the NRP process. Although the workshop is designed for members of the Somali community, other neighborhood leaders who want to learn more about the Somali community are also welcome and encouraged to attend. This workshop will be held at the American Indian O.I.C. located at 1845 E. Franklin Ave.

Please RSVP to Robert Thompson at 612-673-5149 or by email at rthompson@nrp.org if you plan to attend any or all of these sessions. The RSVP's determine how many copies of materials to prepare. Light refreshments will be provided at all workshops! All sessions except the Working Together workshop will be held in MCDA Conference Room 3 at the Crown Roller Mill building, 105 5th Ave S., Suite 200.

In Brief

CLPC's Jana Metge wins 2002 Abby Award

On August 6, Citizen for a Loring Park (CLPC) Executive Director Jana Metge was presented with an Abbott Northwestern Hospital 2002 Abby Award. The Award is given quarterly to up to three individuals and organizations who have provided outstanding community service in the Phillips and Powderhorn Park neighborhoods.

According to Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Metge received the award because she "has a unique vision of a united community and the ability to bridge gaps that go beyond neighborhood boundaries. Her energy and commitment are unequaled. She spends countless hours volunteering her time to improve the community."

Prior to working for CLPC, Metge worked as the executive director for the Central Neighborhood Improvement Association.

Southeast Como garage sales and Garden Gala September 7

In 1992, Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) volunteers planted the first tree on the corner of 22nd Ave. SE and Como Ave. SE. This seemingly simple action blossomed into a decade of building an award-winning park with garden beds, paths and even a bench. SECIA is now asking others to join in celebrating the neighborhood's park at a Garden Gala at the same location from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 7. Listen to tunes from a local neighborhood band while kids have fun making garden stepping stones at Como's corner garden. Take the orchid growing class and munch on yummy summer food. For more information on the Garden Gala as well as a map of more than 50 plus garage sales that will be held throughout the neighborhood earlier in the day, please visit the SECIA Web site at www.secomo.org.

Getting to the Bottom of the Ballot group to host candidate social September 9

Getting to the Bottom of the Ballot is a voter education initiative recently launched by the Southwest Citizens for Civic Engagement. While residents in southwest Minneapolis have 80 to 90 percent voter turnout for federal elections, the percentage drops to nearly 50

percent for local general elections and nearly 35 percent for local primary elections. Southwest Citizens for Civic Engagement is focusing its efforts on the upcoming primary (Tuesday, September 10, 2002) and general (Tuesday, November 5, 2002) elections so that Minneapolis residents will have knowledge of all of the candidates' positions on issues. The group will hold a Night Before the Primary Party from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2002 at Lake Harriet Community School, 4912 Vincent Avenue South. Residents attending the event will be able to meet primary candidates as well as find out their positions on issues that matter most. All city-wide and county candidates as well as candidates who have districts or wards in any of the nine southwest neighborhoods will be invited to participate in this event. Light beverages will be available. For more information about the Getting to the Bottom of the Ballot initiative, please contact Southwest Citizens for Civic Engagement at 612-922-3106. The group will host a general election candidate forum on Thursday, October 17. Watch the NRP Link for details.

Fourth Annual Fulton Fall Festival Sept. 14

The Fourth Annual Fulton Fall Festival will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14 at the Lake Harriet Community School Upper Campus, West 50th Street and Washburn Avenue South. The event promises fun for the entire family with dixie music, square dancing, scarecrow making, a petting zoo and pony rides, fall activities for kids and an abundance of neighborhood information for residents. As always, Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que will be on hand selling barbecued ribs. For more information, please call Michelle Mensing of the Fulton Neighborhood Association at 612-929-6157.

CIDNA Fall Festival set for September 15

The Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association will hold its Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Park Siding Park between 28th and 29th streets near Xerxes Avenue South, just off the Kenilworth Trail. There will be fun for all ages. Kids can enjoy the Moon Walk and the Ball Crawl while adults will have the opportunity to meet elected officials and candidates for office – all of whom have been invited. Free food from Dixie's Calhoun, Caribou Coffee, Super America and Whole Foods will be provided.



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Construction on New Holland Neighborhood Townhomes now underway



The Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association hosted a groundbreaking celebration on August 6 just as construction was beginning on eight new energy efficient, solar saver townhomes. The first model should be open in October.

NRP Policy Board Report

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Hennepin County Second 7.5% NRP Funds for Willard Hay and Near North Neighborhoods



Fulton Neighborhood Phase II Participation Agreement

— September 2002 Calendar of Events —

- 7 Southeast Como Garage Sales and Garden Gala** Sales from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and block party from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sale maps online at www.secomo.org and block party at the corner of 22nd Ave. SE and Como Ave. SE. See page 3 or call SECIA at 612-676-1731 for more information.
- 9 Getting to the Bottom of the Ballot** 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Lake Harriet Community School, 4912 Vincent Ave. S. See page 3 or call 612-922-3106 for more information.
- 14 NRP Training Series 2002: Board Chair Peer Group** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., MCDA Conference Room 3, Crown Roller Mill Suite #200, 105 Fifth Ave. S. See page 2 or call Robert at 612-673-5149 for more information.
- 14 Fourth Annual Fulton Fall Festival** 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Lake Harriet Community School, 4912 Vincent Ave. S. See page 3 or call 612-929-6157 for more information.

- 15 CIDNA Fall Festival** 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Park Siding Park, between 28th and 29th streets near Xerxes Ave. S. See page 3 or call 612-926-6265 for more info.
- 21 Harrison Fall Festival** Noon to 4:00 p.m., Harrison Community Center, 503 Irving Ave. N. Please call 612-374-4849 for more information.
- 23 NRP Policy Board meeting** 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Room C-2350 Hennepin County Government Center.
- 23 September Link submission deadline** Call 612-673-5158 or fax your submission to Brett at 612-673-5138.

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