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Historical Walking Tours of Sites Around Town Slated for June

Eight tours celebrate Minneapolis heritage

June 1, 2010 (MINNEAPOLIS) —Expert guides will lead eight tours in June of historic sites located throughout Minneapolis. Three new tours are added this summer while other tours are back by popular demand. The tours are offered by the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, the City of Minneapolis, and Preserve Minneapolis. Guided tours run through September; 21 tours are scheduled, ranging from Minneapolis cultural gathering places and residential neighborhoods, to bustling commercial and industrial areas, to the theaters of Hennepin Avenue and remnants of the city's once extensive streetcar system.

June Schedule

- **Christ Church Lutheran**

  Designed by Eliel and Eero Saarinen, it is the only National Historic Landmark church in Minnesota and a renowned high point of mid-century modern architecture.

  Sunday, June 6, 11:00 a.m. – noon; meet at Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave. S.

- **Interlachen: Between Lakes Calhoun and Harriet (NEW)**

  Part I, William Berry Park: Dakota footpaths between Lakes Calhoun and Harriet were later followed by a county road, a steam railway, park boulevards, and bicycle paths. Tour William Berry Park, containing the remnants of natural landscape in Linden Hills.

  Saturday, June 12, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.; meet at William Berry Park, Queen Ave. and 40th St.

  Part II, Lake Harriet Traditions: Lake Harriet at Linden Hills has evolved from a country resort to an urban park shared by residents and visitors. Trace the ongoing park and neighborhood transformation from natural lakeshore and woodland.

  Saturday, June 19, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., meet at William Berry Park, Queen Ave. and 40th St.

- **From Queen Annes to Classical Revivals: Stories of Park Avenue and Its People**

  From the late 1800s to the early 1900s the distinction of a Park Avenue address was actively sought by some of the city's most successful business professionals. Take a stroll alongside ornate Queen Annes and stately Classical Revivals to discover the differences in architectural styles, admire original photographs, and hear stories of the first owners and prominent architects of these residences.

  Pre-registration required: (612) 870-1329

  Saturday, June 12, 10:00 a.m. – noon; meet at SW corner of Park Ave. and 31st St.

- **Minneapolis City Hall and Courthouse**

  Learn about local history and discover the intricate detailing that make this building an architectural treasure.

  Wednesday, June 16, noon – 1:00 p.m.; meet in the Rotunda, City Hall, 351 South 4th St.

- **Tangletown**

  Explore the winding streets and impressive houses of the neighborhood originally known as Washburn Park.

  Saturday, June 19, 10:00 a.m. – noon; meet at Washburn Library, 5244 Lyndale Ave. S.

- **Downtown Modern Tour (NEW)**

  Monuments to the urban renewal of the 1950s to 1970s, the Modern buildings and landscapes in downtown Minneapolis tell the story of the city's struggle to reinvent itself.

  Saturday, June 19, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.; meet at Minneapolis Central Library, Nicollet Mall side, 300 Nicollet Mall

- **Hennepin Avenue Theaters**

  This walking tour includes a section of the Hennepin Theater District and exclusive access to theater interiors. Experience a memorable moment on stage and go behind the scenes while exploring back stage.

  Saturday, June 26, 10:00 a.m. – noon; meet at State Theater, 805 Hennepin Ave.

Registration and fees

Pre-registration is not required except for the tour of "From Queen Annes to Classical Revivals: Stories of Park Avenue and its People." For all tours, space is limited. Arrive 15 minutes early to register on-site. Tours are free.

For more information

Information on these tours and others scheduled for the summer can be found at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc

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