



Waite Park Community School Improvements & Renewal



We Count: City Clerk and NCR Director WPCC Board Meeting Thurs, Jan. 30 Waite Rec Center, 1810 34th Ave. NE.

7:05-7:30 p.m. We Count: City Clerk Casey Carl and Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Director David Rubedor

As you know, 2020 is critical in terms of representation for our community members and the allocation of federal funds. Casey Carl and David Rubedor intend to meet with every neighborhood organization in Minneapolis to talk about some important upcoming dates and share some ideas about how neighborhoods could help to reach traditionally underrepresented communities.

Nine days after the special District 60A primary, this meeting kicks off a very busy week: Community Connections Conference on Saturday, [Super Bowl Sunday], Special House District 60A election on Tuesday, and WPCC's Annual Meeting on Wednesday.

Then precinct caucuses February 25, one week before the Presidential Nomination Primary. And Census Day is April 1. We Count!

This meeting will start at 7 p.m. and end at 8:30.

Waite Park Block Club Rebate and Safety & Security Rebate End on Dec. 31, 2019

As reported in the June/July Waite Park Voice, the Waite Park Community Council's (WPCC) Block Club Rebate Program and Safety and Security Rebate Program will expire at the end of 2019. Original receipts must be dated by December 31, 2019; application forms will be accepted until January 31, 2020 unless the funds run out.

These two rebate programs are funded by Waite Park Neighborhood's NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program). The WPCC's robust year long robust community assessment process will and priority planning process will determine where to spend the City funds in the future, including whether or not funds will be allocated to these programs after the end of 2019. The Community Assessment Report will be discussed at the WPCC Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 5th, 2020; social hour at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Childcare provided. More on this process and meeting in the next newsletter, which will be in mailboxes at least ten days before the meeting.

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Waite Park Community Council Board Meeting

6:30p.m. Thursday, December 19th

Waite Park Rec Center, 1810 34th Ave. NE.

6:30 Winter Cookie Baking Contest, Social

While first place bragging rights may be enough for some, you can be sure there will also be prizes. So if you have a favorite winter cookie that you love to bake, bring 2-3 dozen of them to share.

There will be two categories for this contest: traditional and vegan. Vegan and plant-based are often used interchangeably, so if an ingredient comes from anything that isn't a plant, then it would fall under the "Traditional" category in our contest. However, even if you're not vegan, you can still challenge yourself to make a vegan cookie that is just as sugary, tasty, and easy as a regular cookie.

For some ideas to get you going, visit www.theprettybee.com/50-vegan-Christmas-cookies-recipes.

If you have any questions about vegan cookies, you can contact WPCC Board Member Michelle Shaw at mississippiriversourrelative@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

6:45 Waite Park School Tour

Principal Rochelle McGinnis, Architect Michelle Maiers and School Board Member Jenny Arneson

7:00 Waite Park Community School

Waite Park Community School Improvements & Renewal

Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) is planning some work at Waite Park Community School - to provide a safe and secure entry as well as a full service kitchen and cafeteria refresh. The construction will take place during the summer of 2020 and the summer of 2021.

Most of the work is interior renovation, but there will be a small vestibule addition on the north side of the building to provide the secure entry point; please see the images on the left.

MPS has begun the City Planning Process, and will present its proposal at a Planning Commission in late January or early February.

7:20 Parks Update with Larry Umphrey

Larry Umphrey, Director of Recreation Centers and Programs for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, will update us on happenings in the parks, including the latest information on Cavell Park improvements. Larry is a former Waite Park Director.

8:00 Social

Child care provided

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello All,
 Another year is almost done, crazy to think that four years have passed my wife and I moved into the neighborhood, even more crazy, in that time that we have doubled the number of people living in our house, as our daughter was born 6 weeks ago.
 On the note of new neighbors, it seems like a steady stream of for sale signs go up and come down around the blocks in our little corner or northeast even this time of year. Since the winter is a tough time to get out and meet your neighbors, and to learn what is going to be happening in the neighborhood.

