



Community Planning and Economic Development Department

News Release

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Minneapolis City Goals: A Safe Place to Call Home ▫ Jobs & Economic Vitality ▫ Eco-Focused ▫ Livable Communities, Healthy Lives ▫ Many People, One Minneapolis ▫ A City That Works

Explore Minneapolis' Heritage by Foot

Nine walking tours scheduled for the month of July

July 7, 2010 (MINNEAPOLIS) —Expert guides will lead nine tours in July of historic sites located throughout Minneapolis. The tours are offered by the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, the City of Minneapolis, and Preserve Minneapolis. Guided tours run through September; tours range from Minneapolis cultural gathering places and residential neighborhoods, to bustling commercial and industrial areas, to remnants of the city's once extensive streetcar system.

July Schedule

- **Park Avenue: As They Lived and Walked**

Tour highlights Park Avenue and its surrounding neighborhood with a focus on Swedish American social life during the early 20th century. Sponsored by the American Swedish Institute. Cost is \$6 (includes admission to the museum). Pre-registration required; call (612) 871-4907.

Saturday, July 10, 10:00 a.m. – noon; meet at American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave.

- **Como-Harriet Streetcar Line**

Explore the abandoned and reconstructed streetcar line. Tour includes remnants of the original Twin Cities Rapid Transit streetcar line, the former Lyndale Hotel site, the Museum's car barn, and the Linden Hills business district. Sponsored by the Minnesota Streetcar Museum; cost is \$5 and includes rides on a vintage streetcar.

Sunday, July 11, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; meet at the intersection of West 34th St. and Irving Ave. S

- **Grain Belt Brewery**

Experience some of the most stunning vistas of the city while discovering the history of this Northeast landmark, which produced its first beer in 1893. Limited to 24 people. Pre-registration is required; call (612) 673-2615. Late arrivals may lose their registration.

Wednesday, July 14, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; meet at 1220 Marshall St. NE

- **Minneapolis Warehouse District**

Located just west of Hennepin Avenue in downtown, the Warehouse District is Minnesota's largest commercial historic district. Experience the district's many renowned commercial buildings, designed by some of the city's most distinguished architects.

Wednesday, July 14, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; meet at Butler Square lobby, 518 First Ave. N

- **Washburn-Fair Oaks Historic District**

From 1870-1920, the Washburn-Fair Oaks District was home to some of Minneapolis' most prominent families. Morrison, Washburn, Crosby, and Pillsbury mansions originally edged, and were eventually surrounded by, a growing city. Twelve of the seventeen sites still stand today. The tour's first site, the Christian Mansion, is home to the Hennepin History Museum. The museum visit and tour are free; a tour brochure will be available for a \$3 donation.

Thursday, July 15, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; meet at the Hennepin History Museum, 2303 3rd Ave. S

- **Milwaukee Avenue Historic District**

Discover the picturesque Victorian homes that line Milwaukee Avenue, home to the most intact cluster of late 19th century railroad worker cottages in the city.

Saturday, July 17, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; meet at the intersection of Franklin and Milwaukee avenues

- **North Side Synagogues and Neighborhood**

This tour highlights some of the gathering places of North Minneapolis' Jewish community in the early – and mid-20th century. Visit a neighborhood with three synagogues, the Emmanuel Cohen Community Center, and the Jewish Shelter Home for children. Learn about the architectural history and the communities that have gathered here. Co-sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest.

Sunday, July 25, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; meet at Mikro Kodesh Synagogue, 1000 Oliver Ave. N

- **Minneapolis City Hall and Courthouse**

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

Wednesday, July 21, noon – 1:00 p.m.; meet in the Rotunda, City Hall, 351 South 4th St.

Registration and fees

Pre-registration is not required except where noted. Arrive 15 minutes early to register on-site for all other tours. Space is limited. Tours are free unless noted.

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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