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"Sharing the knowledge to help you care for your home."

2005 Customer Appreciation Event Scheduled!

This year's event to be held at Firefighters Museum in Northeast Minneapolis

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Beware of Traveling Con Artists

A recent crime alert was put out for the metropolitan area regarding a traveling band of con artists posing as roofers, contractors and handymen.

The posers have been reported to be taking down payments and never returning, as well as casing people's homes for future burglary.

Always beware of solicitors offering home improvement products at prices that sound too good to be true.

Trust the relationship you have with your local, reputable contractor.

This year's Customer Appreciation Event is being planned right now! Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, August 16, 2005 from 6—8 p.m.**, and plan to join us at the Firefighters Hall & Museum in Northeast Minneapolis (664 22nd Ave. NE).

Join us for a free appetizer buffet and refreshments, and free admission into the Firefighters Museum. We will also have give-aways and drawings for door prizes all evening. Also, each household in attendance will receive 500 bonus **Home Street Bucks** (Points) just for attending!

If you've never been to the

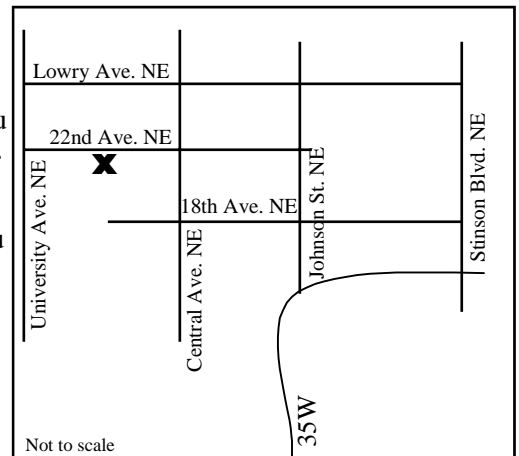
Firefighters Museum, it will be well worth the trip! The museum displays include firefighting equipment from the 1860s to the present—such as hand drawn, horse drawn and motorized apparatus. The collection also includes helmets, alarm systems, badges, photos and many other historic artifacts.

If you plan to attend, we request that you **RSVP no later than Monday, August 8.** You may RSVP by calling 612.490.7671 or email

shelley@homestreetimprovers.com.

Visit www.firehallmuseum.org to see a preview of the exhibits that will be on display.

See map below for location of museum. If you need additional directions, please call 612.490.7671.



How's Your Garage Door?

- Has your garage door seen better days?
- Are you still opening your garage door manually?
- Is your garage door rotted or dented or has the opener failed?

We can't help you with the clutter that may have accumulated in your garage, but maybe a new door will give you motivation to get the garage cleaned out so you can park your car this winter.

It's Never Too Early to be Prepared for the Next Heating Season

Although we're in the midst of the dog days of summer, it's not too early to begin thinking about preparing your home for the coming winter heating season.

You can save a significant amount on your monthly energy bills by upgrading to more energy efficient doors and windows.

You can cut drafts and thermal transfer by installing

Energy Star rated windows with double or triple glazing, low-E coatings and argon gas. Home Street also offers a variety of entry doors with energy efficient properties, as well.

Get on the installation schedule now, and you can even take advantage of the energy savings if this summer's cooling season is extended.

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This Month's Waiting Pet: "Rainey"

We, at Home Street, are life-long animal lovers. It is our hope that, through the vast network of our customers and their friends, families and co-workers, we may find homes for these waiting pets. Please post this article at your workplace and place of worship, and share the news of these pets with people you know who may be able to provide a loving home. Thank you.



This month's pet, "Rainey" is currently being fostered through Homeward Bound Rescue. Rainey is an adult, female Redbone Coonhound. She is very loving, likes walks and gets along well with other dogs.

Please contact Rainey's foster caregiver, Tasha at TBING@ccfcu.org to

inquire further about meeting Rainey to see if she is a match for you and your family.

Homeward Bound has been in existence for over 10 years and has rescued over 9,500

dogs, cats, and other animals. They are a private, nonprofit organization concerned with the welfare of dogs and other animals. They are dedicated to the sheltering and fostering of homeless and unwanted animals. Additionally, they are a no-kill rescue and placement program that does not euthanize the animals if they are not adopted. Homeward Bound is in desperate need of donations for food and vet care. To donate or view info about their weekly pet adoptions or to view other animals available, visit www.homewardboundrescue.com.

Please spay and neuter your pets. Please consider the time, commitment and money required to responsibly care for a pet before adopting.

Home Street Now Accepts Payment by Credit Card

In a cooperative program with our vendors, Home Street is now able to accept payment by major credit card for most of your home improvement projects.

You may also want to consider paying for your projects with the low- or zero-percent interest cash advance checks offered by your credit card company.

Home Street also offers other financing options for those who qualify.

Also, check with your local community organizations for other financing options that may be available.

We Want Your Referrals! Earn Gift Cards & Rewards

When you are shopping for a product or professional service chances are that you ask friends and relatives for their recommendations.

The home improvement industry is no different. In fact, considering that a home is probably one of a person's most valuable assets, it's even more important that a contractor comes referred from a previous happy customer.

When you refer your friends and neighbors to Home Street, you both win. The person you refer receives service

from a trusted, local contractor, and you receive a \$25 gift card to Target or Applebee's for your qualified referral.

Additionally, you both earn **Home Street Bucks** (Points), which you may redeem for great Rewards such as tickets to local attractions, products to further enhance your home, or trips to fun locations such as northern resorts, Las Vegas, or the Grand Reward of a Caribbean cruise! No purchase necessary to begin earning Rewards.

See website for details.

Summer Check Up

While the weather's cooperating, take the time to inspect the exterior of your home and garage for areas that may be in need of repair or replacement:

- Inspect roof for missing, curled or weathered shingles.
- Check windows and doors for gaps, cracked glass or any missing glazing putty.
- Check attic for signs of leakage, birds or rodents.

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