The Waite Park Community Council at our next scheduled meeting is going to have a cookie contest while we are informed about what is going to be happening at Waite Park Community School and our parks this upcoming year. If there is one thing that helps me not focus on the snow is thoughts of summer and a plate full of carbohydrates. Anyway, if you have a recipe that you want to show off to your neighbors, want to hear about our community school and parks or just come hang out with people. Come on down on Thursday, December 19th; please see the front page for more information.
 Have a happy holiday season and a good new year,
 Ross



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Block Club \$ 100 Rebates



The \$100 Block Club Rebate Program provides a rebate to organized block clubs within the Waite Park Neighborhood. Waite Park residents who organize a block club event, National Night Out event or gathering during the year to meet with neighbors are eligible.

Recipients can be part of a current block club recognized by the Minneapolis Police Department Second Precinct or a block club that hosts at least one gathering year to which all block residents are invited, as verified by 2 residents,.

Please see our website, www.waiteparkmpls.org, or park literature rack for the form. Simply print out and complete the application form below and send it in with the original receipt(s) from the item(s) you purchased.

No food or beverage expenses are eligible. Educational programming expense is eligible. Rebates are for supplies and products only; reimbursement for labor. Multiple applications may be submitted, but the total of rebates for any block club is limited to \$100 per block club for 2019. For a list of eligible improvements and the rebate form, please see our website or park literature rack or the form.

Safety & Security \$100 Rebates



The Waite Park Community Council is offering \$100 rebates to all Waite Park residents that purchase eligible basic security or safety related items by the end of 2019. All properties in the Waite Park Neighborhood, both residential and commercial, may receive a rebate without regard to participation in previous years.

Examples of eligible improvements include smoke detectors, carbon monoxide (CO) detectors, radon testing kits or associated test fees, fire extinguishers, exterior security/motion lighting fixtures including any necessary wiring and electrical work, and exterior steel security doors, including garage access doors. Please see the application form for more examples.

The following are NOT eligible: tools, rental charges, personal installation time or "sweat equity", security system monthly monitoring or service fees [initial installation of home security system/service is eligible but not the monthly monitoring or servicing fees], storm or combination doors not of the all-steel "security" type (even if lockable), and batteries, light bulbs or other consumables.

The application form is available in the Waite Park literature rack, 1810 34th Avenue Northeast, and on our new website, www.waiteparkmpls.org. Send the original receipt(s) from the item(s) you purchased with the form. Multiple applications may be submitted, but the total of rebates for any property is limited to \$100 per property in 2019. Rebates are available unless the funds run out.

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WAITE PARK
 COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Annual Meeting
7p.m. Wednesday, February 5
 Waite Park Community Center
 1810 34th Avenue Northeast
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Welcome Home.

WP WAITE PARK
 COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Mission Statement:
 The Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) serves as a forum to support the interests of the Waite Park neighborhood to maintain a high quality of life through community engagement.

Waite Park Community Council
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WAITE PARK VOICE

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**Special Election for House District 60A
Primary Election Tuesday, January 21
Special Election Tuesday, February 4**

There will be a Special Election to fill a vacancy in Minnesota House District 60, which includes parts of Northeast Minneapolis, including Waite Park Neighborhood.

The vacancy was caused by the passing of Representative Diane Loeffler on November 16.

The Primary election will be held from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21. The General election will be held from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m on Tuesday, February 4.

Vote Early

Don't want to wait in line on election day? Vote early! All voters in Minnesota can choose to vote before Election Day by absentee ballot without providing a reason.

You can vote by mail, or you can vote early in-person.

In-person early voting

Voters can vote at the Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services main office, which recently moved to the Eastside, at 980 East Hennepin Avenue.

