



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 Community Events:

Please RSVP to the CLCLT workshops

Minneapolis Home Depot Free How to Clinics

- **Sundays at 2pm** You can have fun with color and faux
- **Tuesdays at 7pm** Power tools 101: You can try it before you buy it.
- **Thursdays at 7pm** You can measure and install window treatments.
- **Fridays at 7pm** You can install laminate flooring
- **Saturdays at 10am** You can get organized
- **Saturdays at 2pm** You can measure, cut and install molding and trim.

For more information contact NE Mpls Home Depot at 612-782-9594

Financial Planning 101

Saturday April 23, 2005

10am -11am

Northstar Resource Group will be giving a financial planning presentation to CLT home owners. Topics include: debt management, risk management, retirement planning, tax planning, investment 101 and more. The workshop 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

Linden Hills Home Store Grand Opening

April 22-23

All Day Event

2822 West 43rd St, Linden Hills

Linden Hills Home Store carries earth-friendly, sustainable and local products for the home and garden. The grand opening celebration will take place over Earth Day weekend, and includes music, prizes and story telling. For more information visit: www.lindenhills.coop

Mississippi River Earth Day Clean-Up

April 23 from 9am- 11am

West River Parkway & 36th St, Minneapolis

Spend the morning volunteering for Friends of the Mississippi River at their Earth Day Clean-Up. It's a great way to get some fresh air and make the Mississippi more beautiful. For more information visit: www.fmr.org

2005 Home Ownership Fair

Saturday April 30, 2005

10 am-4pm

Metropolitan State University, 700 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN

This event is for people who want to learn how to buy their first home. Attendees will be able to talk with real estate professionals, lenders and nonprofit agencies. There will be over 35 exhibits, orientation programs and seminars; free credit checks; refreshments; prize drawings; free admission and free parking. Programming will be offered in English, Spanish, Hmong, and Somali. Bring the family! For more information, visit www.homeownershipfair.org

The CLCLT including 5 other Minnesota CLTs 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.

Living Green Expo

Saturday & Sunday, April 30 & May 1, 2005.

10 am - 5 pm

Minnesota State Fair Grounds, Grandstand Building

The 4th Annual Living Green Expo is Minnesota's largest event focused on sustainable living, features family friendly workshops, exhibits and activities. This is a great opportunity to have fun while learning how to live a more balanced and less expensive lifestyle. Event topics include: transportation, energy, home remodeling, food, gardening, recreation, arts, household products, education and cultural experiences. **For more information visit**

www.livinggreen.org

31st Annual May Day Parade and Festival

Sunday May 1 Starting at 1 pm

Powderhorn Park, Minneapolis

Take part in this and see the beautiful puppets and floats brought to you by In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre. See web site for parade route and other event details. For tickets call (612) 721-2535 or visit:

www.heartofthebeasttheatre.org/mayday/index.html

Commuter Challenge

May 16-20; All Day

Various Locations

The Commuter Challenge is a great way to reduce pollution, traffic congestion and stress. Visit Metro Commuter Services' web site and pledge to try transportation alternatives like biking, car-pooling, walking and taking public transportation. You'll feel great and be entered to win prizes! For more information visit:

www.metrocommuterservices.org/

Post Purchase Training: Home Owners Protecting Equity (HOPE)

Saturday May 21, 2005 9:00am-12:30pm

1501 Dupont Avenue North Minneapolis, MN 55411

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

The next Home Owners Protecting Equity (HOPE) course will be **Tuesday June 21, 2005 6:00pm-9:00pm**

Quick Tips

- **Want to drive less?** Join HOURCAR and give car sharing a try or seek out a carpool match to find someone in your area to combine trips. Go to www.hourcar.org to find out more about car sharing or www.metrocommuterservices.org to find your carpool match.
- **Want to buy local and keep your hard-earned dollars flowing through the community?** You can keep your dollars local by purchasing products and services from businesses owned by your neighbors. Pick-up a current edition of Blue Sky Guide, or go to www.keepitlocal.com for additional business listings.
- **Want to get involved with your community?** Volunteer for the National Park Service, Courage Center, your local watershed group, or neighborhood organization. Visit www.volunteertwincities.org for more ideas on supporting your community through volunteering.
- **Want renewable energy?** For a few dollars a month, you can support for renewable energy sources such as wind, hydro, refuse-derived and biomass fuel power. Watch your Xcel Energy bill for an enrollment form. Depending on where you live, you may also be able to order power from Great River Energy, which supplies renewable power to 28 electric cooperatives in Minnesota. For more info, visit www.greatriverenergy.com.

News/Announcements:

The CLCLT Homebuyer Initiated Program has launched! HIP is a *new* home ownership program for low-to-moderate income households. This program provides grants to help families purchase homes that are for sale on the real estate market in their community while also providing rehab grants. Project Director, Sarah Hannigan, joined the CLCLT in January and anticipates helping 11 families purchase homes in 2005 through HIP.

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The CLCLT needs your help in editing the Homeowners Bulletin! If you'd like to contribute stories & articles, submit entries by mail to 2017 E 38th St. Minneapolis MN 55407 or via email to michelle@clclt.org



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