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Riverside Home Construction Update: September 2019

The Riverside Homes Preservation construction work is moving toward completion. Construction crews will finish work in Cedar-East and start work at Riverside Park during October. Work will continue in Riverside Park until February 2020. The work is intended to improve and preserve the affordable housing asset for the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood.

Crews have been busy installing new siding, windows, doors, and replacing old furnaces, and making a variety of safety improvements such as new electric panels, carbon-monoxide and smoke detectors, shock-preventing kitchen and bathroom outlets, and removal of any identified lead paint hazards. Tenants of Block 40 (the block behind the African Development Center) spent the month of August without their parking lot as a new parking lot surface and rain garden were completed. Other significant site work will occur soon as we redo the parking lot serving the ADA units at Riverbluff Townhomes, and improve a parking area in Riverside Park. We will also be installing a rain garden behind 621 19th Avenue soon.

If you live in a Riverside Park building, you've already had construction folks come through to measure for windows, and if they haven't done so already, Mutual Management will be contacting you to let you know when work is scheduled to begin on your unit and to identify your family's specific needs during construction.

Five of the six new accessible ADA compliant units are already completed, with one more being added in Riverside Park.



NEW, EASY WAY TO REQUEST MAINTENANCE!

Our new Mutual Management website is up and running! Find us at www.mutualmgmtcompany.com. One of the new features is the

option of **reporting maintenance orders online**. The link is right on the front page...just click on Request Maintenance **HERE** for the convenience of reporting anytime, 24/7!



Scholarship Awards

West Bank CDC awarded scholarships in the amount of \$500 to two neighborhood young people this summer.



Deja Smith (pictured on the left) will be attending Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD in the Fall where she plans to study Sociology and Urban Planning.

Naomi Jefferson (pictured on the right) will attend MCTC to obtain her Associates degree before deciding on a course of study. Congratulations to Deja and Naomi! The entire community joins in a celebration of your accomplishments and sends our best wishes for your future!

WBCDC provides up to five scholarships each year to residents of our housing who are admitted to a college or technical school. The program supports graduating high schoolers as well as adults pursuing higher education. More info at <http://wbcdc.org/scholarship-program-2019/>.

Here are excerpts from an excellent article from the MN Daily about a grant recently awarded to the WBCDC to foster community:

Cedar-Riverside program furthers work to reduce social isolation



The West Bank Community Development Corporation recently received a grant for its social programming for local women. Cedar-Riverside community leaders are using grant money to foster community for women living in affordable housing. The grant, awarded through the Blue

Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation, provides more than \$66,000 toward the WBCDC's programming over the next two years. The program aims to decrease isolation among East African women in Cedar-Riverside. WBCDC, which owns around 500 units of affordable housing in the neighborhood, provides weekly programming to support the women in those units, such as gardening and field trips. Funding will go toward sewing instruction, cultural and art activities, neighborhood events, child care and more. Blue Cross Blue Shield Program Officer Bilal Alkatout said that WBCDC's programs made the organization a good candidate for the grant. More at www.mndaily.com.

CENTERPOINT COLD WEATHER RULE AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE

CenterPoint Energy is reminding customers about certain rights and their responsibilities as it relates to the Cold Weather Rule (CWR), which protects residential customers experiencing difficulty paying their natural gas bill from having their natural gas service disconnected between Oct. 15 and April 15, 2020. While the CWR does not prevent customers from being disconnected for nonpayment, it does provide customers extra protection as defined in the CWR, but residential customers must contact CenterPoint Energy to set up a payment plan.

Customers who anticipate having trouble paying their entire natural gas bill, have received a Notice of Proposed Disconnection or need gas service reconnected are all urged to call CenterPoint Energy to establish a payment plan. A payment plan will include what is owed as well as the amount to be billed and will take into consideration a customer's financial situation and any other special circumstances. The payment plan must also be agreeable to both the customer and CenterPoint Energy.

Good to Know!!

Under the CWR, special payment terms are available to customers who: 1) Apply for and receive Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding assistance in Minnesota, or 2) Meet income guidelines set by the state of Minnesota and provide proof of income. Call CenterPoint Energy to set up a payment plan at 1-612-372-4680 or 1-800-729-6164.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

If you need help paying your energy bill, you may qualify for energy assistance. Contact the State Energy Assistance Info Line at 800-657-3710 or the Salvation Army Heatshare Program at 612-767-2700.

Announcing Holidazzle!

Get ready to enjoy a little North Country right here in Downtown Minneapolis. The Minneapolis Downtown Council is excited to bring Holidazzle to Loring Park. As downtown Minneapolis' premier holiday celebration, Holidazzle has delighted residents, visitors and downtown employees for years. In 2019, this tradition is again bringing family-friendly programming to Loring Park and is FREE and open to the public. You and yours are invited to join in the festivities! For dates and times, see www.holidazzle.com.



Here are some photos from two recent community events sponsored by the West Bank CDC...stay tuned, more events to come, all are welcome!

Scavenger Hunt, July 18



Cultural Festival, September 7



**Mutual Management Company
will be closed:**

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28

Friday, November 29

Christmas

Tuesday, December 24

Wednesday, December 25

New Years Day

Wednesday, January 1

Happy Holidays!



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