



## Four neighborhood representatives elected to serve on NRP Policy Board

More than 120 Minneapolis residents attended the NRP Policy Board neighborhood representative election on Thursday, November 20. Sixty-seven electors, chosen by their neighborhood boards, elected four neighborhood representatives to serve on the 2004 NRP Policy Board.

Those elected include: Debbie Evans as the at-large representative, Cam Gordon as the revitalization neighborhood representative, Nicholas T. Kakos as the protection neighborhood representative and Zachary Korb as the redirection neighborhood representative. Steven A. Miller, Carol Ann Pass, Jeffrey L. Strand and Sean Wherly were elected as Policy Board alternates. Both Kakos and Gordon won re-election. Evans and Korb currently sit on the board as neighborhood representative alternates. Information on each of the representatives is available on the NRP Web site at [www.nrp.org/R2/News/NewsArch/2003/20031121.html](http://www.nrp.org/R2/News/NewsArch/2003/20031121.html).

The 19-member Policy Board provides overall direction to the program and is primarily responsible for the review and approval of Neighborhood Action Plans. The NRP Policy Board election is held annually in November to fill four neighborhood resident seats on the board. One candidate is elected to represent each of the three types of NRP neighborhoods: redirection, revitalization and protection. An at-large representative is also elected. Neighborhood representatives serve one-year terms beginning in January.

Thanks to all the people who chose to participate in the election. Special thanks to the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis for conducting this year's election and forums. Comments, questions or suggestions about the NRP election process can be submitted to: **NRP Election Comments, 425 Crown Roller Mill, 105 Fifth Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55401.**

## Meet the 2004 NRP Policy Board neighborhood representatives:



Debbie Evans



Cam Gordon



Nicholas T. Kakos



Zachary Korb

## Policy Board agendas now available online

NRP Policy Board meeting agendas are now available on the NRP Web site at [www.nrp.org](http://www.nrp.org). Agendas will be posted at least two days prior to all board meetings. The NRP has also launched an e-mail notification service for those who wish to be informed when an agenda has been published and when meeting action summaries have been added to published agendas. NRP Policy Board meetings take place once a month and are open to the public. For more information on how you can subscribe to the NRP's e-mail notification system, please contact Brett at 612-673-5158 or by e-mail at [bfeldman@nrp.org](mailto:bfeldman@nrp.org).

## NRP-TV to present two-part progress report on Affordable Housing Reserve Fund projects

Throughout December, the **Minneapolis Neighborhood News (MNN)** cable television program will present part one of a two-part series focusing on the progress of the first projects funded through the NRP Affordable Housing Reserve Fund. The fund was established by the NRP Policy Board to demonstrate the program's commitment to providing long-term affordable housing for individuals and families that earn less than half of the Metro Median Income. Last year, nearly \$4 million from the fund was invested in seven projects that will create or renovate 195 units of affordable housing. Combined, the projects will leverage an additional \$33 million in private and public financing and will include the production of another 104 market-rate units.

Part one of the NRP affordable housing series will feature a groundbreaking celebration for the 28-unit East Phillips Commons near Lake Street and Bloomington Avenue South, the 36-unit Lofts on Arts Avenue project in the Stevens Square neighborhood and the grand opening of a 21-unit expansion to the Jeremiah Program's residential facility in the Loring

Park neighborhood. Tune in and listen to future Lofts on Arts Avenue resident John Fiorella describe his excitement at finding an affordable ownership opportunity so close to downtown. **Minneapolis Neighborhood News** can be seen in Minneapolis on channel 16 on Sundays at 5 p.m., on channel 17 on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and on channel 14 on Sundays at 4:30 p.m., Mondays at 5:30 p.m., and Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. A segment of the show is now available for online viewing on the NRP Web site at [www.nrp.org/R2/Resources/Media/NRPTV/MNN2003.html](http://www.nrp.org/R2/Resources/Media/NRPTV/MNN2003.html).

Deidre Schmidt of the Brighton Development Corporation gives future Lofts on Arts Avenue resident John Fiorella a tour of his soon-to-be home.



## Prospect Park history book goes on tour



Authors Karen Murdock, Betts Zerby, Mary Alice Kopf and Florence Littman (shown from left to right) talked about their experience publishing *Under the Witch's Hat: A Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood History* at a fireside chat held at the Hennepin History Museum on November 8. The group hopes the book will inspire others to dig even deeper into Prospect Park history in the future. For more information on how to purchase a copy of the book, please call 612-331-2970. The cost of the book is \$25.

## Nominations now being accepted for 2004 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour

Nominations are now being accepted from homeowners who want to showcase their homes on the Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour on May 1-2, 2004. Last year, more than 5,100 visitors made more than 27,000 visits to the 39 Minneapolis homes on the tour.

Now in its 17th year, the Home Tour is an inspiring celebration of city living that brings thousands of home enthusiasts together for a weekend of sharing home remodeling ideas and new ownership and rental opportunities.

Nomination forms can be obtained on the official Home Tour Web site at [www.msphometour.com](http://www.msphometour.com) or by calling Brett at 612-673-5158. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 13, 2004. As always, neighborhood tours will be a major focus of the event. Neighborhood organizations are encouraged to do their own recruiting for the tour, so they can show off their charming homes and friendly neighborhoods.

