5th Ward News

HARRISON, JORDAN, NEAR NORTH, SUMNER-GLENWOOD, NORTH LOOP, WILLARD-HAY

From Council Member Don Samuels

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5TH WARD NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

Harrison Neighborhood Association (HNA)
503 Irving Avenue North
Suite 100
Minneapolis, MN 55405
612.374.4849

Heritage Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA)
612.664.8195

Jordan Area Community Council (JACC)
2009 James Ave North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
612.886.4539

North Loop Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 582178
Minneapolis, MN 55458-2178
612.339.3904

Northside Residents Redevelopment Council (NRRC)
1500 Golden Valley Road
Minneapolis, MN 55411
612.335.5924

Old Highland Organization
www.oldhighland.org
info@oldhighland.org

Willard-Homewood Organization-
www.willard-homewood.org
info@willard-homewood.org

Upper Willard-Homewood Organization (UWHO)
www.upperwho.org
upperwillardhomewood@yahoogroups.com

The Office of Council Member Don Samuels publishes an electronic newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening in the 5th Ward.

*If you would like to receive this newsletter please send an email to monique.cuff@ci.minneapolis.mn.us and put the words **NEWSLETTER** in the subject line.*

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebrations

As we enter a new year, it is once again time to remember the life and dreams of the great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Here are some MLK Day celebrations happening in the city for you to attend:

All events are Monday, January 16th

-MLK Day HBCU College Fair. High school students and families are invted to celebrate the MLK Holiday and explore college options at the 3rd Annual HBCU College Fair (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) at **St. Peter's AME Church** (401 E 41st St). Over 20 HBCU representatives will be on hand to provide information on HBCU schools, admission requirements, campus life and scholarship resources. This event is free and features food, entertainment, door prizes and a keynote speech by Bishop Gregory Ingram of the 10th Episcopal district of the AME church. The event goes from 3:00pm - 6:00pm. For more info, call Amise Roberson: 612-455-1566

-Patrick Henry High. Toki Wrights (PHHS Class of 1986) will host a benefit to support the family of Terrell Mayes, a three year old child who was murdered on December 26th. Come out for the Continuing the Fight forum, beginning at **2:30,** with special guest speakers Mahmoud El-Kati and James Evertt. Following the forum is **Circles of Discipline Boxing Matches**, beginning at **4:00pm** at Patrick Henry High, (Morgan and 44th Ave N, Door 9). The cost for this event is $10 for adults, $5 for children 12 and under or anyone with a current high school ID).

City Offers Low-Cost Radon Test Kits

January is Radon Action Month, and the City of Minneapolis is offering low-cost radon test kits to residents. Radon is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas that occurs naturally in Minnesota soils and can enter homes primarily through cracks and openings in basement or foundation floors and walls. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and more than 21,000 deaths are attributed to radon each year.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends that all homes in Minnesota be tested for radon. State health officials recommend that homes be tested two to five years for radon gas. Radon detection kits are available for purchase for $9 each at the City of Minneapolis Development Review, 250 S. Fourth St., Room 300. For more information on testing, mitigation and the new radon-resistant new construction measures, call the Minnesota Department of Health Indoor Air Unit at 651-201-4601

1st Annual Community Connections Conference!

The City of Minneapolis' Neighborhood and Community Relations department is hosting the first-ever Communities Connections Conference, "Building Better Communities Through Neighborhoods", on **Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012** at the **St. Mary's University Event Center** – 2540 Park Avenue South (formerly known as the Zuhrah Shrine Event Center).

This new conference is specifically designed for neighborhood organizations, cultural communities, nonprofit organizations, City departments and residents to share best practices of neighborhood engagement. In addition, the conference will introduce people to new and innovative ideas for working within communities and neighborhoods. A major theme of the conference is building diversity and increasing participation in neighborhood organizations and communities.

Visit the conference website: www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/CommunityConnectionsConference for Agenda, Workshop Descriptions and to Register!

FREE SAND FOR SIDEWALKS

.After shoveling and clearing your sidewalks, spreading sand or ice-melting material is helpful.

The City offers **FREE SAND** FOR RESIDENTS and their sidewalks. Locations are open 24-hours-a-day. Please bring your own pail and shovel.

Our 5th Ward location is **2710 Pacific St**, **outside the main Public Works gate between 27th and 28th Ave N.**

For more information, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/shovel/snow_freesidewalksand

The Community Room

Of Sadness and Hope

Inspiration in the wake of the May 2011 Minneapolis tornado is the subject of this moving exhibit of people and places photographed by students of Nellie Stone Johnson and Jefferson Community Schools. The exhibit was produced with help from local photographer, Wing Young Huie as part of the Minneapolis-based GeneroCITY after school program. The program, which aims to engage students in activities and discussions on the topics of social justice and diversity is a unique collaboration between Minneapolis Public Schools, and Twin Cities based nonprofits Edit the World and Bolder Options. For more information on GeneroCITY, visit www.edittheworld.org. For more information on Bolder Options, visit www.bolderoptions.org. All of the images included in the show are available for purchase with the proceeds being donated to local nonprofits involved in the post-tornado support.

Conference for Entrepreneurs

The University of Minnesota Office of Business and Community Economic Development is looking for students and young professionals of color who have the next BIG business idea (smartphone app, restaurant, retail store, clothing line, tech, etc). They will get them the resources they need to put their ideas to paper, get funding, and launch their startup!

The University of Minnesota's Office for Business & Community Economic Development is hosting an unConference on **Saturday, Jan 21st** from **10 am - 2 pm** at **UROC** (2001 Plymouth Ave). This event is intended for aspiring Black, Latino, and Asian entrepreneurs who need the resources and connections to make their business idea a reality. You don't need to currently have a business up and running.

Registration is free! Call Makeda Zulu-Gillespie at 612-626-9829 for more information.

St. Paul Chamber Orchestra At The Capri!

The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra is coming back to the Capri Theater, presenting a FREE chamber music concert in North Minneapolis **7 p.m. Saturday, February 4th.**

While tickets are free, they must be reserved in advance online by visiting **http://spcocaprifeb4.eventbrite.com/** Reservations will be redeemed into assigned seating at the Capri Theater's ticket desk in the lobby starting 4:30 p.m. the night of the concert.

After three very successful free concerts last season, the two organizations decided to bring another free concert to the North Minneapolis neighborhood. This free concert is another of the SPCO's efforts to be as accessible as possible to the Twin Cities community. If you have special needs such as wheelchair seating or questions about the event, you can contact Karl at kreichert@pcyc-mpls.org

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DESSERT WITH DON

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

Last Monday of Each Month

This Month's Topic is:

5th Ward Awards
Monday, February 27th
7:00 to 8:30 PM
RS Eden Building
1931 West Broadway Ave Suite 101

(Next Month: TBD)

Please join me for **Dessert With Don.** Next month, we will be having our 2nd Annual "Best of the 5th Ward" awards. The categories are: (1) **Best Corner/Grocery Store,** (2) **Best Restaurant,** (3) **Best Beauty/Barbershop,** (4) **Youth Leader of the Year,** (5) **Civil Servant of the Year,** (6) **Civic Engagement Leader of the Year and** (7) **Neighborhood Project of the Year**

Send nominations to **Monique.cuff@minneapolismn.gov**

Your quality of life is my number one concern and I will make it a priority for the city. I hope to see you there!

For more information call 612.673.2205. Hope to see you there!