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The Cleveland Connection

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Community Meeting: Housing Wednesday, February 18



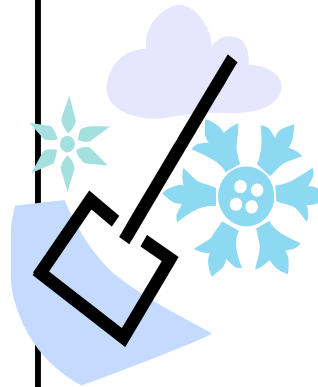
The Cleveland Neighborhood Association has invited Acorn Housing and others to talk with residents on housing topics that include:

- Introduction and History of Acorn Housing
- Foreclosure Prevention Program
- First-time Home Buyer Program
- Resources for renters in foreclosed properties

Please join us on Wednesday, February 18 at 7 pm in the cafeteria of Lucy Craft Laney School. Other topics to be covered include information on the 2009 Landscaping Program, the Rain Garden Party, the 2009 Housing Fair and other housing items.

We also hope to provide more information related to the January 8 announcement that will provide \$1,500,000 to help first time homebuyers purchase a home in 20 Minneapolis neighborhoods, including the Cleveland Neighborhood. The funds are expected to be available in **March 2009**.

Student Council to Shovel Snow for Seniors



Help is on the way for Cleveland Neighborhood's **senior and disabled residents** who need assistance keeping their sidewalks and driveways clear of snow this winter.

Lucy Craft Laney Student Council members in the upper grades of the school will be available to shovel from 2:00-4:00 pm Monday

through Thursday. They will come in small groups and will be supervised by Community Education staff. Arrangements may possibly be made for Saturday shoveling on an individual basis.

This service is being offered free of charge by the LCL Student Council, however donations to the Student Council would be accepted and appreciated. Senior citizens and disabled residents who are interested in this service should call the Lucy Craft Laney Community Education Office at **612-668-2223**.



Saturday, March 21 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

North High School, 1501 James Ave N.

Renovate, Refinance, Reinvest
Repair, Remodel
Information, Assistance, Answers

www.northhousingfair.com

2009 Landscaping Grants



Start your planning now! Applications will be available April for the 2009 Landscaping Grants.

Grants will be awarded for boulevard perennial plantings that help reduce stormwater runoff and aid in keeping our

lakes and rivers clean. The funds must be used for plants and the maximum reimbursement amount will be \$100.00 per household. Funds are limited and will be first come, first served. More information will be available at the Community Meeting on February 18.

Stay in Touch

Don't forget—we have a new e-mail address:

cna@clevelandneighborhood.org

And as long as you are on the internet, visit our website:

www.clevelandneighborhood.org

Do you have pictures or stories about the neighborhood you want to share? Send them to us via e-mail. Thanks!!

Crime and Safety Update

Crime rates continue to decrease in the Fourth Precinct. Neighborhood Block Clubs continue to play an important role in crime deterrence. Thank you to all of our Block Clubs.

SPECIAL NOTE: As a crime suppression tool, the Minneapolis Police Department is making traffic stops in and around the community. Remember to use your turn signals and make sure to obey speed limits and posted street signs.

Increased traffic law enforcement has resulted in decreased violent crime in the neighborhood.

Please drive safely.

Neighborhood Garden Party

This spring Cleveland Neighborhood residents will turn out to plant 15 new rain gardens across our neighborhood in partnership with Metro Blooms.

What is a rain garden? Instead of a raised bed, the rain garden bed is a depression planted with native plants that is intended to capture storm water runoff. Rain water is infiltrated into the ground and prevents contaminants from reaching our lakes and streams.

Why a rain garden party? A rain garden has to be located and designed properly to work well. Metro Blooms will offer information and design workshops for Cleveland residents.

To be part of the Garden Party, you must attend both Workshop A and Workshop B. Workshop B will be limited to 15 residents. If more than 15 residents submit an application for Workshop B, participants will be randomly selected.

Workshop A is an overview of rain gardens and other practices and will be held on March 26, 2008 at Lucy Craft Laney School. The cost of the workshop is \$10.00 and interested persons may register online at metroblooms.org.

