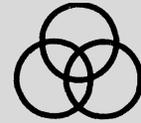


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Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program News



16th annual Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour May 3-4

Discover real homes and real people during the 16th annual Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4. Open the door to creative remodeling ideas and new ownership and rental opportunities by visiting hip downtown condos and lofts, cozy bungalows, charming Arts and Crafts, vintage Queen Annes and more. Join thousands of home enthusiasts during the Twin Cities' biggest weekend city living showcase.

This year, 60 Minneapolis and Saint Paul homes will be open Saturday, May 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 4 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Minneapolis NRP takes great pride in being the coordinating agency for the Minneapolis portion of the Home Tour this year and encourages everyone to make sure to visit the nine Minneapolis homes (numbers 3, 5, 14, 20, 22, 26, 29, 35 and 38) on the tour that have benefited from NRP home improvement program investments. Four of these homes were featured in last month's NRP Link and four more are featured on Page 2 of this issue. Visit the Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour Web site at www.msphometour.com for a sneak preview of all 38 Minneapolis homes. The Home Tour is a free, self-guided event. Multiple visits are encouraged so visitors can get a feel for the diversity of the Minneapolis housing stock and neighborhoods.



Home Tour Guides containing descriptions and addresses of all 60 homes are now available at all metro Bruegger's Bagels, Hirshfield's Decorating Centers and Lathrop Paint Supply Company Stores. Guides can also be obtained from the NRP by calling 612-673-5140. Visit www.msphometour.com for more information and a sneak preview of all the homes.

RSVPs still being accepted for NRP's neighborhoods conference on May 17

There is still time to register to attend NRP's *Good Neighbors Building Better Neighborhoods* Conference on Saturday, May 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Harrison Community Center, 503 Irving Ave. N.

To register, please call the NRP 2003 Conference hotline at 612-673-5076 and leave your name, address and phone number. For more information

about the conference, please see the insert in this issue of the NRP Link or call 612-673-5140.

The conference is sponsored by the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) in partnership with the NRP. Complimentary lunches for all registered attendees are made possible thanks to the General Mills Corporation.



Home #3 1407 Jefferson St. NE

Jay & Sandy Fetyko

When we discovered our home in 1998, it looked like many of the homes available in the city—aging 1940s siding, enclosed porch and a chain link fence. When we stepped inside, we realized the plain exterior held many opportunities to restore a beautiful 1889 Queen Anne home to its original grace. We uncovered gingerbread and clapboard siding, restored outdoor porches and added patio and garden areas. Inside we complemented the original inlaid floors and stairwell with antique fixtures and added a Victorian wreath on the parlor ceiling painted by our designer Ed Hawksford. And we get a centrally located family neighborhood!



Home #14 4600 Humboldt Ave. N.

Shingle Creek Commons

Shingle Creek Commons is part of the new urbanism taking shape along the Humboldt Greenway. This exquisitely designed and decorated 75-unit retirement living community won the 2002 Multi-housing Achievement in Design Advertising and Community Support (MADACS) award for property excellence in the senior housing category. Shingle Creek Commons prides itself on creating a unique, hometown feeling. A stunning main floor community room, a library complete with a fireplace, an exercise room and an Advantage Center computer room are a few of the extra amenities. Underground heated parking and spacious one- and two- bedroom apartments make this property a must-see.



Home #22 3147 Chicago Ave. S.

Teri Libera

As a creative businesswoman and first-time homebuyer, I wanted enough space for living and working. With the help of many wonderful people and neighborhood organizations like the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association, I ended up at Artists on Chicago. Although originally wanting a vintage/classic home with its original charm and character, I decided I could give my new contemporary “artist home” the same feel with my African art and antique collections. I also love having my studio and my home in the same place! I love Minneapolis and the Powderhorn Park neighborhood with all of its art and cultural activities and ethnic diversity.



Home #35 4225 41st Ave. S.

Liz Oppenheimer & Jeanne Burns

Lovestruck by its character and layout, we bought our 1924 south Minneapolis bungalow in 2001. We remodeled the typically tiny kitchen and first floor bathroom right away, with support from Longfellow Community Council and the NRP’s low-interest loan program. The character of our home—including custom built-ins, much of the original woodwork, a kitchen addition that fits with the scale of the house and a second floor that we transformed into a master suite—continues to delight us. Our Arts and Crafts-style house has an intimacy, warmth and charm that mirrors the Longfellow neighborhood.