# In Brief

## MTN annual holiday party set for Dec. 5

The Minneapolis Telecommunications Network (MTN) will host its annual holiday party in conjunction with a very important work session that is open to the public beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 5 in MTN's studio A located at 125 SE Main St.

Because MTN must soon renew its franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable, it is currently conducting a needs assessment with the help of a research company. A representative from this company will attend the holiday party/work session to explain how the needs assessment is being facilitated as well as answer questions from MTN viewers, members and producers alike.

As always, the MTN holiday party means there will be plenty of food and beverages for those who attend. This is your opportunity to have fun while learning more about cable access policy, MTN equipment and facilities, Time Warner Cable channel allocations and more.

MTN is an important community asset that empowers the public to create its own material. Besides producing the NRP's popular **Minneapolis Neighborhood News** program, MTN offers 60 classes and certifies more than 500 new producers each year. In addition, MTN facilities are used by more than 100 area non-profit organizations and more than 750 individual members annually.

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## City of Lakes Community Land Trust to hold first-ever annual meeting Dec. 10

The City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) is inviting the general public to attend its first-ever annual meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at the Hope Community's newly constructed Children's Village Center, 611 East Franklin Avenue (southeast corner of Franklin and Portland Avenue South).

In addition to conducting board elections and the obligatory reports, there will be plenty of celebrating for everyone. Come meet the first Community Land Trust homeowner and take a guided tour of the HOPE CLT units! Please R.S.V.P. to Jeff at 612-721-7556 extension 17 or [jeff@CLCLT.org](mailto:jeff@CLCLT.org) by December 5 if you plan on attending this event.

## Bryn Mawr Saturnalia Festival Dec. 13

For the second consecutive year, the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association (BMNA) will co-host the Saturnalia Festival in downtown Bryn Mawr on Cedar Lake Road between Queen Avenue and Penn Avenue. The event will take place from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, December 13 and will feature activities for all ages.

BMNA has modeled its Saturnalia Festival after the ancient Roman celebration that once coincided with the completion of the planting of winter crops. Last year, the neighborhood's scaled-down 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 will include hayrides, performance artists featuring the Barebones puppeteers, dancing and open fires for roasting marshmallows and chestnuts. Hot chocolate and hot apple cider will be available to festival-goers at various downtown Bryn Mawr eateries. All activities associated with the festival are free. Festival-goers are advised to bring warm clothing for the hayride. For more information about the Saturnalia Festival, please contact Vida Ditter of the BMNA at 612-374-1481.

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## Fourth annual Nokomis Night Before New Year's Eve Party Dec. 30

The fourth annual Night Before New Year's Eve party will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2003 at the Nokomis Community Center, 2401 East Minnehaha Parkway.

This family-friendly event will feature hayrides, a bonfire, music, free food and plenty of games and activities for kids of all ages. Kids will be treated to face painting, mask making, spin art and carnival games. Deejays from the always popular KidsDance will perform again this year. Admission to this event is free and everyone is welcome.

For more information about this event, please contact the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association (NENA) at 612-724-5652.



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## Neighborhood representatives elected



Electors representing 67 Minneapolis neighborhoods elected Debbie Evans (standing center) as the at-large neighborhood representative to the NRP Policy Board on November 20. See front page for more election results.

## NRP Policy Board Report

Approved November 17, 2003

-  Warehouse District North Loop Association (WDNLA) Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan
-  Phase II plan development advance for the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association

# — December 2003 Calendar of Events —

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| <p><b>4 Management Review Team (MRT) meeting</b><br/>CANCELED</p> <p><b>5 MTN annual holiday party</b><br/>5:30 p.m., MTN Studio A, 125 SE Main St.<br/>See Page 3 or call MTN at 612-331-8575<br/>for more information.</p> <p><b>10 City of Lakes Community Land Trust annual meeting</b> 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.,<br/>Children's Village Center, 611 East Franklin<br/>Avenue. See Page 3 or call Jeff at 612-721-7556,<br/>extension 17 for more information.</p> <p><b>13 Bryn Mawr Saturnalia Festival</b><br/>2 p.m. to 10 p.m., downtown Bryn Mawr on<br/>Cedar Lake Road between Queen Avenue and<br/>Penn Avenue See Page 3 or call Vida at<br/>612-374-1481 for more information.</p> <p><b>15 NRP Policy Board meeting</b><br/>4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Conference<br/>Room #3, Second Floor, Crown Roller Mill<br/>building, 105 Fifth Avenue South</p> | <p><b>22 January NRP Link submission deadline</b><br/>Call 612-673-5158, e-mail <a href="mailto:bfeldman@nrp.org">bfeldman@nrp.org</a>,<br/>or fax your submission to Brett at 612-673-5138.</p> <p><b>25 Christmas holiday</b><br/>City offices closed</p> <p><b>30 Fourth annual Nokomis Night Before New Year's Eve Party</b><br/>5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nokomis Community Center,<br/>2401 East Minnehaha Parkway. See Page 3 or<br/>call the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association<br/>at 612-724-5652 for more information.</p> |
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## Happy Holidays from the NRP!

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