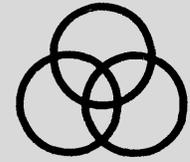


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## 15th annual Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour May 4-5

For the 15th consecutive year, the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour will present its "Weekend Celebration of City Living." This year, 60 Minneapolis and Saint Paul homes will be open Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Over the years, the Home Tour has had a single focus – bringing charming homes, creative remodeling ideas, real people, friendly neighborhoods and big city excitement to thousands of visitors. The event promotes urban living, inspires home improvements and provides information to prospective homebuyers.

Home Tour visitors will appreciate seeing the diversity of styles and eras of city homes – extraordinary Victorians, cozy bungalows, new homes, classic four-squares and warehouses converted into lofts.

The 2002 Home Tour will also highlight three Minneapolis neighborhoods – Harrison, Marcy-Holmes and Bryn-Mawr. Neighborhood tours are



**Daphnae Koop and Marc Clements, 2407 Second St. NE.,** will show their house May 4-5 on the Home Tour. Here's what they have to say: *"We bought our 1908 farm-style home in 1998. We were looking for a home with history, character and plenty of room. We were immediately drawn by the hedge surrounding the large yard, the mature trees, the porches, the original details and the layout of the rooms. We are both artists and have chosen a rich palette of colors which includes more contemporary versions of the deep hues from the 1900s. With financial help from the NRP we were able to fix our roof. Northeast Minneapolis' quirky mix of houses and industry never fails to charm us!"*

annual favorites that showcase several homes within the confines of their unique neighborhoods.

The official Home Tour Guide provides a description of each home and a map of home locations. The guide is now available at all metro-area Bruegger's Bagel Bakeries, Hirshfield's Decorating Centers and Lathrop Paint Supply. Additional information is also available online at [www.mpls-stpaulhometour.com](http://www.mpls-stpaulhometour.com).

The Home Tour is a free, self-guided event sponsored by the cities

of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, the NRP, the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA), the Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority, the Fannie Mae Minnesota Partnership Office, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, Minnesota Public Radio, Angie's List, the Saint Paul Area Association of Realtors and Renewal by Andersen. The Home Tour would not be possible without the gracious participation of the homeowners and the many volunteers who help owners show their homes.

## Northeast Minneapolis to host seventh annual Art-A-Whirl May 17-19

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA) will be hosting Minneapolis' seventh annual Art-A-Whirl neighborhood arts festival during the weekend beginning Friday, May 17. 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 their 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. Visitors to Art-A-Whirl can either explore the art on their own or they can catch one of the many free shuttle buses that take people on guided tours.

All Art-A-Whirl events are free, family friendly and open to the public. For more information about Art-A-Whirl as well as a complete list of events and participating artists, please visit [www.art-a-whirl.org](http://www.art-a-whirl.org). Art-A-Whirl runs from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17, from noon to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, and from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 19.

Art-A-Whirl is made possible in part by a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature, and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Linden Hills Community Library Grand Reopening to be held May 18

A festive grand reopening celebration of the renovated Linden Hills Community Library will take place on Saturday, May 18, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Renovation of the 70-year-old library has resulted in additional public service space in the building. A ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1:00 p.m. will kick off the grand opening festivities followed by a short program in which a new art glass window will be unveiled and a time capsule filled. There will be activities for the whole family including music on the terrace, storytelling and a chance to "step into the past" with a nostalgic look at local history. Architects from Leonard Parker Associates and glass artist Phil Daniel will be on hand to discuss the library's new features. The Linden Hills Library project was funded through the city's Capital Improvement Program, supplemented by \$138,000 of Linden Hills NRP funds and a State Accessibility Grant. The library has the distinction of being completed ahead of the "Great Libraries for Minneapolis" program, made possible by Minneapolis taxpayers who are funding the new Central Library and a decade of community library improvements. By 2010, the program will bring all 14 community libraries into the 21st century by "building new, restoring old, improving all."

## Hot Summer Jazz Festival June 18 - 23

The NRP is proud to co-sponsor the Hot Summer Jazz Festival taking place in downtown Minneapolis from Tuesday June 18 to Sunday, June 23. Two main stages will be set up on Nicollet Avenue between 10th and 13th streets. More than 30



national, international and regional acts will make appearances, including jazz legend Monty Alexander (the Jamaican-born pianist who has worked with everyone from Frank Sinatra and Quincy Jones to Sly and Robbie), Evan's Mixed Bag Jazz Orchestra, Butch Thompson, Debbie Duncan and many more. Special events, including a Visual Arts display and Jazz Night Out will spread the reach beyond the Nicollet Mall. The festival is partnering with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity and Project For Pride in Living to support "The House That Jazz Built," an initiative addressing the Twin Cities affordable housing crisis. Other community partners include Hennepin County and the Minneapolis Downtown Council. Visit the event Web site at [www.hotsummerjazz.com](http://www.hotsummerjazz.com) for a complete schedule of activities.