In Brief

Northside Arts Collective to host Spring Art Party June 7

The Northside Arts Collective, in partnership with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and KBEM radio, is sponsoring the inaugural Spring Art Party, Saturday, June 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the new Upper Mississippi Regional Park, 4900 Mississippi Ct. Visual and performing artists from north Minneapolis will be presenting their crafts on stage and at several booths. Families are encouraged to come for the art, music and poetry. Plan a family picnic to make the day even more enjoyable. For more information, visit www.ONWorks.org and click on Spring Art Party, or call Beverly Roberts 612-588-3723 or Connie Beckers at 612-521-0399. Parking and entry to the one-year-old North Mississippi Regional Park are free and open to the public.

Northeast Minneapolis to host eighth annual Art-A-Whirl open studio and gallery tour May 16-18

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA) will be hosting the eighth annual Art-A-Whirl neighborhood arts festival during the weekend beginning Friday, May 16. Each year more than 10,000 people visit some 300 artists' studios and enjoy a variety of arts-focused family events taking place all over northeast Minneapolis.

From Logan Park to Old St. Anthony, from Marshall Street to Stinson Boulevard and all points in between, artists and galleries throw open their doors and invite the public to see art. Art-A-Whirl presents the perfect opportunity for metro area residents to see why Northeast's spacious and sunny converted warehouses have fast become a haven for artists and their businesses over the last decade. A thriving community both financially and socially, northeast Minneapolis has something for everyone. Art-A-Whirl embodies the spirit of this dynamic community. Art-A-Whirl events are free, family friendly and open to the public. The event runs from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, from noon to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, and from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18. Visit www.art-a-whirl.org for more details.

Multi-Cultural Quilt Project looking for participants every Monday in May

The Multi-Cultural Quilt Project is looking for people interested in creating a quilt that reflects the rich diversity of northeast Minneapolis! No previous quilting experience is necessary. There is no cost to participate and materials will be provided by instructor Salveen Siddique. The Multi-Cultural Quilt Project will take place every Monday night in May from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Seven Bridges World Market located at 400 First Ave. NE. Please call 612-331-2861 for more information.

Pierre Bottineau Library to open May 31

A gala community celebration will mark the grand opening of the new Pierre Bottineau Community Library, located on the historic Grain Belt campus, Marshall and Broadway streets NE on Saturday, May 31 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The new library replaces the former leased storefront and provides greatly increased space and collections to serve the community as a central information resource and gathering place for years to come. The Sheridan and St. Anthony West neighborhood organizations invested \$110,000 of NRP funds to make the new library possible. Grand opening festivities will include brief remarks followed by a ribbon cutting, music, and a performance by Ballet of the Dolls. Fresco artist Rollin Alm will discuss his mural, *River of Knowledge*, with guests, and tours of the library will be given. There will also be activities for children, including a bilingual storytime and Summer Reading Program "early bird" registration. Don't forget your library card—the circulation desk will be open for business. If you don't have a library card, bring a photo ID and sign up. Pierre Bottineau Library combines the best of old and new as it merges two fully renovated historic buildings (the 1893 wagon shed and the 1913 millwright shop) with a contemporary structure to create a 12,355-square-foot library. Features include a neighborhood history collection, a kids' "tech" zone and a teen area. A multi-purpose community space named the Sheridan Room will accommodate neighborhood gatherings, classes and book clubs. The collection size has increased considerably, with 17,000 books, 1,000 videos plus CDs and DVDs available for check-out. The library is also up-to-date with the newest technology including 21 public computers. For more information, please call 612-630-6890.



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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 April 21, 2003



Hennepin County 7.5% NRP Funds for the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods.



Minneapolis Public Schools 7.5% NRP Funds for Near North and Willard-Hay neighborhoods.



Plan modification for the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association

May 2003 Calendar of Events

3-4 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour

See front page or visit the official Home Tour Web site at www.msphometour.com for more information.

5 Multi-Cultural Quilt Project begins

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every Monday in May
 Seven Bridges World Market, 400 First Ave. NE.
 See Page 3 or call 612-331-2861 for more information.

8 Management Review Team (MRT) meeting

CANCELED - next meeting June 5

16-18 Art-A-Whirl neighborhood arts festival

See Page 3 or visit the official Art-A-Whirl Web site at www.art-a-whirl.org for more information.

17 Minneapolis NRP Neighborhoods Conference

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Harrison Community Center, 503 Irving Ave. N.
 See front page and insert or call 612-673-5140 for more information including how to register.

19 NRP Policy Board meeting

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

23 June NRP Link submission deadline

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

26 Memorial Day observed

City offices closed.

31 Pierre Bottineau Community Library grand opening celebration

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Historic Grain Belt campus, Marshall and Broadway streets NE. See Page 3 or call 612-630-6890 for more information.

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