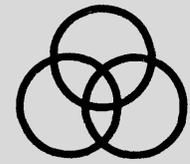


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## Surprise party honors 10-year anniversary of Bob Miller as NRP Director

More than 120 well-wishers surprised Bob Miller with a party on June 27 to honor his 10-year anniversary as the NRP director.

During the party, which quickly became a roast, Bob was presented with meaningful gifts including a tie from Hennepin County Commissioner and past NRP Policy Board Chair Mark Stenglein, an Indiana Jones hat from Minneapolis Library Board Trustee and Policy Board Chair Diane Hofstede and a Superman cape from former Minneapolis School Board Member and past Policy Board Chair Ann Berget. NRP staff presented Bob with a pair of bronzed rubber boots in the style that he has made famous. Bob also received a serious gift on this milestone occasion, a plaque from NRP staff thanking him for 10 years of service to Minneapolis residents.

Bob became the NRP director on June 22, 1992. Prior to coming to the NRP, Bob was the director of the Community and Resource Exchange (CARE) and



had worked as the planning supervisor in the Office of Planning and Development for Hennepin County from 1979-1991. Bob was also a successful Minneapolis restaurateur.

### Community and economic development report released: community meeting set for July 9

McKinsey & Company, a global management consulting firm, volunteered its services to prepare a report on community and economic development in Minneapolis as a way of supporting the mayor and City Council as they work to realign the city's development functions.

Minneapolis residents, government partners, community leaders and other stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the report at the second of two city-wide meetings to be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9 at the

Zuhrah Shrine Center, 2450 Park Avenue South. Representatives from McKinsey & Company will present the report and answer questions from the public at the meeting.

People who are unable to attend the community meetings can submit their feedback about the report online at the City of Minneapolis Web site or by e-mail to: [communitydevelopment@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:communitydevelopment@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) Please visit the City of Minneapolis Web site at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us) for more information and to download a copy of the McKinsey report.

## Limited edition: NRP's Jazzin' up Minneapolis Neighborhoods t-shirts now available

Do you want to be the first one in your neighborhood to wear your NRP pride on your sleeve? Well, now is the time. North Minneapolis artist C. Caldwell has created a limited edition t-shirt that is currently available at the NRP office.

Known for his compelling portraits of African-American life, C. Caldwell captures the likeness, spirit and energy of his subjects. His fine art collection has moved the hearts and minds of many. A richly talented and gifted artist, Caldwell channels his creative energies through his soul-stirring, provocative works of art.

Commissioned by the NRP to create an original piece based on his numerous jazz renderings, Caldwell's image entitled NRP: Jazzin' up Minneapolis Neighborhoods is one that both NRP and jazz enthusiasts alike will surely cherish.

Caldwell has been the featured artist in numerous art shows across the country. His pieces adorn walls throughout the city including the Minneapolis Urban League's new state-of-the-art Glover-Sudduth Center for Urban Affairs and Economic Development. If you are interested in seeing more of

**NRP staffer  
Willie Willis  
models  
the limited  
edition t-shirt.  
Visit the NRP  
Web site to see  
the image in  
all of its  
brilliant  
color.**



C. Caldwell's images, please visit his studio online at <http://www.homewoodstudios.com/studio-c.html>

The NRP limited edition t-shirts are now available for only \$15. The back of the t-shirt prominently displays the NRP motto: Making Minneapolis Neighborhoods Better Places to Live, Work, Learn and Play. Show your NRP pride and purchase one today. Please call 612-673-5140 for more information.

## Applications for Community Leadership Institute now being accepted

The University of St. Thomas Center for NonProfit Management is once again offering an exciting learning opportunity for community volunteers and staff members of neighborhood organizations. Created in partnership with the NRP and the Metropolitan Alliance for Community Centers (MACC) and presented for the first time in spring 2001, the Community Leadership Institute is a certificate program designed specifically for neighborhood people engaged in NRP activities. People participating in the first level of the program will attend Wednesday evening classes from September 18 through December 11. Level two of the program, which is open to people who have completed level one, begins September 19 and runs every Thursday evening through December 12. To obtain an application for the institute, call Barbara Ritter at the Center for Nonprofit Management at 651-962-4300 or call the NRP office at 612-673-5140. Space is limited so fill out your application today! Generous financial support for neighborhood volunteers is available.

## In-depth training for neighborhood organizers

Neighborhood organizations are increasingly facing challenges that require having skilled organizers on staff. In order to assure that these organizers are equipped with the skills they need to do their jobs effectively, a special training program is now being offered by the Minneapolis Training Program for Neighborhood Organizers (MTPNO). This training program is geared toward assisting organizers with the complex problems facing their specific neighborhood organizations. The program will combine comprehensive coverage of organizing basics, training tailored to the individual needs of each organizer and group, long-term follow through, and group support from fellow neighborhood organizers. The six week program will take place on Tuesday nights.

The MTPNO program will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9 at the East Lake Library, 2727 E. Lake Street. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please call Jay Clark at 612-625-2513. The MTPNO is a free program.