Early voting

Special Primary: 8:00am - 4:30pm on weekdays Tuesday, December 17, through Monday, January 20

Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day - NO EARLY VOTING

Wednesday, January 1: New Year's Day - NO EARLY VOTING

Saturday, January 18: Open 10:00am - 3:00pm

Monday, January 20: Last day of Early Voting 8:00am - 5:00pm

Special General: 8:00am - 4:30pm on weekdays Tuesday, January 28, through Monday, February 3

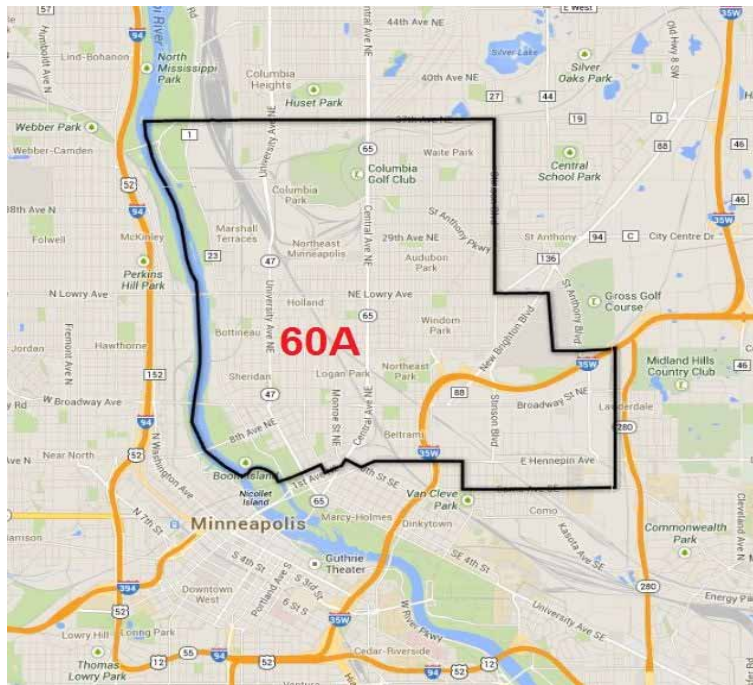
Saturday, February 1: Open 10:00am - 3:00pm

Monday, February 3: Last day of Early Voting 8:00am - 5:00pm

Early Voting for the Presidential Nomination Primary begins on Friday, January 17, 2020, weekdays from 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM at Election and Voters services, 980 east Hennepin

Minneapolis 311 Can Help

Contact Minneapolis 311 Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-7 p.m., weekends 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for election and other city information. From outside city limits, dial 612-673-3000.



We Count: The Community Connections Conference is Saturday, February 1, 2020

On Saturday, February 1, 2020, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., the City of Minneapolis will hold its annual Community Connections Conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The 2020 conference theme is "We count." Registration will open by January, 2020. In 2019, 885 people attended.

Conference theme and objectives

By using the theme "We count," the City is saying that all communities are welcome and valued in Minneapolis and calling on communities to get involved in decision-making in 2020. Residents can get involved by committing to get counted in the census, vote, join an advisory committee or neighborhood board [Waite Park Community Council!] learn about important local issues and City policies or volunteer with a community organization. The City hosts this conference so that:

- Residents, community groups, neighborhood organizations, City of Minneapolis departments and decision-makers **collaborate and connect** with each other to **address community issues**.
- All communities **feel welcome** to interact with or **get involved** in local decision-making.
- Residents **learn about** programs and policies that affect them.

The City is seeking ideas for **breakout sessions and exhibitors** on topics that align with the conference objectives and theme for this year. You can **submit your breakout session idea** at the conference website: www.minneapolismn.gov/connectionsconfncr/conf.



Nonprofits and public institutions **can apply for a free exhibit space** by Dec. 31. Be sure to stop by Waite Park Community Council's table. Organizations can also **sponsor the conference**. Read more about the conference at Minneapolismn.gov/connectionsconf.

