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Success Story: A New Bay Window for Jeff & Kathy

Jeff & Kathy of St. Louis Park have a whole new outlook on their neighborhood... from their new bay window!

Living in a 1980 tetradecagon (14-sided house), Jeff & Kathy contacted us to replace their flat, inefficient and broken picture window.

Jeff & Kathy were referred to us by another Home Street customer who also happens to have been referred to Home Street.

We replaced Jeff & Kathy's old window with an Energy Star-rated, energy-efficient, Alside vinyl bay window. The window earned its energy-efficient rating from its Low-E coating and argon gas-filled panes.

The window also included an oak head and an insulated seat base. And, best of all, the project was completed in just one day!

In Jeff & Kathy's case, since one side of the bay window was within 24" of an entry door, the glass in that panel had to

be tempered for safety, as required by code.

Glass must also be tempered if the distance between

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"We were very pleased with the process. We were given many options, and the installation was non-intrusive, cost-efficient and you made sure we were 100% satisfied at completion."

—Jeff & Kathy

Home Street Receives Super Service Award®, Again!

For the second year in a row, Home Street has been selected as a recipient of Angie's List Super Service Award.

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.

This year, Home Street received the award for its superior rating in roofing, windows and gutters.

Angie's List is an online service where consumers share ratings and reviews on the local companies that they hire. Companies cannot pay to be on the list, nor can they put themselves on the list.

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VISIT HOME STREET AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **South Minneapolis Housing Fair**
Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
South High School, 3131 19th Ave. S.
For info visit www.housingfair.org
Stop by Home Street's booth, # 506
- **15th Annual Northwest Suburban Remodeling Fair**
Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive
Find workshops, financing and building code info
Stop by Home Street's booth, # 206



Previous Super Service
Award recipient 2005



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A New Bay Window, continued from cover

the floor and the sill is less than 17”.

We're pleased that Jeff & Kathy were referred to us, and we believe everybody wins with referrals.

The home owner comes to us with a sense of the quality of our work and service, the person who referred them gets great perks from our Referral Rewards program, and we get to keep our costs down. More re-

errals means less cost for advertising.

When you visit our website, FixUpNow.com, you can find out how to receive great Referral Rewards, yourself,

Also, keep in mind that your purchase of energy-efficient products for your home may qualify for energy tax credits at the end of the year.

Home owners may receive tax credits up to \$200 on certain energy-efficient replacement windows and up to \$500 total when including other energy-efficient purchases made between December 31, 2005 and January 1, 2008.

Visit www.irs.gov for more information on tax credits for energy-efficient products.

Home Street Named Community Advocate Business

The Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce, at its Annual Member Celebration held on February 15, 2007, awarded Home Street Home Improvers with its 2006 Community Advocate Business Award.

The award is given annually to a business that has shown they are a good citizen in the community, and which represents small business through community outreach.

Home Street was recognized for providing education and resources to its customers through our company newsletter, The Intelligent Home Owner, and for our volunteer work in the community.

Over the last few years, Home Street has donated time, money and/or skills to Hearts & Hammers Twin Cities, the Northeast Citizen Patrol and the Northeast Parade. We've also

participated in local neighborhood organizations and organized neighborhood clean-ups and block clubs.

We're proud to have been given this recognition, and we're committed to continuing our involvement in the community in which we live and work.

Operating in an industry that often suffers from black eyes, we hope to be a role model for integrity and leadership.

Super Service Award®, continued from cover

Over 283,000 companies have been put on Angie's List by consumers, and only 5 percent of the companies are eligible for the recognition.

We're thrilled to have received the award for the

second year in a row, and that the recognition comes directly from our customers' comments about our service.

You can visit our website, FixUpNow.com, to read some of the comments

from satisfied customers. Click on the Customer Satisfaction tab.

To find out how you can become one of over 500,000 members of Angie's List, visit www.AngiesList.com.

The Intelligent Home Owner Gets a “Remodel”

Over the past two-and-a-half years, through our company newsletter The Intelligent Home Owner, we’ve been bringing you news and resources to help you care for home.

We hope you’ve benefited from the information we’ve provided and will continue to provide.

But we thought it was time for a fresh look, so we’ve

given the newsletter a remodel! We’ve added a splash of color and more space to give you even more helpful information.

The newsletter will retain most of the same features, including one very important to us, This Month’s Waiting Pet. In fact, one of the main reasons we began publishing the newsletter was to feature pets that needed homes.

We’ll add a personal touch to the newsletter with more home owner photos and project details.

Our website is getting a makeover, too. Keep watching FixUpNow.com for new features and photos coming soon.

Do you have a topic for the newsletter? Contact us, shelley@homestreetimprovers.com.



TIHO Gets a Remodel

Primp My Garage! Mpls. Garage Door Giveaway

Minneapolis residents, here’s your chance to fix up that dilapidated garage just in time for the city’s inspection sweeps.

Home Street is giving away an overhead garage door in its “Primp My Garage!” sweepstakes.

Since there’s been so much

negative publicity surrounding the sweeps, we wanted to do something positive for someone in the city who might be faced with a citation once the sweeps resume this spring.

The giveaway is open to legal residents of the city of Minneapolis who own and

occupy their home. If you don’t live in the city, don’t worry, we’ll have future sweepstakes open to a greater audience.

You can enter by filling out the entry form below, and mailing it to the address listed. See Official Rules at FixUpNow.com.

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Primp My Garage!

**Has your garage door seen better days?
Enter to win a new overhead garage door from Home Street Home Improvers!**

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

Place this official entry form in the official Primp My Garage! entry form deposit box located at the Home Street Home Improvers vendor booth at home fairs at which Home Street is a vendor, or mail your official entry form to Home Street Home Improvers, PO Box 16145, St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Prize winner must be the entrant listed on the official entry form, AND must own and occupy the residence listed on the entry form. Residence must be located within the city limits of Minneapolis, MN, USA. One entry per person. See Official Rules online at FixUpNow.com for further details, restrictions and terms. Sweepstakes ends June 30, 2007.



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This Month's Waiting Pet: Luke



This month's waiting pet is Luke!

Luke is a medium-size, one-year old, male, Yellow Lab and Spitz mix, and is currently up for adoption through Pet Haven, Inc.

Luke is lovable and house-trained. He loves attention, playing tug-of-war, fetching a ball and going for walks.

Luke is very quiet and only plays with his toys. He will enjoy quiet time with you or keeping you company while you work outside.

Luke has not had too much obedience training, but seems willing to learn. He has mastered the sit command, and is currently working on down and stay, and is learning to walk properly on a leash.

Luke plays well with other dogs, but would probably do best in a home without other dogs.

The adoption fee for Luke includes spay/neuter, heartworm check, current vaccinations and microchip and registration.

For more information about Luke, visit petfinder.com. Luke's ID number is HyDnCnK12+FpRo.

To request an online application, email pethavendogs@yahoo.com or call 952.831.3825.

The Pet Haven's adoption policies require that pets be placed in homes within 60 miles of the Twin Cities.

You may also visit PetHavenmn.org to see other waiting pets.