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Come Visit Us at North Housing Fair this Saturday!

The Minneapolis Promise Zone will be attending the North Housing Fair to share housing information and resources for the residents of North Minneapolis. The Northside Housing Fair is your one-stop-shop for all your housing needs, whether you're a renter, a homeowner, or

anything in between. There will be housing resources from contractors to financing opportunities, housing organizations to renter resources, neighborhood organizations, community groups and more.

Lunch will be provided, and it is also a free event.

Where: Lucy Craft Laney Elementary School, 3333 Penn Ave. N., Minneapolis

When: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

[More Information](#)



Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights: General Contractor Training

Save the date for our upcoming General Contractor Training. We will be covering City of Minneapolis SUBP Compliance, Prevailing Wages, and have a panel of speakers in the industry to go over workforce

goals/strategies. Coffee and a light breakfast/refreshments will be served.

- **Where:** University of MN Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC).
2001 Plymouth Ave. North
- **When:** Friday, April 6, 2018 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- **Cost:** \$10.00

To RSVP and pre-pay for the training please contact our accounts payable by calling 612-673-2555. Please reference the event you are paying for as "CCD Contractor Training." We ask that you pre-pay and register for the event by **Wednesday, April 6, 2018**. Please reach out to us via e-mail if you would like to pay by check at: contractcompliance@minneapolismn.gov

Home Energy Squad: Free Visits Available to Income-Qualifying Households

Your home is likely brimming with opportunities to help you save money on your energy bills. And if you don't want to spend time installing new energy-efficient equipment yourself, we've got a solution. Whether it's swapping out old light bulbs for new energy-efficient LEDs, upgrading your showerhead, installing a programmable thermostat, or weather stripping your doors and checking for air leaks, our Home Energy Squad can do it all, and more. Free visits are available to income-qualifying households.

[More Information](#)

Earn a Google IT Support Professional Certificate

Tech training and good job opportunities should be accessible to everyone. That's why Google is providing full financial assistance for qualified US residents.

Our deadline was February 20th, 2018, but we have extended that deadline to serve more learners! Seats are limited so apply today. Upon receipt of award, learners have 14 days to enroll and will have access to the program through May 8th, 2019. Seats are limited.

To qualify for financial assistance, applicants must reside in the United States of America and its territories (Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa), be 18 years of age or older, and must complete the full application demonstrating financial need.

[More Information](#)



EMS Pathways Academy Student Internship Program

The EMS Pathways Academy Student Internship Program is helping the Minneapolis Fire Department and Hennepin EMS workforce to better reflect the community they serve. The first class of graduates included 91% people of color and was over 50% female.

Obtaining your Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification opens the door to many career paths. This is a rapidly expanding field and as more jobs for EMTs are created, it is necessary to fill these positions with qualified candidates that reflect the multilingual and culturally diverse communities we serve.

Graduates of this program have been successfully hired as Minneapolis Firefighters, dispatchers with Hennepin EMS and some are continuing their training to become Paramedics.

What: 13 week EMT training and certification course

Who: Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, be authorized to work in the United States, and will be required to pass a physical exam

When: Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday from 8 a.m. -4:30 p.m. next class will begin in June of 2018

Cost: There is no cost to apply. Participants are paid \$15 hourly

[More Information](#)

Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grants

The Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grant Program helps communities pay for assessing and cleaning up contaminated sites for private or public redevelopment.

Grants pay up to 75 percent of the costs to investigate and clean up polluted sites. Both publicly and privately owned sites with known or suspected soil or groundwater contamination qualify.

Cities, port authorities, housing and redevelopment authorities, economic development authorities, or counties are eligible.

- [Applications](#) are due by **4:00 p.m. May 1 and November 1 each year.**

[More Information](#)

Neighborhoods Now! Registration

Neighborhoods Now! is an innovative community educational series to strengthen the work of individuals and organizations working in neighborhoods to:

1. Organize to win issues for people and places.
2. Build power to change systems for racial equity and economic justice.
3. Build organizations whose leadership is reflection of the community.
4. Build diverse and effective cross cultural collaborations.

