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)
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.*

Violent Crime at Historic Low

The city of Minneapolis ended 2012 with historically low levels of crime. As Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Council Member Samuels worked closely with MPD and the Mayor's Office to bring violent crime to a 29-year low and property and violent crimes combined to their lowest levels in almost 50 years. We still are not satisfied, but are please at this progress.

For more information, please visit www.minneapolismn.gov/mayor/news

Fire Department To Hire!

The Minneapolis Fire Department will be adding new firefighters to its ranks for the first time since 2006.

Fire officials are anticipating retirements among many longtime firefighters in coming years. The department has also stated that one of its goals is to create a diverse pool of possible new hires.

At a minimum, firefighters must be 18 or older at the time of application, have a valid driver's license, the ability to read at a 10th grade level and hold a high school diploma or equivalent.

Applications will be accepted only in person and only on three days: **January 31st** and **February 1st-2nd**, at the **Northeast Armory** (1025 Broadway NE) Applications will be available at any Minneapolis fire station or at the Minneapolis Human Resources office, 250 S 4th St., Room 100, beginning **January 24th**.

Free Tax Preparation

AccountAbility Minnesota provides free tax service every year to thousands of low-income working taxpayers, helping them to maximize their refunds. They serve individuals making $30,000 or less per year and families making $50,000 or less per year.

Taxes are prepared by volunteers on a first-come, first-served basis. Every tax return goes through a quality review process to make sure nothing was missed.

The North Minneapolis location for free tax service will be held at the **Minneapolis Urban League** (2100 Plymouth Ave N). Hours are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** (**2:00 p.m.** and **5:00 p.m.**) and **Saturdays** (**9:00 a.m.**). Clinics close when capacity is reached.

For more information, visit: www.accountabilitymn.org or call 651-287-0187

STEP-UP Youth Application Available

The City of Minneapolis STEP-UP program trains and matches Minneapolis youth ages 14-21 in summer internships at local businesses. STEP-UP is focused on serving youth from low-income families or youth that have risk factors making it challenging to find employment on their own.

Internships are generally 20-40 hours per week for 6-10 weeks from mid-June to August. Depending on the age and skill level of the intern, interns may work in subsidized jobs at a non-profit organization or employer paid positions in the business community.

All youth must apply online at www.achievempls.org/stepupachieve. If you need assistance, call 612-673-5041 to speak with Tammy Dickinson, the STEP-UP Director.

Foreclosure Settlements Available

If your home was foreclosed in 2008-2011 and your mortgage loan was serviced by Wells Fargo, Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, Citigroup or Ally/GMAC, watch your mail closely for a national mortgage settlement claim form, because you may be eligible for a financial payment.

The national settlement administrator, Rust Consulting, mailed claim forms to eligible borrowers. Those borrowers must complete a claim form or paper or online by **January 18th** to receive a payment.

If you are an eligible borrower or think you may be, call Rust Consulting at 1-866-430-8358 or visit www.nationalmortgagesettlement.com for more information

The Community Room

Yoga At Sumner Library

Unwind after the stress of the holidays! **Sumner Library** (611 Van White Memorial Blvd) will be hosting Laughter Yoga on **Saturday, January 5th**, from **11:00 a.m.** to **12:00 p.m.**

Laughter yoga combines unconditional laughter with yogic breathing to bring about good health, joy and peace. Come as you are. No matt needed.

Register by calling 612-543-6875

Capri Big Band Winter Concert

Join the Capri Big Band for its annual winter concert! As in years past, enjoy jazzy holiday music along with some of the band's favorites. The Capri Big Band hails itself as the Twin Cities' "biggest big band," and the musicians always offer lively and engaging concerts.

The concert is free and open to the public on **January 13th** at **3:00 p.m.** Donations are appreciated and are to support the Capri Big Band.

To learn more about booking the Capri Big Band, visit thecapribigband.com or contact Marilyn Parker at Marilyn.writeaway@gmail.com

Lundstrum Center Hosting An Open House!

The Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts (1617 North Second Street) will be hosting an Open House this month!

The Winter/Spring session begins January 12th, so get ready for it at Lundstrum's Open House and Vocal Scholarship Auditions. You will be able to register for classes, have a placement audition, buy or order dancewear, and meet the faculty and staff.

For more information, visit www.lundstrumcenter.org or call 612-521-2600

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Dessert With Don

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

Last Monday of Each Month

This Month's Topic is:

2012: Year In Review

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

7:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.
(Next Month: 5th Ward Awards)

At this month's Dessert With Don, we will take a look back at the year of 2012.

We made a lot of progress in the 5th Ward and this will be your opportunity to bring comments and questions about what the city has done and what is in store for the Northside!

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

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