

# NRP Link

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## NRP housing successes on display during Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour

The Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) takes great pride in joining the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul in presenting the 2003 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour. Because the NRP has invested more than \$90 million in programs and projects aimed at maintaining and improving the city's housing stock, the Home Tour is the ultimate stage for showcasing some of these housing investments at work.

Each year, residents participating in the NRP throughout the city seize this occasion to put their homes and neighborhoods on display during what has become the Twin Cities' biggest weekend celebration of city living. This year, volunteers from five Minneapolis neighborhood organizations have organized special neighborhood tours so that thousands of Home Tour enthusiasts can see how they live, work, learn and play. Hundreds of additional NRP volunteers will meet and greet home tour visitors in 38 homes scattered throughout 31 Minneapolis neighborhoods.

Be sure to visit homes 3, 5, 14, 20, 22, 26, 29, 35 and 38 to see the physical impacts your NRP investments have made.

See Page 2 or visit the official Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour Web site at [www.msphometour.com](http://www.msphometour.com) for a sneak preview of all 38 Minneapolis homes.



Home Tour Guides containing descriptions and addresses of all 60 homes will be available beginning April 21 at all metro Bruegger's Bagels, Hirshfield's Decorating Centers and Lathrop Supply Company Stores. Guides can also be obtained in the April 17 Southwest Journal, select issues of the April 30 Star Tribune and Pioneer Press or by calling 612-673-5140. Visit [www.msphometour.com](http://www.msphometour.com) for more information and a sneak preview.

### Wanted: Home Tour volunteers

The NRP is in the midst of a vigorous volunteer recruitment campaign to help staff the 38 Minneapolis homes that will be featured on the 16th Annual Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour. Volunteers help Home Tour hosts in several ways including: setting up and staffing sign-in tables

positioned near the entrance of each home, helping to answer questions from Home Tour visitors and making sure that homeowners have sufficient coverage in their homes. Volunteers can choose from two Saturday shifts and one Sunday shift. If you would like to be one of the few, the proud, the 2003 Minneapolis Home Tour volunteers, please call Brett at 612-673-5158.



**Home #5** 822 24th Ave. NE

**Don Rodningen, Edina Realty, Inc.**

The Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association is the driving force behind this innovative nine-unit development known as the Holland Neighborhood Townhomes. Although these homes capture the historic ambiance of the neighborhood, they are not without all the building luxuries of today. The homes incorporate Solar Saver Shingles and "free" energy-efficient kitchen appliances that will result in huge cost savings for their new owners. Other standard features include a whirlpool, front porch and a south-facing deck as well as a maintenance-free exterior that will afford you time to enjoy the unique shops and restaurants on Central Avenue—only minutes from downtown Minneapolis.



**Home #20** 128 E. 18th St.

**Chris Holm, Stevens Community Apartments**

Stevens Community Apartments offer city living with historic charm, located just south of downtown Minneapolis with convenient access to the art and theater districts, shopping, parks, the lakes and interstates 94, 394 and 35W. Primarily constructed in the early 1910s, this densely populated cluster of 3 1/2-story brownstone apartment buildings offers hardwood flooring, 10-foot ceilings, sun-filled rooms and skyline views. In 1997, Stevens Community Associates (SCA) renovated 23 buildings and received the project development of the year award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). NRP, MCDA and SCA's partners provided funding.



**Home #26** 4709 Park Ave. S.

**Amanda & Andrew Root with son Liam**

As regular hosts of dinner parties, barbecues, music jam sessions and baby play times, we tailor made our home for sharing warmth and laughter with family and friends. Our house wasn't always that way, however, as it once desperately cried out for attention. With the help of Amanda's father, a master carpenter, we refinished the hardwood floors, reconstructed the home's original arches, put in a home office and finished the basement complete with kitchen and bathroom. It is the main kitchen that is our masterpiece, though, equipped with cherry cabinets, granite countertops, a breakfast nook and a custom plaster oven hood.



**Home #29** 5409 Cumberland Road

**Kevin Ludke & Katie Murphy with Liam and Kieran**

Welcome to 5409 Cumberland Road. This charming 1940s one-story rambler has been extensively renovated in a way that preserves its original character. It features a unique, open floor plan that makes the 1,100-square-foot home feel much larger. The finished lower level is bright and airy with French doors, large rooms and many egressed windows. The unusual first-floor great room has a cottage-style vaulted ceiling that showcases how progressive remodeling ideas can retain a vintage flair. From the outside, you'll never guess that we built this addition on to our home.

## In Brief

### Sumner Community Library renovation project update meeting to be held April 7

Minneapolis Public Library (MPL) trustees, staff and architects are hosting a community meeting to discuss Sumner Community Library renovation plans on Monday, April 7, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the library, 611 Emerson Ave. N. The architect will present plans and drawings, and staff will describe plans for library services during a construction period that is expected to last until late 2004.

