5th Ward News

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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)
1313 Penn Ave North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
612.335.5924

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

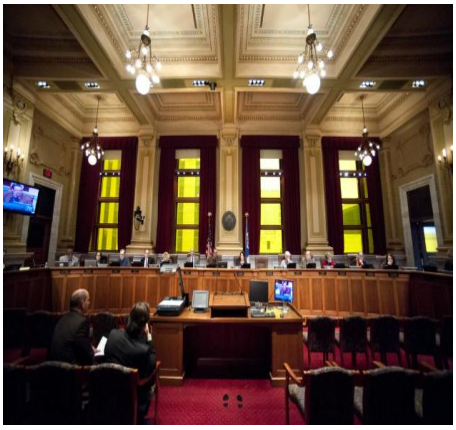
Willard-Homewood Organization-
www.willard-homewood.org
info@willard-homewood.org

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.*

2013 City Budget Process Begins



Mayor R.T. Rybak has released his recommended 2013 budget for the City of Minneapolis. The Minneapolis City Council will now begin the process to consider this proposal. Along with budget hearings that will continue through mid-November, two public hearings will be held.

For a schedule of all the department's budget hearings, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/finance/budget. All budget hearings will be broadcast live (and rebroadcast) on Minneapolis 79 (the City's cable channel). You can find the rebroadcast schedule and also view the hearings online at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/tv/79.

Wells Fargo's Neighborhood LIFT

On **September 7th** and **8th**, Well Fargo will be hosting their *NeighborhoodLIFT* event in the Twin Cities. The two-day event will offer access to down payment assistance grants for qualified borrowers up to $15,000, home and renovation financing, and resources for prospective homeowners, such as homebuyer education sessions and tours of residential properties that are available for sale in both Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The *NeighborhoodLIFT* program is designed to provide sustainable homeowenership initiatives to help cities with neighborhood revitalization efforts.

Date: September 7-8, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Location: Minneapolis Convention Center (1301 2nd Ave S. Minneapolis, MN 55403)

Register To Vote At The State Fair!

Secretary of State Mark Ritchie today invited Minnesotans who are attending the State Fair to stop by the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State's booth in the Education Building to check their voter registration status and register right at the fair. Voters need to pre-register to vote by October 16 to be on their polling place roster on Election Day.

"Voter pre-registration is important," said Secretary of State Ritchie. "Our office's outreach staff will be at the fair every day helping voters to register and get ready to vote on November 6."

Minnesotans will still be able to register to vote on Election Day, just like they have for over the past 40 years, but pre-registering will save voters time at the polling place and pre-registered voters do not need to bring additional information with them when they go to vote. Voters can find additional registration information at www.mnvotes.org.

Public Hearing for Parks

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will hold a public hearing on proposed field improvements at North Commons and Farview Parks **September 5th** at **6:30 p.m**. at the **MPRB headquarters building**, 2117 W River Rd.

Proposed improvements focus on the softball diamond at North Commons and the full ball field area in the northeast section of Farview Park. They include synthetic turf and new players benches and dugouts at both parks, and lighting upgrades at Farview. The proposed field improvements at Farview Park accommodate football and youth soccer to support the current programming at the park.

Two open houses were held in July, offering neighbors and park users an opportunity to review and comment on improvement plans. If the plans are approved, additional fundraising efforts will go forward and construction would begin in late 2012 or spring 2013.

For more information, go to www.minneapolisparks.org

Safe Labor Day Travels!

As Labor Day weekend approaches, the Traffic Safety Coalition is encouraging drivers to travel safely and responsibly. This year, AAA estimates more than 33 million Americans will be traveling 50 miles or more over the holiday weekend, a 2.9 percent increase over 2011. The overwhelming majority of travelers, 28.2 million people, will be traveling by car.

Labor Day Travel Safety Tips

1. **Check your speed**: Plan your route in advance and be prepared to spend more time reaching your destination.
2. **Obey intersection safety rules**: Traffic signals and stop signs are in place to maintain safe roadways
3. **Buckle up**: Use a seat belt at ALL TIMES
4. **If you are drinking, do not drive**: Designate a non-drinking driver
5. **Car safety check**: Do a routine check of the engine, tires, and brakes before traveling.

Travel safe and have a great weekend!

The Community Room

Open Streets MPLS 2012

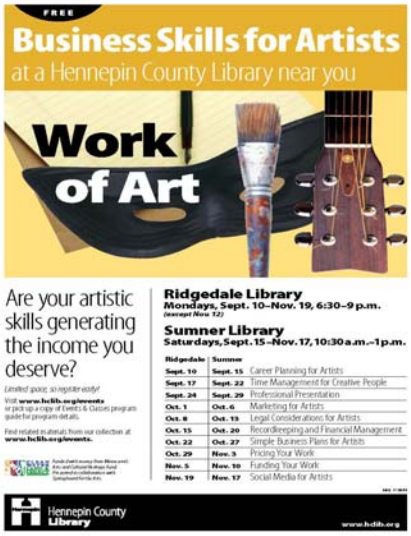
On **September 29th, 2012,** Minneapolis residents will have a new opportunity to explore and enjoy their neighborhood streets without the presence of motorized traffic. **Open Streets** events bring together families and neighbors to bike, walk, socialize, play and shop in their communities in a safe, car-free environment.

This event will take play on **Lowry Ave N** between **Upton Ave** and **4th St N**.

To volunteer or to find out more information about the Lowry Avenue Open Streets event, go to www.lowrybusiness.org.

This event is brought to you by the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition and the Lowry Corridor Business Association.

Work Of Art!



On **Saturdays**, from **10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** at **Sumner Library**, (611 Van White Memorial Blvd), there will be business workshop and classes for artists and musicians!

Career Planning for Artists – Saturday, Sept. 15
Time Management for Creative People – Saturday, Sept. 22
Professional Presentation – Saturday, Sept. 29
Marketing for Artists – Saturday, Oct. 6
Legal Consideration for Artists – Saturday, Oct. 13
Recordkeeping and Financial Management for Artists – Saturday, Oct. 20
Simple Business Plans for Artists – Saturday, Oct. 27
Pricing Your Work – Saturday, Nov. 3
Funding Your Work – Saturday, Nov. 11
Social Media for Artists – Saturday, Nov. 17

Wirth Vegetation Resoration

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will begin work next week to restore native vegetation in areas of Theodore Wirth Park affected by the May 2011 tornado. As of mid-week, expect to see crews removing woodchips, planting cover crops and applying herbicide to remove invasive plant species. This fall's work will prepare soils for native plant seeding, which is expected to be done early next summer, followed by a two-year maintenance period.

Tree plantings in storm damaged areas of the park will continue this fall with volunteer groups. Future tree plantings will be planned in accordance with existing native communities and cultural landscape features.

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Dessert With Don

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

Last Monday of Each Month

This Month's Topic is:

Minneapolis Park Board's Northside Plans
Monday, September 24th

R.S. Eden Building (1931 W. Broadway)

(Next Month: TBD)

At this month's Dessert With Don, we will be having a conversation with members of the Minneapolis Park Board.

We will discuss MPRB's plans for North Minneapolis and this is your opportunity to have a say in what happens with our community!

Your quality of life is my number one concern and I will make it a priority for the city.

Don Samuels

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