Neighborhoods 2020 Update

This September, the City of Minneapolis contracted with the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) for the final phase of Neighborhoods 2020. [Read the full list of CURA's contract deliverables here.](#)

On Nov. 18, CURA convened an initial dialogue with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) residents and neighborhood organization members on the importance of neighborhood work, its funding and other topics impacting Neighborhoods 2020. CURA followed this dialogue on Nov. 21 with the first of a series of neighborhood stakeholder meetings. About 60 people participated in this robust discussion.

The next two meetings scheduled for neighborhood stakeholders are:

- Dec. 17, from 6-8 p.m. At POlymouth Congregapional Church, 1900 Avenue South, Visioning, commitments and accountability.
- Jan. 9, from 6-8 p.m.

Report back: Wrestling and creating a model for future resolution.

The materials created from this process are expected to be released for a 45-day public comment in January or February of 2020. Then, these materials would go before the City Council's Public Health, Environment, Civil Rights and Engagement Committee in late March and would go before the full City Council in early April.

To view the Neighborhoods 2020 Framework and the City Council directive that led to the current contract with CURA, please visit Minneapolismn.gov/neighborhoods2020.



WAITE PARK & UPPER N.E. PARKS UPDATE

- Brian Hall, CPRP Recreation Facility Specialist II

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Activity Guide
 January - May 2020

Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

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Winter Sports Update

Waite Wildcats are on the basketball court again practicing and getting ready for games to begin. Waite Park has fielded teams and coaches for many age divisions including two 8U open teams, two 11U teams, 11U girls, 13U girls, 13U open, 14U open, and 16U open. We are using multiple locations for practice including Northeast Middle School, Sheridan School, Logan Park, Northeast Park and the smallest gym of the Minneapolis parks, Waite Park! The 6U division is being run as a fundamental camp at Northeast Park starting in January.

Winter Programming

Winter/Spring registration began October 23rd for programs January thru May 2020. Stop by any Minneapolis park in Northeast for a hard copy program brochure or check us out online at www.minneapolisparcs.org with the most up-to-date information. Preparation for summer programs are on going and being developed. If you have a special skill or talent you want to share, we can create a program and offer it to all. Just let us know and we can figure out a program plan.

Snack Program

Like the summer lunch program, we have partnered with the Minneapolis School Nutrition center to provide a snack for kids 18 and under Monday thru Friday from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The kids will receive a free snack the front desk; stop on by!

Seniors on the GO!

The Seniors on the GO Annual Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 22nd at 11:30 a.m. We will have lunch and then a planning session about trip locations and luncheon menus for 2020. Monthly luncheons at Audubon park are at 11:30 on the second Tuesday of the month! The cost is \$7 per person; pay at the door. Reserve your seat by Friday before lunch by calling Brian at 370-4770 and simply leave a message of the date(s) of your attendance.

We recently went to Ellsworth Creamery in Wisconsin and the plant director gave us an hour-long presentation he gave in China last year. It was very informative and we all have a new view on farmers and the production of milk and cheese products. Want to get on a mailing list of activities? Give Brian a call at 612-370-4770 and leave your information. A new program about food nutrition led by Mia Bremer has started with two sessions, on October 22nd Nov 26th and there was a nice turnout. We are going to continue classes on the 4th Tuesday of the month with a new topic and also prepare a dish each class. Call to register to learn about new and fun ideas about food. The next class will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, January 28th, 2020 at Audubon Recreation Center, 1320 29th Ave.

Preschool Program

Have a little one eager to learn and get in a social and learning environment? We have our preschool program which is flexible for parents with choosing days (unless full) 2 days to 5 days a week Monday thru Friday. We have 2 fabulous instructors Ellen and Andi who would love to meet your preschooler. Call the park or email for a tour and specific questions: waiteparkpreschool@gmail.com. Class time is Monday thru Friday from 9:30 a.m to noon. Must be at least three years old and toilet trained. May join in at anytime; pro-rated fees can be applied. Fee assistance available as well; inquire with park director Brian.



