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From Minneapolis Council Member Gary Schiff

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Affordable senior housing comes to Standish



New senior housing, with underground parking, is slated to open in 2008 on 38th Street in the Standish neighborhood.

[Shelter Corp](#) has announced a new senior assisted-living facility that will be built on 38th Street at 23rd Avenue in the Standish neighborhood. The project, which will complement the adjacent 225 bed [Providence Place](#) skilled nursing

facility, features 63 assisted living units, seven memory support units and seven care suites for seniors. At least 25 units will be held for seniors with incomes below 50% of the metro area's median income.

"This new building will bring an affordable option for seniors who want to stay in south Minneapolis without owning a home," said Council Member Schiff. "Assisted living communities let seniors live independently, yet receive needed services." The project will create 40 new full time jobs and include a beauty salon open to the public.

New housing is just the latest change to the neighborhood. [Social Dance Studio](#), which offers private and group dance classes, has signed a lease for the long vacant storefront on the northwest corner of 38th Street and 23rd Ave S.

Take a virtual tour of Greenway bike bridge

Construction of a new bicycle bridge connecting the [Midtown Greenway](#) over Hiawatha is on schedule to be completed in November. Planners faced challenges designing the bridge, which needed to be higher than the light-rail cables, but lower than the power lines. In addition, left turn lanes on Hiawatha Avenue made it necessary to forgo a support in the



A single-span suspension bicycle bridge is under construction to connect the Midtown Greenway over Hiawatha.

middle of the bridge. The result is a majestic single-poled suspension design that includes an observation area to view the Minneapolis sky-line. This bridge is a first of its kind in Minnesota. Click [here](#) to take a virtual tour.

Currently, pedestrians and bicyclists can cross Hiawatha Ave at the street level, a lengthy and dangerous process. The project has received Hennepin County and Federal funds and will be managed by the City of Minneapolis.

Spring to life at fun neighborhood events



The Midtown Farmers' Market kicks off its fifth season with sheep shearing demonstrations.

The [Midtown Farmers' Market](#) kicks off its fifth season on Saturday, May 5th with a sheep shearing demonstration at 10:00am. The market has fresh, locally produced meat, poultry, eggs, cheese, breads, plants, art, jewelry and ready-to-eat foods prepared by local chefs, as well as live music. The community-supported farmer's market is located at the corner of E. Lake Street and 22nd Avenue South, between the Lake Street Light Rail station and the Midtown YWCA. The market is open from 8:00am and 1:00pm every Saturday.

[Dia del Niño](#) (The Day of the Child) will be held at Lake Street and Bloomington Avenue from on Saturday, April 28th from 12:00–8:00 p.m. This family-oriented celebration, focused on fun and entertainment, will give people an opportunity talk to with Hennepin County service providers, Minneapolis Police officers and City Council Members. Also participating are horses in the Police Mounted Patrol, dogs in the K-9 units and McGruff

the Safety Dog. There will be food from local restaurants and vendors will have traditional art, toys and clothing for children. The main stage will feature clowns, magic, animals and music.

The [May Day Parade](#) explodes onto Bloomington Avenue on Sunday May 6th at 1:00 p.m. starting at 25th Street East, down Bloomington Avenue, and ending with the Tree of Life ceremony in Powderhorn Park. This year, look for Council Member Gary Schiff and other neighborhood activists in the Save NRP! contingent.

Summer youth jobs available

The City of Minneapolis is providing summer jobs opportunities to 2,000 youth this summer. Younger Youth STEP UP is accepting applications for youth ages 14-15. Applications may be picked up at the South Workforce Center, 777 E Lake Street, or at any Minneapolis Public School. Workforce Centers are also collecting applications for youth ages 16-21 for private sector summer employment. For additional summer job programs, visit [Teen Teamworks](#), [Tree Trust](#) and [Emerge](#).

Youth ages 14-21 are offered year-round assistance to set education and work goals and should call Teresa Harrold at 673-5119. Youth who need help finding part time employment during the school year should call Shym Morgan at 821-4050. Morgan is a state employee who works out of the North and South Workforce Centers in Minneapolis and may be able to meet you at your school for employment assistance.

Free home painting available for seniors

Free home painting for seniors and people living with disabilities will be provided this summer by Metro Paint-a-Thon, a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. Last year, volunteers painted 123 homes. Block club leaders are encouraged to tell eligible neighbors about the program.

"The volunteers were all mannerly and worked very hard," said Dalhia Benson, a Phillips resident whose home was painted last summer. "I really appreciated the beautiful job they did."



Since 1984, volunteers have painted over 5,500 homes

[Applications](#) for this free service are due May 11, 2007. For more information, contact Deidre Pope at 612-721-8687 ext.321 or via [email](#).

