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Offices In Northeast Minneapolis & St. Louis Park

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

Home Street Receives Angie's List® Super Service Award!



Home Street Home Improvers Has Been Named 2005 Angie's List Super Service Award® Recipient

The award is given annually to companies that achieved and maintained a superior service rating on Angie's List (www.angieslist.com) throughout the year.

There are more than 145,000 companies put on Angie's List by consumers, and

fewer than 5 percent of these companies are eligible for the recognition.

Angie's List collects unbiased ratings and reviews from homeowners on local companies they've hired in more than 250 categories of service. Members of Angie's List also check the list for highly rated companies before they hire.

Company ratings are based strictly on feedback from members of Angie's List. Companies cannot pay to be on the list, nor can they put themselves on the list.

Angie's List currently has more than 250,000 members in 32 major metropolitan cities across the U.S.

We are ecstatic that Home Street has been chosen as an Angie's List Super Service Award recipient! The experience and quality workmanship of our crews has contributed greatly to our success. We are also committed to providing hands-on oversight of each project to ensure the level of integrity that our customers and referrals have come to expect. Receiving this award confirms the fact that we are doing the right thing.

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Buyer Beware!

Now that warmer weather is approaching, you'll see all kinds of people claiming to be home improvement contractors crawling out of the woodwork and coming from out of state.

When considering any home improvement project, be sure you are dealing with a local contractor who is licensed, reputable and insured.

Should problems arise during your project, you will have very limited legal recourse if the work is being performed by a contractor that is not properly licensed or insured.

A professional, reputable contractor will be affiliated with organizations such as NRCA (Nat'l Roofing Contractors Assn.), NARI (Nat'l Assn. of the Remodeling Industry), and they should be able to provide you with local references.

Refer a New Client and Receive Instant Rewards!

Receive a Ready Meat, Inc. Sampler Pack Just in Time for Grilling Season

Referrals from happy customers are an important part of Home Street's business, so we're giving you even more reason to send us your referrals.

How does a nice, juicy steak sound? Or how about some stuffed pork chops?

Beginning this month, not only will you continue to earn **Home Street Bucks®** for your referrals' projects, but we'll give you an Instant Reward once the project is complete.


If you refer a new client who completes a project with Home Street, you will receive a sampler pack of 16-20 pounds of the finest meats from Ready Meats, Inc., just in time for grilling season*. Instant Rewards will be an ongoing program.

As always, you will continue to receive a **\$25 gift card** for each qualified referral you send that meets with Home Street for an in-home consultation. (Your gift card will be a \$25 Super

America gift card, good for gas or merchandise.)

So, keep sending your referrals and earn great Rewards!

*Person(s) referred must sign contract and complete project of \$2,500 or more with Home Street before Instant Rewards are distributed. **Home Street Bucks®** are issued for projects of any value.



TIP Be sure to check with your local city or county agencies for low interest loans or "fix-up" money that may be available for your next home improvement project.

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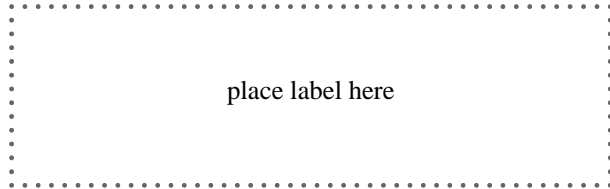
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This Month's Waiting Pet: "Tasha"

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, "Tasha" is currently being fostered through Contented Critters—a no-kill animal sanctuary located in Makinen, MN (near Duluth). She is an 8 year old, Husky mix that was rescued from a farm where she was being starved.

All dogs/puppies are spayed, neutered, dewormed, and given all shots. Please contact Faye at 218.638.2153 for more information about adopting Tasha.

If you are not able to adopt a pet, but want to help, monetary donations will be accepted. Your donations will help to defray the cost of food, medications and surgeries that may be needed. 100% of proceeds go directly to the care of the animals. Visit www.contentedcritters.org for more information and to view other pets available.

CC has several animals considered unadoptable. Contented Critters keeps them safe and sound until the time comes for them to leave us. Caring for these pets is between \$3 and \$5.00 a day. Call **218.638.2153** to learn more. Thank you!

Center for Energy & Environment

Over the past 18 years, the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) has provided a variety of financing, rehabilitation and insulation services to thousands of Minnesota homeowners in both the seven county metro area and statewide.

CEE Financial Resources has originated over 15,000 loans and/or grants totaling over \$70 million using a variety of financing programs including: interest write-downs, revolving loan pools, participations, zero interest deferred loans and grants. CEE Financial Resources' current loan programs provide funding for single family and multifamily rehabilitation, as well as single family and rental energy-related improvements.

Visit the Center for Energy & Environment's website at www.mncee.org to find out about low-interest loan programs, home energy inspections, and read about ways you can save money on your energy costs.

Visit Home Street at These Upcoming Events

South Mpls Housing & Home Imprvmt. Fair
Saturday, March 11, 10a—3p

South High School
3131 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis
100 Exhibitors including n'hood assns, realtors, contractors, gov't agencies, etc...
Various workshops.

Free event, 75 exhibitors, remodeling seminars. Sponsored by Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale and Maple Grove.

The Rising to New Heights Housing Fair, Columbia Heights, will not be held this year.

Northwest Suburban Remodeling Fair
Saturday, April 1, 2006, 9a—3p.

Crystal Community Center
4800 Douglas Drive, Crystal

Unfortunately, the Northeast Expo Home Improvement Fair, Northeast Mpls, will not be taking place this year. Watch for it to hopefully make a comeback in 2007 under new directorship.

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