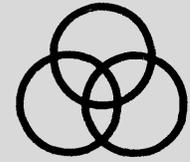


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## Linden Hills Community Library grand reopening draws enthusiastic crowd

Throng of enthusiastic library patrons filled the renovated Linden Hills Community Library on Saturday, May 18, to celebrate the grand reopening of their 71-year-old community treasure.

The library, with its 75,000 annual users, is such a vital asset to the community that the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council jumpstarted efforts to renovate the facility by investing \$138,000 of NRP funds in the \$2.3 million project. Renovation work on the library has resulted in expanded public service space, 18 new computers for public use and increased accessibility for all library patrons. More important, the renovation preserves the building's architectural integrity. Other amenities that have been enhanced or added to the library include an expanded children's room with its own storytelling alcove, a local history room that doubles as a conference room, custom woodwork to match the original rich detailing, an enhanced entry plaza and a selection of trees and other plantings to complete the landscaping. Audiovisual materials and new collections on travel and neighborhood history were also added to the library thanks to NRP funding. Additional financing for the Linden Hills Community Library project came from the City of Minneapolis' Capital Improvement Program and a state accessibility grant. The library renovation was completed ahead of



18 new computers have been added to the Linden Hills Community Library as part of the renovation project.

the Great Libraries for Minneapolis program, made possible by Minneapolis taxpayers who voted to fund the new Central Library and a decade of community library improvements. By 2010, the program will equip all 14 Minneapolis libraries for 21st century needs by "building new, restoring old, improving all."

If you would like to learn more about the Linden Hills Community Library project, be sure to tune into NRP's own Minneapolis Neighborhood News cable television program. Check the program schedule below for complete channel listings and show times.

### NRP-TV to feature Linden Hills Library, Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour

Throughout the month of June, the **Minneapolis Neighborhood News (MNN)** cable television program will showcase the Linden Hills Community Library renovation project and the 2002 Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour. Tune in and find out what kind of home improvements Daphnae Koop and Marc Clements made to their 94-year-old Bottineau home with the help of an NRP housing program. The two take viewers on a tour of their remodeled home as part of the 2002 Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour. Two additional segments on the 30-minute show feature neighborhood planning efforts on Marshall Street NE and the South Minneapolis Housing Fair.



## **C. Caldwell limited edition NRP Jazzin' up the neighborhood t-shirts to be available at Hot Summer Jazz Festival May 18-23**

Want to be the first one in your neighborhood to wear your NRP pride on your sleeve? North Minneapolis artist C. Caldwell has created a limited edition t-shirt that will be available in the NRP tent at the Hot Summer Jazz Festival in downtown Minneapolis from Tuesday, June 18 through Sunday, June 23.

Known for his captivating portraits of African-American life, C. Caldwell effectively captures the likeness, spirit and energy of his subjects. Caldwell has been the featured artist in numerous shows across the country.

Commissioned by the NRP to create an original piece based on his numerous jazz renderings, Caldwell has produced an image that both NRP and jazz enthusiasts alike will surely cherish. Check the NRP Web site at [www.nrp.org](http://www.nrp.org) in mid June to get a preview of the t-shirt.

If you are interested in C. Caldwell's images, visit his studio online at [www.homewoodstudios.com/studio-c.html](http://www.homewoodstudios.com/studio-c.html) For more information on the Hot Summer Jazz Festival, visit the event Web site at [www.hotsummerjazz.com](http://www.hotsummerjazz.com) where you will find a complete list of performers and a calendar of activities.

## **Central Cities Neighborhood Partnership restorative justice program handles 300th case**

A nationally recognized pioneer in the emerging field of restorative justice celebrated a milestone last month when the Central City Neighborhoods Partnership (CCNP) restorative justice program handled its 300th case.

The CCNP Restorative Justice Program, which serves the Stevens Square, Loring Park, Elliot Park and Downtown neighborhoods, was created in 1997 as a grass-roots tool for fighting so-called "quality of life" offenses such as drug dealing and possession, soliciting prostitution, public drinking and graffiti. The program uses a small-group process called community conferencing to hold adult offenders accountable and at the same time empower community members in their effort to improve their neighborhoods. In each conference, residents, workers, and other people from the CCNP neighborhoods meet face-to-face with court-referred offenders to tell them how their crime affects the community and determine an appropriate form of restitution.

Living in Stevens Square and Loring Park for the past several years, Lyle Maki has seen his share of street crime. Maki is one of more than 260 community members to participate in a community conference.

"In court, the offender never hears how people in the community are affected by their crime," Maki says. "In a conference, we as community members have that opportunity to tell our side."

After discussing the impact of the crime, conference groups also agree on the best way to repair the harm done to the community. Agreements often include donations, letters of apology, and personal development activities. Community service in the neighborhood affected is a standard option for offenders to give back to the community. Last year alone, offenders performed 750 hours of community service in the CCNP neighborhoods, and donated \$1175 to local nonprofits and service organizations. In addition, of the first 263 offenders to participate, 90 percent followed through with their restitution agreements.

"In court, most arrested for this type of crime would be sent away with a warning or possibly a small fine," says Maki. "Based on what I've seen, the agreements we reach tend to make a much greater impact on the offender. Hopefully that means we won't see them committing these crimes again."

A recently completed analysis of Hennepin County records seems to bear that out. Of the first 263 offenders to participate in a conference, 90 percent have remained crime-free. A follow-up study will compare these results with traditional outcomes. The Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association and the Citizens for a Loring Park Community have each invested \$10,000 of NRP funds in the CCNP program. For more information about the restorative justice program, please contact Mike Rollin at 612-871-8100.