Neighborhoods Now! offers four different classes that are each a day long. Course participants are expected to attend all four of the day-long classes, with follow-up think-tank sessions with your fellow class organizers, a planned field action, guest speakers, and a graduation. During the entirety of the course and your new connection to CURA's Neighborhood Organizing and Leadership Program, participants will have access to 1-2-1 assistance from CURA staff.

- The course is April 23-27 from 10am - 4pm each day. The course will also have select guest speakers in the field, a field action, and graduation. Location is to be announced. Register [here](#)

[More Information](#)

News

- [Ellison excited to pursue his vision for Ward 5 and the city \(3/21 - Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder\)](#)
 - ['It's a big deal': C Line to bring bus rapid transit to popular north Minneapolis route \(3/19 - MinnPost\)](#)
 - [Three Twin Cities black tech leaders land spots in accelerators \(3/19 - StarTribune\)](#)
 - [America's Promise Alliance Honors Prominent Business, Nonprofit and Community Leaders at 4th Annual Promise Night Gala in D.C. \(3/16 - PR Newswire\)](#)
 - [Toki Wright aims to educate and engage on The Current's new hip hop show \(3/15 - Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder\)](#)
 - [She wants to link in people of color, Twin Cities prosperity \(3/15 - MPRnews\)](#)
 - [Minnesota students join National School Walkout \(3/14 - StarTribune\)](#)
 - [Minn. Students Join National Gun Violence Walkout \(3/14 - CBS Minnesota\)](#)
 - [Solar array intended to power jobs on Minneapolis' north side \(3/9 - MPRnews\)](#)
 - [New Thor Companies home will be called 'Regional Acceleration Center' \(3/8 - StarTribune\)](#)
 - [V3 Visionaries See A State-Of-The-Art Training Facility In North Minneapolis \(Insight News\)](#)
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Events

[2018 North Housing Fair](#)

Sat, March 24, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lucy Craft Laney School, 3333 Penn Ave. N., Minneapolis

[March 28 Public Safety Community Forum](#)

Wed, March 28, 5-7 p.m.

Minneapolis Public Schools Davis Center, 1250 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis

[Northside Economic Opportunity Network Open House](#)

Thurs, March 29, 5-7 p.m.

NEON, 1007 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis

[Small Business and Disadvantages Business Opportunity Council Procurement Fair](#)

Thur, April 26, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
6155 Earle Brown Dr., Brooklyn Center

[Introduction to Government Contracting \(classes fill up quickly\)](#)

Wed, May 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Minnesota State Administration Building, Room 116C 50 Sherburne Ave., Saint Paul

Promise Zone Preference Points

If a discretionary funding opportunity indicates Promise Zone (PZ) preference points are available, please visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/promisezone/WCMSP-190631> for additional information on forms and contacts to request preference point certification from the City of Minneapolis Promise Zone. Please submit your preference point request at least two weeks prior to the application deadline for Promise Zone certification approval consideration.

If a funding opportunity does not indicate PZ preference points, you are still encouraged to contact the Promise Zone Manager, [Julianne Leerssen](#) (612-225-7721), about potential partnership opportunities to strengthen your application.

About the Minneapolis Promise Zone

Promise Zones are federally designated, high poverty communities where the federal government partners with local leaders to increase economic activity, improve educational opportunities, and leverage private investment. The Minneapolis Promise Zone (MPZ) plan is a comprehensive, community-driven revitalization strategy that builds on and aligns numerous initiatives to address the persistent unemployment, crime, housing blight, and poor educational outcomes that affect that area.

Contact information: [Juli Leerssen](#), (612) 225-7721

For more information, please visit www.minneapolismn.gov/promisezone

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"Welcome to North Minneapolis" mural by youth artists from [Juxtaposition Arts](#) and [TATS CRU](#)

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