



BRIDGES

A newsletter for Southeast businesses who care about their neighbors

Prospect Foundry: Recycling is serious business

Prospect Foundry has been operating in the Como neighborhood since the 1930's and represents an industry that was once the backbone of the iron and steel manufacturing in this country. While not being a particularly glamorous industry, foundries have modernized over the years becoming one of the largest recyclers in the country by melting down scrap metal and creating new products from the old. Today's foundry recognizes the value of recycling and re-use of waste streams. Prospect Foundry is one such foundry.

Through new ways of thinking about old waste streams they have come up with methods to minimize their waste while helping to provide raw materials for other local businesses. One example is the sand that is inherent to the casting process can be recycled by local cement manufacturers and re-used instead of taking up space (often in a landfill). Another example is the iron dust from preheating operations, which was a former nuisance both to the foundry and area residents, and which is now being collected and recycled for beneficial reuse by a company cleaning up

lakes based in Fridley (see www.clearwatertechnologies.net). The "waste" iron dust acts as a food for bacteria that work to remove compounds like phosphorus and sulfur that promote algae growth in lakes. These measures not only benefit the company by reducing waste, but they also benefit local air and water quality.

The Foundry is committed to being a responsible company and desires to be a good neighbor by adopting sound environmental practices, some of which help the company remain competitive. The Foundry has agreed to provide regular updates to the neighborhood. We look forward to working with the Foundry and passing on updates to the neighbors about new developments and innovations. To learn more about

the Foundry see their website at www.prospectfoundry.com. (The above was adapted from material supplied by the Facilities Manager of Prospect Foundry, Tom Zarnke)

**How about you?
Have an improvement to share? Let me know.**
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Did you know?

...The Como neighborhood has grants available to Como businesses for exterior improvements. See www.secomo.org.

...SECIA has been actively working to make the Como Neighborhood a better place to live for over 35 years and PPERRIA (Prospect Park) is the oldest Minneapolis neighborhood association

Meet 'n Greet with Hawkins

Representatives from Hawkins Chemical and I would like to invite you to breakfast/brunch early next year. We are organizing a meeting with local businesses so you can learn more about Southeast and hopefully each other. You'd be amazed at all the diverse products and services

available in Southeast Minneapolis. Also, many businesses face similar challenges regarding environmental and safety compliance. If you would be interested in coming to a meeting like this, send back this form below with your contact info and preferred meeting time.

RSVP to meet

Your name: _____ Title: _____

Company name: _____

Address: _____ email address: _____

phone: _____

Preferred meeting time (circle one): morning afternoon

To RSVP please mail/email info to:

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