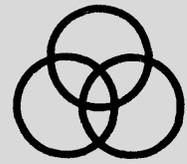


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## Official results are in on NRP Policy Board election

More than 100 Minneapolis residents attended the 2002 NRP Policy Board election on Thursday, November 29. Fifty-seven electors chosen by their neighborhood boards elected four neighborhood representatives.

Those elected include: Ron Ravensborg as the at-large representative, Jeffrey Strand as the protection neighborhood representative, Carol Pass as the redirection neighborhood representative, and Julia Burman as the revitalization neighborhood representative.

Judy Schwartau, Nicholas Kakos, Jessica Ruona, and Greg Bastien were elected as Policy Board alternates.

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 Ave. S., Mpls, MN 55401

## Meet the 2002 NRP Policy Board Neighborhood Representatives:



**Ron Ravensborg**



**Jeffrey Strand**



**Carol Pass**



**Julia Burman**

## Mayor-elect R.T. Rybak invites Minneapolis residents to attend inauguration events

The 2002 inauguration for the Minneapolis mayor and City Council members will be held in conjunction with a series of public events from January 2 to 5, 2002. Mayor-elect R.T. Rybak recognizes the significant contribution NRP volunteers have made in making Minneapolis a better place to live, work, learn, and play and hopes to build a strong partnership with these citizen leaders. Mayor-elect Rybak would like to begin that partnership by cordially inviting participants in the NRP to join him at all of these special inauguration events.

The public inaugural events will include the following:

- an open house at City Hall on Wednesday, January 2 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- an interfaith prayer service on Wednesday, January 2 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at Central Lutheran Church, 333 S. 12th St.
- a city ball celebrating the inaugural at the Convention Center on Saturday, January 5th from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Look for more information about these special events coming to you soon!

## Linden Hills history book documents neighborhood's rich history

A little more than one year after the Marcy Holmes NRP published its Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission Award-winning history book, the Linden Hills History Study Group has published a neighborhood history book of its own.

The book, titled "Down at the Lake: A Historical Portrait of Linden Hills and the Lake Harriet District," takes a look back at the early recreational, residential, and commercial development of the land that lies between Lakes Calhoun and Harriet. Illustrated with dozens of vintage photographs, the book chronicles the people and the dreams that transformed the prairie into one of Minneapolis' favorite neighborhoods.

The book grew out of a neighborhood history exhibit displayed at Fire Station #28 in the Linden Hills neighborhood. Much of the book's content was compiled by neighborhood volunteers with the help of a professional historian. The book is available at several Linden Hills neighborhood stores including: Bayers Hardware, Bibelot Shop, The Enchanted Tree

House, FrameStyles, The Garden Sampler, Linden Hills Co-Op, Rag & Bones Books, and Wimmers Yardware for \$19.95. For more information about purchasing a copy of the book, please contact Madalyn Cioci of the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council at 612-926-2906.



**Linden Hills residents (past and present) lined up to buy copies of the recently published Linden Hills history book at the St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday, November 4.**

## Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association turns 100!



**Maggie Smith (left) and Jean Gillette performed historical skits as part of the PPERRIA Centennial Celebration on Monday, November 26, 2001.**

The founders of Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) would be proud to know that the neighborhood organization they founded in 1901 is still going strong today.

Just as PPERRIA's founders overcame transportation problems in the days of horses, buggies, and poor roads a century earlier, more than 150 neighborhood residents conquered the winter's first snowstorm so they could attend their neighborhood organization's 100th anniversary celebration at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church.

PPERRIA's Centennial Celebration paid tribute to the organization's founders, several of whom still have families living in the neighborhood today. Drawing from newspaper accounts published in 1901, five past and present neighborhood residents performed historical skits to provide insight into some of the issues and problems the neighborhood organization faced in 1901. From a neighborhood beautification contest to an Anti-Saloon League meeting, from transportation issues to school concerns, the historical skits demonstrated that PPERRIA was as instrumental in helping neighborhood residents achieve their goals in 1901 as it is in 2001.

# In Brief

## The Urban Spectrum Theatre Company to present *The Nightingale*

The Urban Spectrum Theatre Company, serving primarily the Loring Park, Whittier, Lyndale, and Phillips neighborhoods, will present its holiday production, "The Nightingale," written and directed by Judy Cooper Lyle, at 7:30 p.m. on December 11-12 at the Irene Whitney Fine Arts Center on the campus of Minneapolis Community and Technical College, 1501 Hennepin Avenue.



Members of the cast from left to right: Zola Shannon-Mullen as the prime minister; Adrian Taborda as the mechanical bird; Al Drears as the emperor; Kari Kamrin as Death; and Helaina Moore-Foster as the nightingale

Based on a fairy tale written by Hans Christian Andersen in 1844, "The Nightingale" tells the story of an indentured but well-fed little bird who sings for a Chinese emperor. As the story progresses, the little bird is upstaged by a mechanical bird.

The performance comes alive with dance as it is set to a variety of wonderful sounds, including flute, electronic instruments, and West African music. Colorful masks and costumes, as well as dreamlike sets and imagery are guaranteed to delight the eyes of any child and will surely make this a show worth remembering. The multicultural cast is made up entirely of local actors and features Al Drears from the Loring Park neighborhood as the emperor.

Funding for the holiday show was provided by an NRP grant from the Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC) neighborhood association. Admission to the show is by donation. For more information, please call 612-869-5080.



## Linden Hills history book, TangleTown Towers, East Village housing, Holland playground and new Urban League Center featured this month on Minneapolis Neighborhood News

All month long the Minneapolis Neighborhood News (MNN) cable television program will showcase five NRP projects including the Elliot Park neighborhood's new \$29.5 million East Village mixed-income, mixed-use housing development project. The project already serves as a model for future developments in the city due to its mix of housing options. MNN viewers will also be treated to firsthand accounts of how volunteers in the Linden Hills neighborhood went about publishing a neighborhood history book as well as how volunteers from the Holland neighborhood helped build a new playground. Two other segments of MNN feature the grand opening of the Glover-Sudduth Center for Urban Affairs and Economic Development in north Minneapolis and TangleTown's soon-to-be traffic calming towers on a Nicollet Avenue bridge in south Minneapolis.

### MNN's broadcast schedule is as follows:

- Channel 14 Tues., Thurs., and Sat., 9:30 p.m.
- Channel 17 Fri., 6:30 p.m.
- Channel 16 Sun., 5:00 p.m.



Central Community Housing Trust (CCHT) Executive Director Alan Arthur presented NRP Director Bob Miller with a plaque at the East Village Grand Opening ceremony on September 13, 2001. Highlights of the event are now showing on Minneapolis Neighborhood News.



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### Linden Hills volunteers publish history book



The Linden Hills History Study Group celebrated the release of a neighborhood history book on Sunday, November 4, 2001. See page 2 for more details.

## December 2001 Calendar of Events

**1 World AIDS Day**

**9 Hanukkah begins**

Holiday runs through December 16.

**11-12 Urban Spectrum Theatre Company presents a special holiday presentation "The Nightingale"**

7:30 p.m., Irene Whitney Fine Arts Center at the Minneapolis Community & Technical College, 1501 Hennepin Ave. Admission to the performance is by donation. See page 3 for more information or call the Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC) at 612-869-5080 to make a reservation.

**16 Ramadan ends**

**17 NRP Policy Board meeting**

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

**24 January Link submission deadline**

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

**25 Christmas Day**

City offices closed

**26 Kwanzaa begins**

Holiday runs through January 1.

# Happy Holidays from the NRP!

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