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
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Minneapolis, MN 55405
612.374.4849

Heritage Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA)
612.664.8195

Jordan Area Community Council (JACC)
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Minneapolis, MN 55411
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North Loop Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 582178
Minneapolis, MN 55458-2178
612.339.3904

Northside Residents Redevelopment Council (NRRC)
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Minneapolis, MN 55411
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Old Highland Organization
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Willard-Homewood Organization-
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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.*

National Night Out!!

National Night Out 2010 is coming! Look forward to the 27th Annual National Night Out celebration, **Tuesday, August 3rd.** National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, holding block parties and getting to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention.

National Night Out is not just one night of the year, but the culmination of year-long crime prevention activity in all Minneapolis neighborhoods. It is an occasion to celebrate past successes, discuss current challenges or issues, and re-dedicate to collaborative efforts with neighbors, police, businesses and others to improve the quality of the city.

Key Messages

- Cohesive, healthy neighborhoods are keys to preventing crime/violence.
- Positive activities displace negative activity; as people spend more time outside, they take back their streets and neighborhoods.
- Active block clubs build community, increase hope, and create harmony.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT •2010•

POLICE•COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Goals

- Promote increased involvement of youth with their neighbors.
- Increase the number of block clubs, multi-block events and individuals who participate in NNO.
- Involve Minneapolis Police Department with citizens by participating in NNO events together.
- Promote crime prevention strategies and increase ways that citizens can protect themselves, and their property.

Money Available Through For Energy Improvements To Multi-Family Properties

Multi-family structures often have inefficient heating systems that negatively impact rental affordability (high utility costs for building owners result in higher rents) and use excessive amounts of energy. Such high operating costs can negatively impact an owner's revenue stream and their ability to make needed investments in their properties.

The City of Minneapolis has launched the Multi-Family Energy Loan Program to assist owners of multi-family properties with energy system upgrades to boilers, water heating and distribution systems, control systems, and other related components. Funding of the revolving loan program is through a $300,000 grant received from the U.S. Department of Energy and the Minnesota Department of Commerce through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), combined with City matching funds. Available funding is $900,000 with financing of up to $200,000 per qualified property.

Eligibility requirements for the Multi-family Energy Loan Program are:

- Property must be located in Minneapolis
- Buildings must be four stories or more and contain at least 10 units
- Applicant must be in operation for 12 months and agree to a credit check
- Improvements must be recommended by a certified auditor, produce verifiable energy savings, and be eligible for a CenterPoint rebate
- Applicants must be in compliance with all City code and licensing with no building or health code violations
- All rehab work or equipment instillation must meet City code
- Use contractors licensed in Minneapolis

For more information, See www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/multifamily_energy_loan_program.asp or contact Jessica Green at (612) 673-5232, or Jessica.green@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Nice Ride Has Come To North Minneapolis!

Since its June 10th launch, Nice Ride, a nonprofit bicycle sharing program in Minneapolis, has served over 25,000 trips in the metro area. Soon after the program's launch, concern arose that out of the 56 kiosks, not one was located in the North Minneapolis community. Well thankfully, that has changed!

Phase II of the Nice Ride program has began to be implemented, and with that, two North Minneapolis kiosks are now open for business, with more to come. Currently, there are Nice Ride kiosks at:

- Plymouth and Newton (in front of UROC)
- 1019 Olsen Memorial Hwy (Summit Academy)
- 275 Market Street (International Market Square)

For more information, see www.niceridemn.org or contact Nice Ride Customer Service at 1-877-551-6423

The Community Room

Capri Summer Theater Institute

An original production developed by the youth and our artistic team: Dennis Spear (director), Karla Nweje, Cheryl Reeves and Sara Hauge.

Two public performances are set for 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, **Aug. 12 and 13**, at the Capri Theater.

Admission at the door is $5 for adults and $2 for youth. To reserve seats for groups of ten or more, please contact Gillette Anderson at 612-643-2062 or ganderson@pcyc-mpls.org.

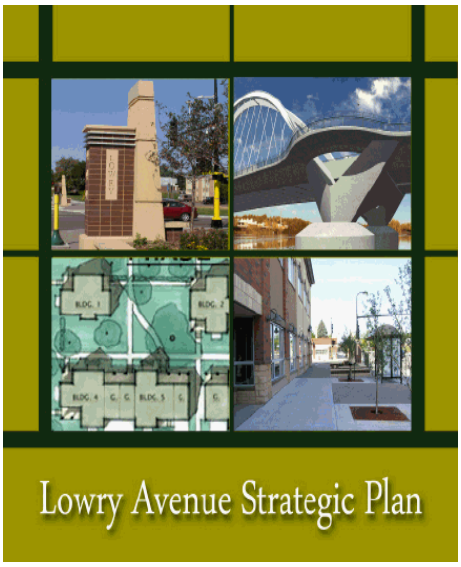
Urban League Family Day 2010!

On Saturday, **August 7th**, the Minneapolis Urban League will host the 21st Annual Family Day Celebration in North Commons Park. The whole family is invited to join us as for a day of food, fun and entertainment.

The theme this year is "Health by Choice, Not By Chance" and in addition to the fun and games, they'll be plenty of health & wellness information and activities to ensure healthy behavior in our children, prevent devastating disease, improve nutrition and reduce obesity in our community.

Festivities start at Noon and end at 8:00 PM. For more information, contact Taylor Cisco at (612) 302-3143 or via email at tcisco@mul.org

Lowry Ave Strategic Plan Public Meeting



The Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan: *An Update to the Lowry Avenue Corridor Plan* is a planning process initiated by the Cleveland, Folwell, Hawthorne, Jordan and McKinley neighborhood associations in northwest Minneapolis.

The objective of this planning process is to update the 2002 Lowry Avenue Corridor Plan by building on the established vision for Lowry Avenue. It will refine that vision and create an implementation strategy for fostering new development and attracting new businesses.

The public meeting is on **August 5th** from 5:30-7:30 at North Regional Library (1315 Lowry Ave N)

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Last Monday of Each Month

This Month's Topic is:

Northside Achievement Zone

Monday, August 30th
6:00 to 7:30 PM
UROC
2001 Plymouth Ave North

(Next Month: TBD)

Please join me for **Dessert With Don.**

This months meeting will feature a presentation discussing the Northside Achievement Zone (www.Northsideachievement.org) and the potential benefits it brings to our community.

Across the country, cities are competing to receive federal grant money to model the Harlem Achievement Zone and better prepare our youth for the future, with Minneapolis being one of the front runners. Come and learn how this may affect you and your family.

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