Parks For All Dream Box

What are your dreams and priorities for Minneapolis parks? Write or draw your questions, ideas and feedback on a card at the park and drop into the dream box located on the front desk. Your input will shape Parks for All, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board 2021 Comprehensive Plan, a new shared vision for the Minneapolis park and recreation system.

Summer Rec Plus Registration Opens Feb. 10

Does your child need somewhere to go this summer? Do they like to run around with their friends, play games and do fun projects. We are a school-aged program that runs before/after school, on release days and over the summer.

Registration must be done at a Rec Center. Waite and Audubon have Rec Plus programs. Current participants receive an earlier registration date.

Registration for new participants for Summer Rec Plus opens on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Open House and Registration for new participants for the 2020-2021 school year is at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020.

For enrollment forms and more information go to: www.minneapolisparcs.org.

Fun Park Tidbits....



*New visitors should be able to find our doors now with signs in front and on the back side of the building.



*We had officiated park soccer games at Cavell Park this past season, first time ever??

*5 elections in 2020 at Waite Park

* Halloween Night we gave out over 100 full size candy bars and hot chocolate.

*Rentals are in abundance at Waite Park! We have birthday parties using the gym and multi rooms coming up with four alone the weekend of December 14th-15.

*Rec Plus long-time staff member Mike Madison going away party Thursday, January 2nd. - See next page

*Wildcat Booster fundraisers were Spaggett Dinner on November 8th, Culver's Silver Lake November 18th and bagging at Cub Quarry November 27.



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"Going Away"
 Party for Mike Madison

2:30 p.m. Thursday,

January 2, 2020

Waite Park Recreation Center
 1810 34th Avenue Northeast

All are welcome!



Mike Madison

Today was bitter-sweet. I officially submitted my letter of resignation from my job of 24 years. I absolutely loved working with the kids in Park & Rec here in Mpls but photography work has been so busy that it's hard balancing photo work, my day job and being a dad/husband to my family. It was time for a change and time to finally take that leap.

I was the guest speaker at the Mpls Photo Club this evening. The kind words they had to say about my work was really what I needed to hear to be held at such a high regard as a photographer by others who are amazing photographers really reinforced my decision. Thank you.

Mike Madison from Facebook page.



Mike,
 I am really HAPPY for you.. Bread & Butter boy!
 Haahaa Haaaaaha
 Diana H (Formerly owner of Di's Print)

FOOD DRIVE

We are happy to announce that we will once again be coordinating our annual food drive this year as part of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

The food drive will take place at all MPRB recreation centers through January 20. The collection box at Waite Park was decorated by Rec Plus kids.

This community service project was initiated in the fall of 2009 and since then more than 13,000 pounds of donations have been collected and donated to families in need throughout Minneapolis. The donations this year will be going to Northpoint Health and Wellness and Sabathani Community Center in Minneapolis.

Your help in this effort is greatly appreciated, and is always very much appreciated by the recipients of the food donations.

The top two recreation centers that collect the most food will be receiving a free movie this summer.

Thanks again for your continued support!

MPRB seeks residents interested in serving on a community advisory committee

Applications for 2020 appointments due Weds, Dec. 18

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Board of Commissioners is seeking applications for appointments to eight ongoing **community advisory committees**:

- St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board (1 appointee) to begin serving January 2, 2020
- Minneapolis Tree Advisory Committee (5 appointees) to begin serving January 2
- Racial Equity Community Advisory Committee (1 appointee) to begin serving immediately. The appointee may continue serving for a 2-year term commencing July 1, 2020, if interested.
- Glyphosate Technical Advisory Committee (3 appointees) to begin serving immediately, the term will end Nov. 30, 2020
- Neighborhood & Community Engagement Cmte. (1 appointee) to begin serving July 1.
- HomeGrown (one appointee) – to begin serving on January 2.
- Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee (3 appointees) – to begin serving on July 1.
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (1 appointee) – to begin serving July 1.

