



# News Release

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## Minneapolis Walking and Biking Tours set by Preserve Minneapolis

*31 tours of the city's neighborhoods and historic districts planned*

May 5, 2011 (MINNEAPOLIS) – Wherever you travel in Minneapolis, you will find astounding history amid spectacular architecture. Minneapolis offers urban neighborhoods, natural hideaways and cultural escapes for locals and visitors alike. Starting May 14, Preserve Minneapolis will offer a series of 31 innovative and exciting tours through these ethnic neighborhoods and historic districts.

On each tour, participants will get to know unique and sometimes little known places. In northeast Minneapolis, experience some of the most stunning vistas of the city while discovering the history of the Grain Belt landmark. In south Minneapolis experience Red Cedar Lane and the trees that form a luxuriant and aromatic canopy that makes the street seem like an outdoor room; from a bird's eye view, a bike tour through several south Minneapolis neighborhoods resembles the form of a waterfall.

Participants will find that it is a tour guide's 'stories behind the story' and great understanding of the area's history that allow countless people to truly experience Minneapolis. Best of all, one or more professionals ranging from renowned architects and preservationists to veteran neighborhood planners and city activists lead each tour.

Tour offerings and registration information can be found at [www.preserveminneapolis.org](http://www.preserveminneapolis.org). Cost is approximately \$5 per tour (see each tour for details). The fees will be reinvested to fund a perpetual tour program.

## **About Preserve Minneapolis**

In 2011, Preserve Minneapolis, a non-profit, volunteer organization assumed responsibilities from the City for the Minneapolis Walking Tours. Preserve Minneapolis accepted this role as the organization is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Minneapolis by recognizing, preserving, and revitalizing the architectural and related cultural resources of the city of Minneapolis.

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