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
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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
612.335.5924

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

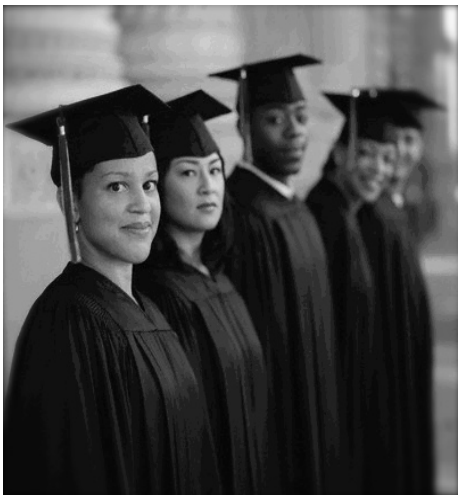
Willard-Homewood Organization-
www.willardhomewood.org
info@willardhomewood.org

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.*

We Want You Back Campaign: A Success!!

In support of Minneapolis Public Schools, City of Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, and community partners, the Neighborhood and Community Relations department's Access and Outreach team participated in the *Day of Action* - an outreach effort to attract young people that have dropped out of school to re-enroll, to finish credits and earn a diploma. The event took place throughout Minneapolis on September 11th 2010.



With the help of over 300 volunteers, **100** young people were re-enrolled through the We Want You Back program on the *Day of Action*!

For more information on We Want You Back, go to www.wewantyoubackmpls.org.

Student Placement Center Is Moving!

The Minneapolis Public Schools Student Placement Center will move to a new location at North Star, located at 2410 Girard Ave. N. The Student Placement Center will reopen on Monday, October 4, and office hours will remain 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The move comes as the next step in developing a new MPS Educational Service Center (ESC) as part of a process that began in 2008.

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In April 2010, the Board of Education voted to build the new ESC at 1250 West Broadway, the current location of the Student Placement Center (1250 West Broadway). The new building, slated for completion in fall 2012, will include a Professional Development Center, Northside Adult Basic Education (ABE) program, the North side Welcome Center (Student Placement) and permanent office space for over 560 employees.

Other departments also moving to North Star are the Office of Family Engagement, Early Childhood Screening, Family Resource Center and the Ombudsperson.

For more information, visit www.mpls.k12.mn.us/

Tree Trust In North Minneapolis

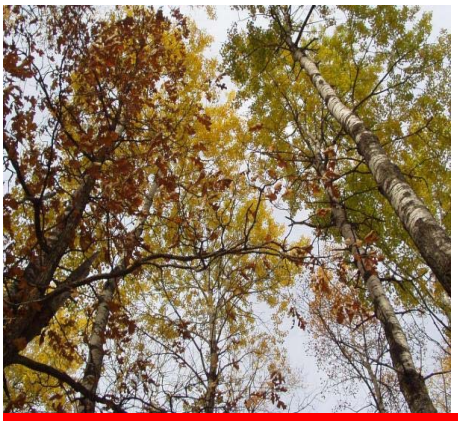
Tree Trust has partnered with the Pohlad Family Foundation to revive and beautify North Minneapolis by planting 450 trees, shrubs and perennials around the new parking lot at the Church of St. Anne's & St. Joseph Hien (2627 Queen Ave N.).

They are looking for volunteers to help plant the shrubs and perennials from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Tuesday, October 12 and Wednesday, October 13. We need 20 volunteers on each day. They are also looking for 1-2 Master Gardeners, Tree Care Advisors and attendees of our Tree Training (either in 2009 or 2010) to provide training and supervision at the event.

This event is great for individuals, families, and small groups. No experience is necessary; Tree Trust staff and trained volunteers will teach you how to plant correctly and be present throughout the event to answer your questions and provide assistance.

To register for the event or request more information, please contact Amanda Green Guentzel at amandag@treetrust.org <mailto:amandag@treetrust.org> or 651-644-5800.

See more upcoming volunteer events at www.treetrust.org/get-involved/volunteer <http://treetrust.org/get-involved/volunteer/index.html> .



Community Participation Program Guidelines

The Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) recently completed a draft of the Community Participation Program Guidelines outling how $3,000,000 will be provided to neighborhood organizations in Minneapolis to assist with community engagement.

NCEC will continue reviewing draft guidelines and allocation through October. Input from neighborhood organizations is an important part of this process. The NCEC expects to make its final recommendations to the City Council in November 2010.

For further information on the draft or providing comments, see the NCR website at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/

The Community Room

Candlelight Vigil For Violence Free Families

Verilea Howard led North Side efforts to prevent domestic violence and to serve victims. This vigil is held in the spirit of hope and compassion she brought to the community.

The vigil will take place **Sunday October 3rd from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Cub Foods Parking Lot** (701 West Broadway Ave).

This event is being sponsored by The Family Partnership, MAD DADS, Domestic Abuse Project, MN Coalition for Battered Women, Prevent Child Abuse MN, and BIHA Women in Action.

Questions? Call Jeanette Raymond with The Family Partnership - 612.728.2093

It's Time For Your 2010 Flu Shot!

The Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency (MVNA) is a local, nonprofit organization that uses proceeds from its flu shot program to support nursing care for thousands of Minnesotans who are ill, disabled, living in poverty, or need home care services.

This year, MVNA's Flu Fighter Clinics will be held in new locations: **all 26 Life Time Fitness locations, all 22 YMCA metro locations, and most local libraries** (membership at these locations not required). This year MVNA nurses will **not** be at the Cub Food sites.

The clinics will offer flu shots in September and October to everyone age three and older. Bring your insurance card, MVNA bill most health insurance plans. For more information, visit www.MVNAFluShot.org

Bike Sharing Expands to North Minneapois

The Minneapolis City Council approved the use of federal Recovery funds to improve biking infrastructure in north Minneapolis by expanding the Nice Ride Minnesota system into the area.

An expanded system would help connect north Minneapolis neighborhoods with Downtown and other parts of the city that currently have the Nice Ride system in place.

The $228,500 in funding will be used to conduct a community engagement process with north Minneapolis residents, business owners and key stakeholders, and identify locations and purchase equipment to bring at least five new Nice Ride Minnesota kiosks to the North Side.

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Dessert With Don

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

Last Monday of Each Month

This Month's Topic is:

Biking In North Minneapolis
Monday, September 27th
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 growing bike presence in North Minneapolis.

There are currently funds available for the 5th Ward regarding bike issues. Come and learn about what changes are happening in your community!

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!