Workshop B will be one-on-one design sessions at your home and is limited to 15 residents. Landscape architecture students will help you locate a good site, layout your rain garden and select the proper plants. On the day of the neighborhood garden party, a work crew from Metro Blooms will come to your home, prepare your garden. All you need to do is supply and plant the plants and then take care of the garden.

More information is available at the neighborhood meeting on Wednesday February 18, 7 pm at Lucy Craft Laney School.

Live on the Drive

Mark your calendar and get ready to rock and roll down to the Victory Memorial Drive for the second annual "Live on the Drive" music series. Our first concert is June 13th with **Peter Ostroushko**,

July 9th and August 13 bands are being booked right now. All concerts start at 6:00PM. Watch for more information in future newsletters. If you would like more information contact the CNA office at 612-588-1155 ask for the Events Committee. I can hear the music and feel the warmth right now. Can you?

Real Homes, Real People Needed for Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour

"It's good to see people in this area who are motivated to improve their homes and neighborhoods" – this comment from a visitor to the Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour underscores why every neighborhood can benefit from an entry on the April 25 and 26, 2009 Tour. Thirty percent of visitors mention finding out about neighborhoods is one of their reasons for visiting – surpassed only by "to get remodeling ideas," the main focus of the tour.

Homeowners and home improvement professionals considering putting their homes on the Tour have until Friday, January 23, 2009 to apply. Early inquiries are encouraged so that Tour coordinators may visit each home and explain what's involved before the homeowners commit.

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) manages the tour as a celebration of city living that encourages homeowners to improve existing housing stock. Green, energy efficient, and historically-sensitive remodels and expansions get special notice.

For more information, call Tour Coordinator Margo Ashmore at 612-673-5103 or email link@nrp.org. The application can be downloaded from www.MSPHomeTour.com under "nominate."

Twin Cities Bike Share Project



Public bicycle sharing systems make it easy for commuters, students, tourists and urban residents to use a bike for short trips in the heart of the City. Sturdy, upright bikes with lights, fenders, and cargo space are locked in self-service

kiosks located throughout the City. Subscribers can take a bike with the swipe of a card and return it to any kiosk.

The City of Minneapolis and the City of Lakes Nordic Ski Foundation have put forward a proposal for public bicycle sharing in the City of Minneapolis. A public meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12 at 5:30 pm at the Central Library at 300 Nicollet Mall. The meeting will be held in the Pohlad Hall. Please join other residents to learn more and to provide your thoughts and ideas.

RSVP to Andrea Petersen at andrea.petersen@ci.minneapolis.mn.us letting her know you will be there on February 12. Your name will be added to a list of persons interested in receiving updates on the Twin Cities Bike Share Project. To learn more about public bicycle systems go to: www.niceridemn.com

Send Us Your Letters

Because this is a newsletter by and for the residents of Cleveland Neighborhood, we would like to hear from you. If you have concerns, helpful hints, or praise for a neighbor who goes above and beyond, please write to us and let us know. You can e-mail or mail your letters to The Cleveland Connection at: cna@clevelandneighborhood.org or to the Cleveland Neighborhood Association, PO Box 11635, Minneapolis, MN 55411. Be sure to include your name, address and telephone number so that we can contact you.

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Cleveland Community Calendar

Board meeting

7 PM, CNA office, Monday
January 26, February 23, March 16, April 20

Events

6:30 PM, CNA Office Thursday
February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14

Cleveland Education Opportunities and Youth

6:30 PM, CNA office, Thursday
February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7

North Housing and Home Improvement Fair

10 AM—3 PM, North High School
Saturday, March 21

Community Development

6:30 PM, CNA office, Monday
February 9, March 9, April 13

Community Meeting: HOUSING

7 PM, Lucy Craft Laney Cafeteria
Wednesday, February 18

Crime and Safety

6:30 PM, CNA office, Monday
February 2, March 2, April 6

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7 PM, Fourth Precinct, Tuesday
February 17, March 17, April 21

Any one of these events are a great way to contribute and meet your neighbors!