## In Brief

### Minneapolis names 11 Building Blocks Award winners

Good block clubs come in all shapes and sizes – at least that's the way things turned out with the fourth annual Minneapolis Building Blocks Awards. This year's award winners include traditional block clubs, block club networks, a business watch group that spans 11 avenues and 120 businesses and an apartment block club that includes a complex of four apartment buildings. Block clubs are the cornerstone of a strong, vital community. Each year the Building Blocks Awards are given to block clubs that build a sense of community, share leadership, take initiative in problem solving and work cooperatively with the Minneapolis Police Department. The awards are designed to confer much-deserved honor on successful block clubs and to stimulate interest in creating new block clubs where there are none or even to revitalize older, less active ones. Building Blocks Awards are a program of Community Crime Prevention/SAFE (CCP/SAFE), a unit of the Minneapolis Police Department. Nominations for the awards come from community members and CCP/SAFE staff. A CCP/SAFE staff committee selected the winners. People interested in joining or creating a block club should contact Pat Behrend at 612-673-2807.

### Minneapolis Police Department 4th Precinct to hold six bike safety clinics for kids in May

The Minneapolis Police Department 4th Precinct will host six bike safety clinics for kids this month. Licenses and fitted helmets will be provided at no cost to kids who participate in the bike safety clinics. The schedule of clinic dates, times and places follows: May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Cityview School, 3350 Fourth St. North; May 4 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Hall Elementary, 1601 Aldrich Ave. North; May 11 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Lucey Craft Laney at Cleveland Park School, 3333 Penn Ave. North; May 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Farview Park, 609 29th Ave. North; May 18 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Willard-Hay Elementary, 1615 Queen Ave. North; and May 18 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Webber Camden Park, Colfax and Webber Parkway. For more info, please call Kari at 612-588-7089.

## Job Opportunity

### Coordinator sought for 2003 South Minneapolis Home Improvement Fair

A consortium of South Minneapolis neighborhoods is requesting proposals for a consultant to coordinate the 2003 South Minneapolis Home Improvement Fair. The coordinator will report to a neighborhood advisory committee and serve as the organizer and lead contact for this event.

The South Minneapolis Home Improvement Fair is an annual event in its ninth year. It takes place in March and draws nearly 100 exhibitors and as many as 3,000 visitors.

The coordinator oversees all planning and implementation tasks of the South Minneapolis Home Improvement Fair including: preparing agendas and chairing Advisory Committee meetings, preparing a timeline for planning tasks, coordinating publicity for the event, preparing all written registration materials, receiving and processing all mail and phone registrations, maintaining a data base of registrants and participants, coordinating volunteers, coordinating and preparing a contractor booklet for the event, maintaining expense and income reports for the Advisory Committee, coordinating additional fundraising as needed and tabulating evaluation sheets and preparing a final report following the event.

The South Minneapolis Home Improvement Fair coordinator operates as a sole proprietor and is responsible for his/her own health and liability insurance. Compensation is \$6,000 - \$8,000 depending on experience with additional incentives possible based on performance.

Please visit the South East Como Improvement Association Web site at [www.secomo.org](http://www.secomo.org) for more information. Interested applicants should submit a letter of proposal describing related experience and qualifications to: South East Como Improvement Association, 2010 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55413.



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## North Mississippi Regional Park to open May 4



The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Three Rivers Park District will host a Grand Opening/Dedication Ceremony for the North Mississippi Regional Park Interpretive Center, 4900 Mississippi Court, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on May 4. For more information, please call 612-673-5342. One of the park's picnic areas is pictured above.

## — May 2002 Calendar of Events —

- 4 North Mississippi Regional Park Interpretive Center Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony**  
1:00-3:00 p.m., North Mississippi Regional Park Interpretive Center, 4900 Mississippi Court (49th & Lyndale Avenue North). For more information, please call 612-673-5342.
- 4&5 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour**  
See front page or call Bill Carter at 612-673-2009 for more details.
- 9 Management Review Team (MRT) Meeting**  
**CANCELLED - Next Meeting June 6**
- 11 NRP Training Series 2002: "Treasurer Peer Group"**  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Suite #200, Crown Roller Mill, 105 Fifth Ave. S. Call Robert Thompson at 612-673-5149 for information.
- 12 Mother's Day**
- 17-19 Art-A-Whirl neighborhood arts festival**  
See page 2 or check the official Art-A-Whirl Web site at [www.art-a-whirl.org](http://www.art-a-whirl.org) for more info.
- 20 NRP Policy Board Meeting**  
4:30-6:30 p.m., Room C-2350 Hennepin County Government Center.
- 24 June Link submission deadline**  
Call 612-673-5158 or fax your submission to Brett at 612-673-5138.
- 27 Memorial Day Observed**  
City offices closed.

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