Service commitment may vary based upon needs, expectations and policy goals. However, most advisory committee members can expect to approximately 10-15 hours of work per month. Most terms are two years and all board and commission members are not subject to term limits.

Some Boards/Commissions have a need for specialized skills, but most people will find a Board or Commission that is a great fit for their knowledge base. Public members of Board and Commissions are people who may not have regular, ongoing experience in a specific topic area, but have a general interest in a Board or Commission's work area. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about an area of interest and contribute a perspective that is fresh and unique to the service area.

Applications must be received no later than 4 p.m., Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

Following submission, applicants will receive an email confirming receipt of the application and describing the general process for appointment. Appointments for open positions will be made at the January 2, 2020 MPRB annual meeting. For a full description of each committee and to complete the application please visit: <https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/abca>. You can also sign up to be notified of all advisory committee opportunities.

Applicants with questions about the appointments process should email their questions to board.appointments@minneapolisparcs.org or contact Radious Guess at 612-230-6419.

Contact: Radious Guess, MPRB Community Outreach, Equity and Inclusion Manager
 612-230-6419 rguess@minneapolisparcs.org



Lawns to Legumes Program now Accepting Applications

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is now accepting applications for the Lawns to Legumes program, which aims to increase residential habitat for at-risk pollinators across the state. Lawns to Legumes offers a combination of workshops, coaching, planting guides and funding for installing pollinator-friendly native plantings in residential lawns.

Minnesota residents can now apply to be reimbursed for up to \$350 in costs associated with establishing pollinator habitats in their yards. Applications will be accepted through February 28. Applicants who qualify for reimbursement are expected to attend a workshop or webinar to better ensure project success. Funding decisions and all notifications will be emailed in March for Spring 2020 installations. For further program details, see BWSR's website: go to www.bwsr.state.mn.us and click on "Lawns to Legumes".

How to apply: Apply online at [Blue Thumb's website, www.bluethumb.org](http://www.bluethumb.org).

Am I eligible?

Anyone is welcome to use the [planting guide](#) or [attend a workshop](#) developed for this program to help plan a pollinator habitat project. Note: if you are reading a hard copy of the Voice, go to the website, www.waiteparkmpls.org and click on "Resources" and then click on "Lawns to Legumes Program" for these two blue links and the four blue links at end of this article.

Minnesota residents anywhere in the state who have an area at their home that can be used for outdoor planting can apply for a combination of technical assistance (workshops, coaching) and cost-share funding. Proximity to areas where the Rusty patched bumblebee is likely to be present will be one factor considered when awarding reimbursement grants.

What does this program do?

Lawns to Legumes offers workshops, coaching, planting guides and cost-share funding for installing pollinator-friendly native plantings in residential lawns. The program also includes a public education campaign to raise awareness for pollinator habitat projects and will establish demonstration neighborhoods that showcase best practices.

Why does this matter?

Minnesota is home to more than 450 native bee species. Pollinators also include butterflies, moths, beetles and native flies. All play a key role in pollinating many food crops and native plants, but populations have significantly declined worldwide in recent years. Population decline can be attributed to habitat loss and lack of related nutrition for pollinators, as well as pesticide use and pathogens.

The program aims to protect the federally endangered state bee, the Rusty patched bumblebee, and other at-risk pollinators. Even relatively small plantings of native flowers can help create conditions that are valuable to pollinators and can help build important habitat corridors.

Getting started now

You don't have to wait to start planning a pollinator-friendly yard! Here are some helpful guides for creating habitat:

- Planting for Pollinators: BWSR's one stop shop guide for residential pollinator habitat
- Gardens for Pollinators: Tips from the Xerces Society
- DIY Bee Lawn: Steps for creating a bee lawn from Blue Thumb
- Build a Pollinator Garden in Seven Steps: Advice from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



minneapolis • saint paul HOME TOUR

Real Homes. Real People. Real Ideas.