## In Brief

### Fourth annual SNO Big Deal set for June 15

The Sheridan Neighborhood Organization is hosting the Fourth Annual SNO Big Deal on Saturday, June 15, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Unnamed Park (a.k.a. the Art Park), at 13th Avenue NE and the Mississippi River. Attendance at the event has grown each year and this year should be no different as the event will have plenty of food, fun and music. For more information about the SNO Big Deal or to see photos from last year's event, please visit the SNO Web site at [www.sheridanneighborhood.org](http://www.sheridanneighborhood.org).

### Third annual National Night Out Planning Week set for June 24-27

In order to help active block clubs prepare for National Night Out on August 6 as well as to encourage inactive and new block clubs to organize, CCP/SAFE is promoting the third annual National Night Out (NNO) Planning Week June 24-27. Block clubs are groups of neighbors who get to know one another, who watch out for each other and report crimes and suspicious activity to 911. Block clubs are asked to hold a NNO planning meeting so that block parties go smoothly when NNO arrives. Those who hold a planning meeting between June 24-27 will qualify for a special prize drawing that includes gift certificates for restaurants, theaters, hotels and grocery stores. Neighbors attending planning meetings can help decide such things as who will be responsible for bringing food and utensils, the types of activities that will be available for adults and children and whether or not the street should be blocked off. Planning meetings are also a good time for neighbors to decide who will make invitations and how they will be distributed. For more information about NNO Planning Week, please call the NNO hotline at 612-673-3568. For more information about NNO or about starting a block club, please call Lisa at 612-673-2812.

### Forum on rights & responsibilities for renters and property owners June 25

Learn about your rights and responsibilities as a renter or rental property owner at a public forum to be held Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at Bryant Square Park, 3101 Bryant Ave. S. The forum will be

moderated by Michele Gullickson Moore of Minneapolis Mediation services and will feature presenters from the State Attorney General's office, the Minneapolis City Attorney's office, the Minnesota Tenants Union, the Minneapolis Licensing and Inspections Department and a panel of rental property owners. The forum is sponsored by the Lowry Hill East NRP with in-kind support from the Bryn-Mawr Neighborhood Association, Calhoun Area Residents Action Group, East Calhoun Community Organization and the West Calhoun Council.

## Job Opportunity

### Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association seeks PT coordinator

The Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association is currently seeking an independent contractor to work part-time as a neighborhood coordinator.

The primary responsibilities of this position include: managing implementation of DMNA's NRP Phase I Action Plan; managing DMNA's NRP Affordable Housing Funds RFP and selection process; coordination with NRP, MCDA and City of Minneapolis officials and staff; expand neighborhood outreach and support by DMNA and administrative support for DMNA Board of Directors and office space.

The preferred candidate will have the following qualifications: demonstrated experience with the NRP and/or neighborhood organizations; experience with nonprofit organizations and volunteer coordination; demonstrated knowledge of NRP, MCDA and City of Minneapolis departments and functions such as zoning; experience with the RFP process; demonstrated project management experience; strong organizational skills; excellent written and oral communication skills; proficiency in MS Office and experience with affordable housing issues a plus.

To apply, please send cover letter and resume to the attention of Gerry Spry, DMNA Board of Directors, 800 LaSalle Avenue South, LaSalle Plaza Suite #131, Minneapolis, MN 55402. To apply by e-mail, please send resume and cover letter to [info@thedmna.org](mailto:info@thedmna.org). This position will remain open until filled. DMNA is an equal opportunity employer offering compensation commensurate with skill level and experience.



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## Neighbors clean up Lyndale Avenue South



Photo courtesy of John Akre

More than 30 volunteers of all ages helped clean up Lyndale Ave. S. from Minnehaha Creek to Crosstown Highway 62 on Saturday, May 18. Residents from Kenny, Lynnhurst, Tangletown and Windom participated.

# — June 2002 Calendar of Events —

- 6 Management Review Team (MRT) Meeting**  
**CANCELLED**
- 8 NRP Training Series 2002:**  
**“Board Chair Peer Group”**  
9:00-11:00 a.m., Suite #200, Crown Roller Mill,  
105 Fifth Ave. S. Call Robert Thompson at  
612-673-5149 for information.
- 15 SNO Big Deal**  
1:00-6:00 p.m., The Unnamed Park (Art Park)  
at 13th Avenue NE and the Mississippi River.  
See page 3 or visit the Sheridan Neighborhood  
Organization (SNO) Web site at  
[www.sheridanneighborhood.org](http://www.sheridanneighborhood.org)
- 16 Father’s Day**
- 18-23 Hot Summer of Jazz Festival**  
See page 2 or check the official Hot Summer  
Jazz Web site at [www.hotsummerjazz.com](http://www.hotsummerjazz.com) for  
a complete schedule of events as well as  
information on each of the musicians that  
will be performing live.
- 24 July Link submission deadline**  
Call 612-673-5158 or fax your submission  
to Brett at 612-673-5138.
- 24 NRP Policy Board Meeting**  
4:30-6:30 p.m., Room C-2350 Hennepin  
County Government Center.
- 24-27 National Night Out Planning Week**  
See page 3 or call Lisa at 612-673-2812.
- 25 Renters & Owners: Rights and  
Responsibilities Forum**  
7:00 p.m., Bryant Square Park, 3101 Bryant  
Ave. S. See page 3 or contact Judy Schwartau  
at 612-377-4007.

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