5th Ward News

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

From Council Member Don Samuels

JULY 2011

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.*

SBA Offers Disaster Assistance To Residents Affected by Tornado

Residents and businesses affected by the severe storms and tornadoes on May 21-22 in Hennepin County, Minn., can apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration, SBA Administrator Karen G. Mills announced today. Mills made the loans available in response to a letter from Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton on July 1, requesting a disaster declaration by the SBA.

Loans up to $200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to $40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Businesses and non-profit organizations of any size may borrow up to $2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. The SBA may increase a loan up to 20 percent of the total amount of disaster damage to real estate and/or leasehold improvements, as verified by SBA, to make improvements that lessen the risk of property damage by future disasters of the same kind.

For small businesses, and most private non-profit organizations of all sizes, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage. Interest rates are as low as 2.688 percent for homeowners and renters, 3 percent for non-profit organizations and 4 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

SBA's customer service representatives will be on hand at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center to answer questions about the disaster loan program, explain the process, issue and help individuals complete their applications.

Individuals and businesses unable to visit the Center in person may obtain information on loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at

Continued on Pg 2

800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for people with speech or hearing disabilities), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Loan applications can also be downloaded from www.sba.gov. Completed applications should be returned to the Center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The Disaster Loan Outreach Center is at **Lucy Laney School** (3333 Penn Ave N) and is open from **July 12th** at **10:30 am** to **July 19th** at **7:00 pm.** Those affected by the disaster may also apply for disaster loans electronically from SBA's website at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/. The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **September 6, 2011**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **April 9, 2012**

Assistance Available for Tree Removal

Since the May 22 tornado, the City of Minneapolis and the Park and Recreation Board have removed thousands of fallen trees from the streets, parks and boulevards in north Minneapolis. Homeowners who still have fallen trees on their property are responsible for their removal, but that work can often be expensive. The City of Minneapolis recognizes that tree removal can create hardship for those trying to get back on their feet, so the City has a financing option available to help folks who can't afford to pay for the work up-front. With a homeowner's permission, the City can finance the removal of the tree, have the work done, and assess the costs to the homeowner's property taxes, spreading out payments over five years.

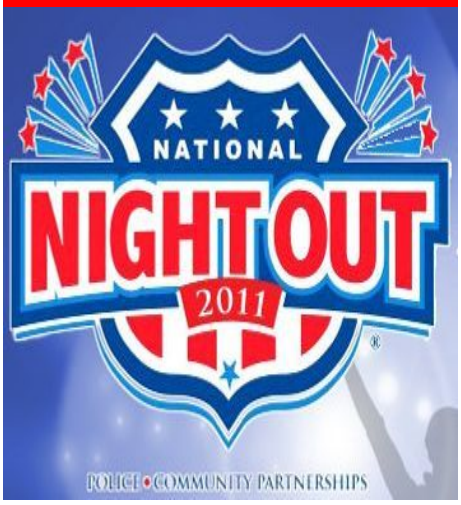
For more information, go to: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/20110629TreeRemovalAssistance.asp

Rebuilding Our Communities Fund Approved

On July 1, the Minneapolis City Council approved recommendation for a *Rebuilding Our Communities Fund* presented by the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department. The fund provides $600,000 for a north Minneapolis community-led mid- and long-term recovery and rebuilding process addressing the devastating effects of the tornado. Funding for the Rebuilding Our Communities Fund comes from new revenues and will not impact existing neighborhood allocations.

Learn more at: www.ci.minneapols.mn.us/ncr

Planning National Night Out 2011



National Night Out 2011 is coming up! Look forward to the 27th annual NNO to occur on Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, holding block parties and getting toknow their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention. It's a great way to promote community-police partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends and family.

Whether it's your first time planning an event or you're continuing a tradition of years on your block, you can register your event through 311. Remember, if you want to block your street, you can do so for free through July 19th. Not all streets can be blocked, depending on traffic flow. From July 20 through July 28, there is a $100 fee. After July 28th, no applications for blocking off a street will be allowed.

For more information, go to: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/mission.asp

The Community Room

The 6th Annual FLOW Northside Arts Crawl

Since 2006, FLOW has become the premier art event in North Minneapolis. This free, family event is a unique collaboration between the business and arts communities that showcases artists of all ages from the North Minneapolis community. FLOW is a self-guided art tour featuring visual and performing artists showing at businesses, studios and organizations along West Broadway in North Minneapolis.

Now more than, we invite the community to come back to North Minneapolis on **Saturday, July 30th** from **3:00pm-8:00pm.** Come to look, listen, make, taste, move and buy Northside!

Artist applications and information available at www.FLOWNorthside.org

Northside Music and Arts Festival

Thursday, July 28th, The Minnesota Sinfonia proudly presents the Northside Music and Arts Festival. Over fifty neighborhood children will join the Sinfonia to dance and narrate a performance of Peter and the Wolf. Over activities will include performances by vocalists from the Sounds of Blackness, the Unlimited Next Drill and Dance Performing Arts and displays of works by local artists. This free festival will begin at **5:00pm** at **North Commons Park,** (1801 James Ave N).

For more information, go to: ww.pr.com/press-release/330760

"Freegal" Music Downloads at Hennepin Libraries

You can now download three free Sony Music selections each week through Freegal a new online music database offered by Hennepin County Library. You don't have to return the downloads - the songs are yours until you delete them. All you need is a MN library card that is registered at Hennepin County Library. Access Freegal on the HCL website's Music page. The music is in MP3 format and will work on any computer (Mac or PC) and on any MP3 player, including iPods, and can be loaded onto iTunes. You can access Freegal on your home computer, or on HCL's internet-connected workstations that use PC Reservation sign-ups. Freegal limits customers to three downloads per week, and updates its catalog with new additions continually. You can even listen to a sample click before downloading.

For more information, go to: www.hclib.org/pub/search

Don Samuels
5th Ward City Council
City Hall, Room 307
350 South Fifth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415
612.673.2205

Don.samuels@ci.minneapolis.mn.us
www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward5

PRST STD
Us Postage
PAID
Permit No. 2140
Minneapolis, MN

5th Ward News

From Council Member Don Samuels

DESSERT WITH DON

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

Last Monday of Each Month

This Month's Topic is:

To Be Determined
Monday, July 25th
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.**

Your quality of life is my number one concern and I will make it a priority for the city. Please come and participate in our monthly informational meetings. I hope to see you there!

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