



Pictured: Two campus navigators from Strength Group Minnesota

Navigating NorthPoint During Construction

If you've been on NorthPoint's campus recently, you might have noticed friendly helpers wearing bright colors and offering a helping hand. Our partnership with Strength Group Minnesota has brought a diverse group of caring residents within the community to help staff and visitor navigate their way around campus as construction continues. They are located at 1256 Penn Ave building on the Level 1 lobby of the parking ramp.

NorthPoint clinic services are open at 1313 Penn Ave N. Parking is currently available in the following locations:

- Free parking for handicap patients and patients with small children in the north end of the lot across Penn Ave (enter from 14th Ave).
- Free parking at 1256 Penn Ave N (ramp entrance is at Plymouth Ave and Oliver Ave N). Exit the ramp on the first floor and cross Penn and Plymouth to access the current clinic location at 1313 Penn Ave N.
- **Please allow extra time before your appointments to adjust to these changes!**

Please check back for updates on parking and the clinic entrance at our [Campus Expansion Updates page!](#)

NorthPoint Campus Expansion Partner Profile:

TRI-Construction

TRI-Construction is a minority-owned general construction company, based in the heart of North Minneapolis. CEO Calvin Littlejohn is one of the founding members and Marcus Phelps is an assistant project manager. We talked with Calvin and Marcus about their involvement with the NorthPoint campus expansion project.



NorthPoint: What interested you in partnering with NorthPoint on this project?

Calvin Littlejohn: I've always liked what NorthPoint represents. It's creating something good for the community. It is about the strength and health and longevity of our community. I'm a long-term North Minneapolis resident. I like the services NorthPoint offers North Minneapolis residents. I'm fascinated with NorthPoint's vision of wanting to offer great healthcare right here in our community. They want to be a part of this community. That's always spoken volumes to me on an individual basis and as a business owner. We share a similar vision.

As a North Minneapolis-based company, how do you feel your work on this project will benefit the community?

Calvin Littlejohn: We're located in the heart of North Minneapolis. We are a minority-owned general construction business and are deeply rooted in the community and are very passionate about the people who live and work here. Sixty-five percent of our craft workers are people of color and women. Eighty percent of our office staff are people of color who live in the heart of North Minneapolis. That's one of the unique things about TRI- Construction. As our company moves forward, we're going to see more women and people of color entering the construction trades as craft workers (in the field) and on the professional side (in the office). We want to provide them with more experiences and help them advance their careers.

It's also about supporting the economic growth of our community. If we can keep dollars and jobs in our community it makes us stronger. We're also trying to ensure our payroll dollars hit households of people of color and women. If we want to see the African-American community grow, we must bolster or increase the business sector of the African-American community.

Are there any personal/professional goals you have for this project?

Marcus Phelps: Healthcare is a unique division of construction. This project is a little different than most. There are a lot of challenges, but it's a great opportunity to learn. This opens a door for us to continue working on projects like this. I'm absorbing the experience and will use the knowledge I'm gaining on the next endeavor. You don't keep it for yourself, you enhance your coworkers.

Calvin Littlejohn: From my lens, I give props to NorthPoint. They care about diversity and inclusion. I also have to thank our partner, JE Dunn. This is in their DNA as well. It was an easy conversation when we talked about how we can help NorthPoint build capacity and infrastructure. Healthcare is huge, and this project advances the careers of our employees. Marcus is an example of that. As we build the infrastructure, it is these opportunities that give us the trajectory to move our company higher. I'm proud of how we equip our teammates to further their careers. And it helps the organization to grow by investing in our employees. If you cultivate people, how far can they go? We hope they will choose to stay here and flourish and grow.

Is there anything else you would like our community to know about TRI-Construction?

Marcus Phelps: We're stationed in the heart of North Minneapolis. We do a lot of community work, including community clean-ups. We're doing what we can

to make it better.

Calvin Littlejohn: We sponsor kids' leagues and the North Commons sports teams. If I want a good neighbor, I have to be a good neighbor. We see ourselves as a steward of our community. We create opportunities for North Minneapolis. We want it to be a good place to get good healthcare. We want the business community to flourish. We want to create good-paying jobs here. We want to make North Minneapolis a destination spot that offers great jobs, a livable wage, and access to amenities right within our community. That's all we're trying to do is be a good neighbor.

MN Foodshare March Food & Fund Drive

Support our **MN FoodShare/NorthPoint March Food & Fund Drive** between February 28-April 10. donations to our food shelf will be partially matched by Minnesota FoodShare as part of their annual March Campaign. Our goal is to collect 100,000 in pounds of food + \$50,000 and we need you to help make it a success! Now is a great time to plan a Food & Fund Drive with your neighbors, friends & co-workers. We make it easy to host your own food drive or fundraiser. Are you part of a group, school, faith community or business that would like to help? [Click here to learn more.](#)



Catch "Making Health Happen"!

If you've tuned into 89.9 KMOJ on Monday evenings you may have caught our new talk show, Making Health Happen. Each episode we interview guests about health and wellness topics important to North Minneapolis and now you can watch each episode on YouTube. In the inaugural episode [\[WATCH HERE\]](#), we interview our CEO Stella Whitney-West about the history, present and future of NorthPoint. Make sure to [subscribe here](#) to our YouTube channel to watch new episodes! Also catch our interviews on 89.9 KMOJ "THE PEOPLES STATION" Monday evenings at 6:00 PM.



Practice the 3 Ws!

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, please remember to practice the 3Ws: **Wear** a Mask, **Wash** Your Hands, and **Watch** Your Distance!

COVID-19 Vaccine

Visit [our COVID-19 information page](#) to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine and opportunities to receive incentives.

The Pharmacy App

You can refill your NorthPoint prescriptions online through an app on your phone. Remember NorthPoint Pharmacy will only fill prescriptions ordered by NorthPoint providers.

[Visit our "pharmacy refill" page](#) to learn more and download the app.

Online Bill Pay - Now Available for Medical and Dental!

You can pay your NorthPoint bill online. [Visit our "pay bills" page](#) to get access.

COVID Basics

- People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of [symptoms](#) – ranging from mild to severe. These may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.
- Some people are asymptomatic (have no symptoms) but can still spread the disease.

COVID Testing Options

- [Public testing options](#) – includes community locations and at home testing
- NorthPoint patients - COVID testing is by appointment only. Call 612-543-2500

Due to COVID restrictions, NorthPoint medical, dental and behavioral health services are **by appointment only**. Call 612-543-2500 to get scheduled.

Masks are still required in all NorthPoint facilities, no matter your vaccination status.

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