5th Ward News

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

From Council Member Don Samuels

MARCH 2012

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.*

Free Trees!

The May 22, 2011 tornado devastated north Minneapolis. Homes and businesses were severely damaged, two lives were lost, and thousands of trees on private and public property were destroyed.

While the community in north Minneapolis is still working to put back together their homes and lives, one small thing should not be forgotten: replanting the trees that were lost in the storm.

This spring, Tree Trust is happy to offer **FREE** trees to those living in the tornado-affected area through a grant provided by State Farm. Start growing a new tree in your yard while increasing your property value, reducing your energy needs and shrinking your carbon footprint.

To order a tree, go to www.treetrust.org/order. Indicate which tree you would like. Orders must be placed before **April 13th**. Pick up dates are **May 12th—May 14th** at the **Minneapolis Impound Lot** (51 Colfax Ave N).

Things to consider:

- Only residents in the tornado-affected area are eligible to participate in this program.
- You may order one tree per property, max of five properties.
- Do not plant on the boulevard (between sidewalk and street)
- Call Goper State One Call (651) 454-0002, at least three days before digging. They will mark buried utility lines for your safety for free!
- Save money on energy by planting large shade trees on the west or east side of your home.
- Tree Trust will host free Tree Workshops on proper tree planting and care on:

- **April 28th** (10:00-11:00 am), **Powderhorn Park** (3400 15th Ave S)

- **May 1** (7:00-8:00 pm) **UROC** (2001 Plymouth Ave N)

Compostable Bags Now Required

Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling customers getting ready to take care of their yards this year need to know which bags to use for yard waste. Starting on garbage day in the week of **April 9** - bagged yard waste put out for collection must be in compostable bags - either paper bags or compostable plastic bags - or reusable containers.

A 4 week grace period will allow a transition for folks who have plastic leaf bags filled from last season. An educational tag will be left by collection crews during this transition period. After the week of April 30, yard waste in non-compostable plastic bags will be left and tagged for resident re-packaging.

Using paper and compostable plastic bags rather than conventional lawn and garden plastic bags will reduce the amount of plastic being sent to local composting facilities. Screening out less plastic from the finished compost means lower processing cost and better quality of the finished compost. The compostable bag requirement is a state law.

For questions about this, call 612-673-2917 or visit www.minneapolismn.gov/solidwaste/recycling/index.htm

NorthPoint Food Drive

Please help support NorthPoint's community food shelf during the state's largest food drive—The March Campaign, sponsored by Minnesota FoodShare. The campaign is designed to bring everyone in Minnesota together to fight hunger through community action and represents a significant portion of our total annual contribution. Last year, NorthPoint's Community Food Shelf provided almost a half million pounds of food to more than 10,000 families.

This food shelf, like most across the state, continues to experience significant increases in demand so our challenge is to continue to meet that need.
For 2012, NorthPoint has set an ambitious goal of raising 60,000 in pounds and dollars during the month long March Campaign food drive!

Donations can be sent to **NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, Inc.**, **1315 Penn Ave N**, Minneapolis 55411. For more information, or to arrange pickup of food donations, please call 612-767-9175. Thank you!

Teen Job Fair

Saturday, March 24th from **12:00 - 3:00 pm**, the Minneapolis Central Library (300 Nicollet Mall, 2nd Floor) is hosting a Teen Job Fair! This is the 6th year of the Teen Job Fair, a place where teens can connect with businesses and organizations for information about jobs, employment training, internships and volunteer opportunities. Teens can also attend a "Get A Job Now" workshop for tips on how to find and land a job, and a "Who We Hire" panel where managers describe what they look for in employees.

The majority of employers hire workers age 16 and up, but teens grade 8 and up are encouraged to attend. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend the event.

Some employers attending may accept applications or conduct job interviews and some will not. It is not necessary for you to bring a resume, but do bring copies if you have one. Go to www.hclib.org/teens/tenjobfair.cfm for more information.

The Community Room

North Loop Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 7th at **10:00 am**, the North Loop neighborhood association is hosting an Egg Hunt!

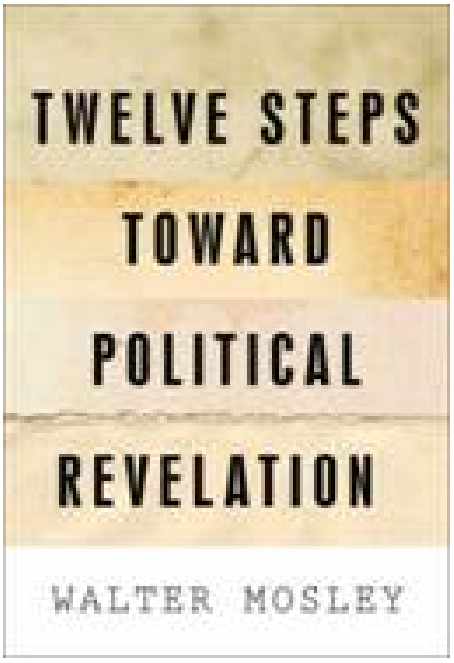
The Egg Hunt will be held at **NL Playground** (4th & W River Pkwy). There will be contests, games, and prizes! Come out and enjoy the beautiful spring weather!

For questions or to volunteer, contact Amy at acrissman@gmail.com

Free Copies of "Twelve Steps Toward Political Revelation"

Saturday, March 24th, storyteller Nothando Zulu will discuss Walter Mosley's book "12 Steps Toward Political Revelation." Free copies of the book will be available for pic up at the library one month prior while supplies last.

The event starts at **2:00 pm** at **Sumner Library** (611 Van White Memorial Blvd). Visit www.givens.org to register or for more information, or call 612-543 -6875.



New YMCA at Heritage Park!

The Heritage Park Senior Services Center (1015 4th Ave N) is officially open! This center contains the YMCA, the Courage Center, Neighborhood Heath Source Clinic, Augustana Care, and the Minneapolis Housing and Public Authority.

- **The YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities**
  - Health and Wellness
  - Silver Sneaks
  - Diabetes Prevention Program
- **Neighborhood Health Source**
  - Clinical services
- **The Courage Center**
  - Therapeutic rehabilitation services
- **Augustana Care**
  - Adult memory care facility
- **Minneapolis Housing and Public Authority**
  - Affordable senior housing
  - Senior activities

5th Ward Awards 2011

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DESSERT WITH DON

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

Last Monday of Each Month

This Month's Topic is:

A Conversation with County Commissioner Mark Stenglein

Monday, March 26th
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.** This month, we will be having a conversation with Hennepin County Commissioner Mark Stenglein.

Bring all of your questions and conerns with Hennepin County and any additional input you may have.

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!