2020 Home Tour wants your home, or your neighbor's

Who do you know, who's both community spirited and blessed with a home they like to show off? The 2020 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour is already looking for homeowners and home improvement professionals to feature on the late-April tour of "Real Homes. Real People. Real Ideas."

Homes can be recently remodeled, expanded, or simply well-preserved examples of their architectural eras. Nominations/applications are due January 20, and early submissions are encouraged. It's the Tour's 33rd year; it will be held Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, from 1 to 5 p.m. 202.


"Visitors are looking for home improvement ideas," said Tour coordinator Margo Ashmore. "Homeowners on the tour enjoy feedback and find it's also a great promotion for their neighborhoods."

Contractors often help staff the homes, and homeowners ask family, friends and neighbors to help host. "Good support makes it fun. It's a great incentive to finish up the last few little projects," Ashmore said. "It's particularly attractive for homeowners and visitors when there are two or more homes close together on tour, so use your winter gatherings to encourage a cluster of homes and folks to help hold them open."

Contractors and other vendors may nominate and appear at homes they have worked on. Energy efficient and historically-sensitive remodels get special notice among the approximately 50 homes. It is not necessary to have remodeled the whole house.

The tour is a celebration of city living that encourages homeowners to improve existing homes, and to complement the neighborhood flavor if they build new. For more information, call Tour Coordinator Margo Ashmore at 612-867-4874 or email mfashmore@aol.com. There is an online submission form or downloadable options at www.MSPHomeTour.com.

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DECEMBER 2019**On-going:**

M, 12/2/19-1/14/2020 3-8:30pm 10th Annual "Feeding The Dream" Food Drive Drop off non-perishable food at Waite Park or any MPRB recreation center. Proceeds will be donated to the Sabathani Community Food Shelf.

M, 12/16/19 11am-9pm Dine Out for Waite Park Community School Parkway Pizza, 2851 Johnson St. NE.

M, 12/16/19 4:30-6:30pm Open House on draft ADA Transition Plan for Public Works Doty Board Room, Mpls. Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall.

Tu, 12/17/20 Early voting by special election absentee ballot and in-person voting begins for House District 60A Special Election page 3.

Tu, 12/17/20 8am-4:30pm M-F thru M, 1/20/20 except Christmas and New Year's Day House District 60A Special Election In-person voting begins See page 3.

Tu, 12/17/19 5:30-6:30pm Constituent Meet and Greet with City Council Member Kevin Reich Fair State Brewing Cooperative, 2506 Central.

Th, 12/19/19 6:30 WPCC Board Meeting: Cookies, Schools & Parks Also: Distribution of 2020 Northeast Calendar See page 1.

Sa, 12/21/19 Noon Northeast Chorale 'sing in the season': Holidays Concert Under Glass IDS Crystal Court, 80 South 8th Street.

Su, 12/22/19 4pm A Festival of 9 Lessons & Carols Northeast Chorale with musicians of Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church \$10 suggested donation Gustavus, 1509 27th Ave. NE.

M, 12/23-F, 1/3 No School--Winter Recess

JANUARY 2020

W, 1/1/20 Happy New Year!

Th, 1/9/20 6-7:30pm Waite Park Community School PTA Meeting Childcare provided for children over 2 years old & toilet trained.

M, 1/13/20 6-8pm 2PAC & East Side Crime Watch Meeting

Tu, 1/14 11:30am Upper NE. Parks Senior Luncheon \$7 RSVP: leave a message by M, 1/8 at 370-4770 Audubon Park, 1320 29th Ave. NE.

F, 1/17 8:00am-4:30pm weekdays Early Voting begins for Presidential Nomination Primary Election & Voter Services, 980 E. Hennepin.