## In Brief

### **Pierre Bottineau Library groundbreaking July 13 at the historic Grain Belt Brewery**

A festive event to celebrate the start of construction of the new Pierre Bottineau Community Library will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 13 at the historic Grain Belt Brewery campus, Marshall and Broadway Sts. NE. What was once the brewery's mill wright shop and wagon shed will be restored and reconstructed; along with a new wing, they will be transformed into a spacious and attractive library, where neighborhood people can gather, browse and read in a friendly and thoughtfully designed space in the heart of the community. By summer 2003, the reinvented 12,000 sq. ft. Pierre Bottineau Library will have replaced the overcrowded storefront that has served the neighborhood since 1957.

### **Fourth Annual Greater Longfellow Street Fest set for July 14**

Come join other Minneapolis residents at the Fourth Annual Greater Longfellow Street Fest from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, 2002, at the intersection of Lake Street and Minnehaha Avenue South. The street fest will have two entertainment stages featuring live multicultural music and dance, a hands-on art activity area, wares from local artists, fabulous food from area restaurants, a dunk tank and much more. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help with the street fest, please contact the Longfellow Community Council's Street Fest Committee at 612-722-4529.

### **Jeremiah Program expansion groundbreaking July 23**

Join friends and board members of the Jeremiah Program at a groundbreaking ceremony for a facility expansion project that will increase the Child Development Center's capacity to 62 children and create 21 additional units of housing for families headed by single parents. The Jeremiah Program was awarded \$1 million from the NRP's Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to be invested in the \$4 million expansion. The current Jeremiah Program facility was built in the Loring Park neighborhood in 1997 to help low-income single parents and their children move from a position of economic dependency to economic and personal self-sufficiency.

### **HPDL's 11th Annual Picnic in the Park set for July 25**

Picnic in the Park is an annual summer celebration of the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake neighborhoods. This year the event will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 25 at Pearl Park, 414 E. Diamond Lake Road. More than 2,000 people attend the event each year. Picnic in the Park is a wonderful way for residents, businesses, churches and nonprofit organizations to celebrate their neighborhoods and meet one another while enjoying entertainment, music, food, games, prizes and fun. This year there will be a special live music performance by the reggae/salsa group D'Crew from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Minneapolis Fire Department trucks, the Minneapolis Police Department canine unit and McGruff will all be on hand.

### **National Night Out block party barricade deadline set**

On August 6, Minneapolis will celebrate its 19th annual National Night Out (NNO). That night, many block clubs will close off their streets to make their block parties safer and more enjoyable. Last year, more than 500 streets were closed. People planning to close off their streets this year should request barricades as soon as possible. Block clubs need to get the signatures of 75 percent of the residents on the block in order to get approval to close off a street. Requests are filled on a first-come first-served basis. Because there are a limited number of barricades, the City Clerk's office has set deadlines for reserving them. There is no assurance that barricades will be available for all who want them. The City Clerk's deadlines for reserving barricades are:

- July 9: Free barricades for applications received or postmarked by July 9
- July 10-23: \$15 fee for applications postmarked between July 10-July 23
- July 23: Requests denied for applications postmarked after July 23

To obtain an application for barricades, block club reps can call the City Clerk's office at 612-673-2114.

NNO in Minneapolis is coordinated by CCP/SAFE, a unit of the Minneapolis Police Department.



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## NRP visits the Hot Summer Jazz Festival



NRP Director Bob Miller (left) and Minneapolis artist C. Caldwell greeted jazz enthusiasts at the Hot Summer Jazz Festival on Nicollet Mall on Sunday, June 23.

## July 2002 Calendar of Events

- 4 Independence Day**  
City offices closed.
- 9 McKinsey presentation and community meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
Zuhrah Shrine Center, 2450 Park Ave. S.  
See front page for more information or visit the NRP Web site at [www.nrp.org](http://www.nrp.org) to download the McKinsey Report on Economic and Community Development in Minneapolis.
- 13 NRP Training Series 2002: Treasurer 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.
- 13 Pierre Bottineau Library groundbreaking**  
1:00-2:30 p.m., Grain Belt Brewery campus, Marshall and Broadway streets NE. See page 3 or call Chris Wiencke of the Minneapolis Public Library at 612-630-6259.
- 14 Greater Longfellow Street Fest**  
Noon-5:00 p.m. at the intersection of Lake Street and Minnehaha Ave. S. See page 3 or call the Longfellow Community Council at 612-722-4529 for more information.
- 22 NRP Policy Board meeting**  
4:30-6:30 p.m., Room C-2350 Hennepin County Government Center.
- 25 HPDL's 11th Annual Picnic in the Park**  
5:30-8:30 p.m., Pearl Park, 414 E. Diamond Lake Road. See page 3 or call 612-824-7707 for more information.
- 26 August Link submission deadline**  
Call 612-673-5158 or fax your submission to Brett at 612-673-5138.

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