



CLCLT Homeowners Bulletin

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This quarterly bulletin contains news, announcements, upcoming events and *free* CLCLT Post Purchase workshops. We hope you'll find it helpful in keeping you informed of CLCLT activities. Please don't hesitate to contact us with items you'd like included in future issues.

Workshops and Events:

Please RSVP to these workshops

Monday January 24th, 2005

6:30pm- 8:00pm

Pro-active Crime Prevention Activities The Minneapolis Police Department 3rd precinct is hosting an informational meeting regarding personal safety, home safety, auto-theft prevention, forming block clubs and more! The 3rd Precinct is located at:
3000 Minnehaha Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55408

For more information contact: Karen Skrivseth 612-673-2856

Thursday February 17th, 2005

5:30pm- 6:30pm

Basic Home Safety The American Red Cross is offering a basic home safety workshop to CLT home owners. Topics will include: emergency prevention and education, emergency preparedness, uses of 911, and more. The class will be held at PRG offices:
2017 E38th St Minneapolis, MN 55407

For more information or to RSVP contact Michelle Petroff at 612-721-7556 ext 20 or michelle@clclt.org

Saturday February 19th, 2005

9:30am- 12:30pm

Post Purchase Training: Home Owners Protecting Equity (HOPE) In this three-hour course, new homeowners learn about the financial opportunities and responsibilities of their new homes and are shown how to make the necessary maintenance and repairs to protect their equity on their low to moderate incomes. This three-hour class is held twice a month in Northside NHS offices at the following location: **1501 Dupont Avenue North Minneapolis, MN 55411**

To pre-register, call Northside NHS at 612-521-3581.

The following HOPE class will be held **March 15, 2005 from 6:00- 9:00pm** at the Northside NHS offices.

Saturday February 26th, 2005

1:00pm- 2:00pm

Pro-active Crime Prevention Activities by the Minneapolis Police Department 3rd precinct. The 3rd precinct will be giving an informational meeting regarding personal safety and home safety to CLCLT home owners. The class will be held at PRG offices:
2017 E38th St Minneapolis, MN 55407

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Saturday March 5th, 2005

10:00am- 3:00 pm

The South Minneapolis Housing Fair The 11th annual fair takes place in the commons area at South High School located at **3131 19th Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55407**. The fair consists of educational workshops on home improvement, home purchasing and refinancing. Typical workshops include: how to work with contractors, landscaping and lawn care, plumbing, preparing your home for sale, window solutions, refinancing and more. Over 90 reputable contractors, real estate agents, lenders and community organizations exhibit at the fair. Attendees will have access to handymen, bank lenders and representatives from their neighborhood associations. For more information call Bernie Wabel at 612-338-6205, Ann Phi Wendt at 612-210-8256 or visit the Housing Fair's website at www.housingfair.org

The CLCLT will have an exhibit at the Housing Fair. We are looking for home owners and supporters of the CLCLT to provide information to attendees. Please contact Michelle Petroff at 612-721-7556 ext 20 or michelle@clclt.org if you are interested in helping.

Thursday March 10th, 2005

9:30am- 3:00pm

Rally Day at the State Capitol Homes for all annual Rally and Lobby Day at the State Capitol is your chance to meet individually with your representatives, and to join together collectively in the rotunda to tell Minnesota that you support Affordable Housing. For more information or to register, contact Tom Goldstein at (651) 649-1710 ext. 106 or tgoldstein@mhponline.org

Home Maintenance Tips and Reminders:

Furnace Air Filters

Furnace air filters have the dual purpose of both filtering and cooling air. Air is initially filtered on entering the furnace to remove tiny particles of dust, mold, pollen, and even bacteria. Once the warm air has been filtered, it's then passed through a coil supplied with a cooling agent. The air that then comes out of the furnace is clean, cool and safe. It is important to clean or change your furnace air filter regularly. The recommendation in general, is to clean or change your furnace filters roughly every 2 to 3 months depending on the pollution level of the area you live in. During the heating season, however, this should happen at least once a month. Locating and cleaning a furnace air filter is a pretty straightforward job. The filter is normally located in the bottom cabinet on your furnace and all you need to do is slide the furnace air filter out, wipe it clean and then put in back in, making sure that the airflow arrow points towards the furnace.

The importance of having a clean furnace filter is mainly twofold. The first is to prevent any loss of airflow in your central air system which can reduce your furnace efficiency. The second is that failure to clean your furnace air filter regularly can cause the entire unit to fail. If the filter isn't regularly cleaned the chances are that the cooling coil will soon become clogged up, air flow is further impeded and ice soon begins to form. Additionally, regular furnace maintenance can reduce energy bills by 5% each winter.

News/Announcements:

2004 Annual Meeting

About 60 supporters joined at the Wilde Roast Café to attend the 2nd CLCLT annual meeting. Attendees learned more about the upcoming CLCLT Home buyer initiated program (HIP), anticipated to begin early this spring. Attendees were also educated on the preliminary findings of the housing research conducted by CLCLT research assistant Darren Nyquist. The statistics will be used to help the CLCLT more effectively work with neighborhoods in estimating the amount of subsidy needed for future homebuyers. In addition, members voted to elect board members for the 2005 year. CLCLT homeowners Harriette Wilson and Bernadette Ntuv were among the newly elected members. Congratulations Bernadette and Harriette!

Our new website is up and running! Check it out at www.clclt.org

Press Clippings:

Housing Plays a Role in Minnesota Business Expansion A December 24 story on Minnesota Public Radio chronicles the plight of a Blackduck, Minn. business owner whose expansion rests on the availability of affordable housing for his workforce. Ron Anderson feels confident his custom fabrics plant may have solved its labor shortage problem, but he says there's an even bigger problem looming. "All of it is going to depend on housing," said Anderson. "That is the critical thing. If we don't get the housing, we're going to be stymied, and the growth for this company that we're taking on is going to be done in some other state by themselves. We won't be doing it." To read the complete story, go to:

http://news.minnesota.publicradio.org/features/2004/12/24_robertson_andersonjobs/

Out of Reach 2004 Report Released The National Low Income Housing Coalition released *Out of Reach 2004* on December 20. According to the report, Minnesota's housing wage is \$15.07 – nearly three times that of minimum wage. As in past years, there is not a single county in the country where a minimum wage earner can afford the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment. The report includes data for every state, county and metropolitan statistical area (MSA). The statistics in this year's *Out of Reach* report cannot be compared to data from past reports because new data was used to calculate the information and HUD's fair market rents remain controversial. For a complete copy of the report, go to <http://www.nlihc.org/oor2004/>.

GET PUBLISHED!

The CLCLT needs your help in editing the Homeowners Bulletin!

Deadline for the Spring Bulletin is March 4, 2005.

Opportunities for you to submit include, but are not limited to:

- Events
- Announcements
- Fiction/Nonfiction
- Workshop/ Training Opportunities
- Description of your experiences as a new homeowner.
- Ways to save money: where to shop/ eat cheap
- Poetry
- Short Stories
- Interviews

Also, if you'd like to contribute to the construction of the by way of compiling stories & articles, helping out with graphic design, or soliciting input and submissions from homeowners please let me know. Submit entries by mail to 2017 E 38th St. Minneapolis MN 55407 or via email to michelle@clclt.org



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