F, 1/17/20 No School Sa, 1/18/20 10am-3pm Early Voting Election & Voters Services, 980 E. Hennepin.

M, 1/20/20 8am-5pm Last day of Early Voting Election & Voter Services, 980 E Hennepin P.3

M, 1/20/20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School.

M, 1/20/20 12-9pm School Release Day: W. P. Rec Center opens early Also: Last day to drop off non-perishable food items for the "Feeding The Dream" Food Drive Info: 230-6479 P. 9.

M, 1/20/20 11am-9pm Dine Out for Waite Park Cmty. School Parkway Pizza, 2851 Johnson Street.

M, 1/20/20 MSP Home Tour nominations due. Info: Tour Coordinator Margo Ashmore, 867-4874 or www.MSPHomeTour.com.

Tu, 1/20/21 7am-8pm Special House District 60A Primary Page 3.

M, 1/28/19 Most Minneapolis Community Education Winter Quarter classes begin this week.

Tu, 1/28/20 8am-4:30pm weekdays through M, 2/3 Early Voting for Special House District 60A General Election & Presidential Nomination Primary Elections & Voter Services, 980 E. Hennepin P.3.

Th, 1/30/20 6-7pm Wildcat Boosters Meeting See page 10.

Th, 1/30/20 7pm Waite Park Community Council Board Meeting Agenda includes We Count--Page 1.

F, 1/31/20 Deadline for application forms for Waite Park Block Club Rebate and Safety & Security Rebate application forms Receipts must be dated on or before December 31, 2019. Page 1.

Sa, 2/1/20 10am-3pm Early Voting Elections & Voter Services, 980 E. Hennepin P. 3

Sa, 2/1/20 8am-4pm Community Connections Conference Free, including lunch from multiple restaurants Info & register:

minneapolismn.gov/ncr/conf Mpls. Convention Center, 1301 2nd Ave. S. Pages 1, 10-11.

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Tu, 2/4/20 7am-8pm SPECIAL HOUSE DISTRICT 60A ELECTION PAGE 3.

W, 2/5/20 6PM WPCC ANNUAL MEETING & WINTER WARM-UP Social starts at 6pm Food & Refreshments Annual Meeting starts at 7:00 Election of Board Members Year-long robust community assessment process.

The Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by the WPCC. Should you require child care or an accommodation in order to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at (612) 789-5104 at least three days before our event. You may contact us through Minnesota Relay Services at 1-800-627-3529.



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 9-5 M, Tu, F. & Sa. ,12-8 W. & Th., Closed Sun.

Armchair Travel

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church
 27th & Johnson Street NE
 (across the street from the fire station)
 Fellowship Hall, downstairs.
 Pre-register by calling 612-668-1590

**Travelogue: European River Cruise from
 Amsterdam to Budapest**

Cruise down the rivers and canals of Europe and see dozens of castles, cathedrals and vineyards. Explore regional history and images of food through this beautiful part of the continent.
 1 Tuesday Jan 21 1:00 pm- 2:30 pm \$2 at Door

Travelogue: Scotland

Tour the major cities of Scotland and their castles. Highlights include pipers and dancers, a falcon demonstration, the birthplace of golf at St. Andrews, Holyrood Palace, an official residence of British Monarchy, Border Collie demonstrations, Ancient battlegrounds and Loch Ness!
 1 Tuesday Feb 18
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm \$2 at Door



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Cardboard Creations

Friday, Jan. 3, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Grades 1-6. Give a kid a cardboard box and she'll be occupied for hours! We're turning trash to treasure in this fun maker program for budding engineers, architects, and artists. You bring the creativity—we'll provide supplies including cardboard, recyclables, and duct tape. Drop in or stay the entire time.



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**Stories Together:
 Noon Year's Eve**

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

For kids of all ages and a caregiver. Count down to noon and celebrate the New Year with stories, music, movement and activities!