Principal architect Mohammad Lawal from KKE Architects has been working with the MPL and residents to expand the building into a state-of-the-art library that both meets community needs and is flexible for future changes. Library renovation will begin with packing and moving library contents. Books and other materials will be moved to storage and excess furniture and equipment will be sold in a "garage sale" on May 17. After the building is cleaned out, asbestos abatement will start and the renovation efforts will begin.

When completed, the library will have a 4,000 square-foot addition on the west side, a greatly enlarged collection, 20+ new computers and a welcoming children's space. Thanks to a generous donation of \$250,000 from the Cargill Foundation to the Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library, the building will also include a multi-purpose community room on the lower level. For more information about the Sumner Community Library renovation, please call Madeline Cooper of MPL at 612-630-6390.

### Hennepin County earth-friendly home landscaping seminar series to offer three free workshops in April

Three free earth-friendly home landscaping seminars will be offered this month at the Eco-Yard Demonstration Site adjacent to the Hennepin County Recycling Center and Transfer Station at 8100 Jefferson Highway in Brooklyn Park. The seminars focus on earth-friendly home landscaping in which plants thrive with minimal inputs of pesticides, fertilizer, water and time. For more information, call Jennifer Tompkins of Hennepin County Environmental Services at 612-348-6848.

### Spring Fine Arts Show April 11 to May 11

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA) is presenting the Spring Fine Arts Show from April 11 to May 11 at Calhoun Square, intersection of Hennepin and Lake streets. The exhibition celebrates the creation of the new Arts District in northeast Minneapolis and kicks off Art-A-Whirl, NEMAA's three day open-studio tour May 16 to May 18. Please visit [www.nemaa.org](http://www.nemaa.org) or call NEMAA's Executive Director Joe Holladay at 612-788-1679 for more information.

### Heritage Award nominations due April 21

The Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission and the Minneapolis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects are sponsoring the 12th Annual Heritage Preservation Awards to recognize projects, individuals and organizations that enhance Minneapolis' historic character.

Nominations are due April 21. The awards, given in five different categories, will be presented at a luncheon May 15 as part of a week-long celebration of National Preservation Week.

Nominations should be delivered or mailed to the Minneapolis Preservation Commission, Room 210 City Hall, 350 S. Fifth St., Minneapolis, MN 55415. For more information, or to obtain nomination forms, call Amy Lucas at 612-673-2422.

### Minneapolis Blooms! Day set for April 26

Minneapolis Blooms! Day is held annually to recognize citizens who have put forth tremendous effort and time to beautify the urban environment surrounding their homes and throughout their communities. This year, Blooms Day festivities will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at the Logan Park Community Center, 690 13th Ave. NE. Mayor R.T. Rybak will present the Nate Siegel Award to the top garden as part of the main program. Join CUE in honoring your community's gardeners and receive a free seed giveaway at the same time. There will be three informative presentations and time to visit booths staffed by experts from local plant societies for roses, irises, lilies, peonies, hostas, ornamental grasses and more. For more information about Minneapolis Blooms! Day, please call Holly at 612-673-2036.



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# May 17 2003

**Mark it on your calendar!**

## 2003 NRP Neighborhood Conference

Harrison Community Center  
 503 Irving Avenue North

• See NRP Link insert for more details •

## NRP Policy Board Report

Approved March 24, 2003



No formal neighborhood actions taken

## April 2003 Calendar of Events

**3 Management Review Team (MRT) meeting**  
 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Room 323M City Hall

**7 Sumner Library renovation project meeting** 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 Sumner Community Library  
 611 Emerson Ave. N. Please call the MPL at  
 612-630-6390 for more information.

**11 NEMAA Spring Fine Arts Show runs through May 11** Calhoun Square, Hennepin and Lake streets. See Page 3, visit [www.nemaa.org](http://www.nemaa.org) or call Joe Holladay at 612-788-1679 for more information.

**12 Earth-friendly home landscaping seminar series: Spring cleaning - what every eco-yard needs to kick off the season** See Page 3 or call Jennifer Tompkins of Hennepin County Environmental Services at 612-348-6848 for more information.

**21 2003 Heritage Preservation Award nomination deadline**  
 See Page 3 or call Amy Lucas at 612-673-2422 for more information.

**21 NRP Policy Board meeting**  
 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 Room C-2350 Hennepin County Government Center

**25 May Link submission deadline**  
 Call 612-673-5158 or fax your submission to Brett at 612-673-5138.

**26 Minneapolis Blooms! Day**  
 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. See Page 3 or call Holly at 612-673-2036 for more information.

**May 3-4 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour**  
 See front page or visit the official Home Tour Web site at [www.msphometour.com](http://www.msphometour.com) for more information.

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