5th Ward News

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From Council Member Don Samuels

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5TH WARD NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

Harrison Neighborhood Association (HNA)
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Heritage Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA)
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Jordan Area Community Council (JACC)
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North Loop Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 582178
Minneapolis, MN 55458-2178
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Northside Residents Redevelopment Council (NRRC)
1500 Golden Valley Road
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Upper Willard-Homewood Organization (UWHO)
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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.*

Comcast Donates $50,000 To North Minneapolis Relief Efforts!

On Thursday, June 9th, Comcast, one of the world's leading media, entertainment and communication companies, announced a contribution of $50,000 in cash and in-kind support to the tornado relief efforts in North Minneapolis. A cash donation of $30,000 from the Comcast Foundation will go directly to The Minneapolis Foundation to assist with family and community needs in the aftermath of the devastating tornado that hit the community on May 22. Comcast will also provide at least $20,000 in public service announcement support to help raise awareness of on-going relief efforts.

The Comcast Foundation contribution will be used to help fund two specific relief efforts - Minneapolis Helps—North Minneapolis Recovery Fund, and the Northside Home Fund. Both charities are providing assistance to families displaced by the storm by providing immediate food and shelter and longer-term needs such as rebuilding homes and businesses.

"Comcast is pleased to support the North Minneapolis relief efforts and to lend a helping hand to families ad businesses affected by the destructive storm," said Mary Beth Schubert, vice president of Corporate Affairs, Comcast Twin Cities. "We are grateful to The Minneapolis Foundation for creating a structure that enables organizations like Comcast to deliver funding and support to those in need."

Minneapolis Helps—North Minneapolis Recovery Fund is a $200,000 matching fund established by the Minneapolis Foundation to help cover basic needs such as food and shelter for families displaced when homes were damaged and destroyed by the tornado.

The Northside Home Fund will focus on long-term funding to help rebuild clusters of homes in neighborhoods already hit hard by foreclosures and neglect during the recent economic downturn. For these North Minneapolis neighborhoods, the tornado was a heartbreaking setback; however, it is also an opportunity for the community to redouble its support for building programs currently underway.

Police Remind Residents To Party Responsibly

As the weather improves and people hold more parties both in and outdoors, Minneapolis Police want to remind people to drink responsibly, be mindful of their neighbors, prevent underage consumption and take steps to prevent party guests from drinking and driving.

Last year, MPD responded to approximately 2400 complaints of loud parties. Residents are reminded that there is a City ordinance regarding excessive noise after 10 pm.

MPD takes alcoholic consumption by minors seriously. Alcohol use by minors is not only illegal but dangerous.

Drinking and driving is also an issue which causes tragedies for families and can result in significant consequences for offenders especially if someone is hurt or killed in an accident.

In the end, it is about making good decisions before choosing to party. Please enjoy the summer, but do it responsibly.

Community Farm-Raising Event!

St. Olaf Community Campus invites you to their 2nd annual Community Farm-Raising Event! This event will be held on **Saturday, June 11th,** from **8:30am to 4:30pm**.

The 2nd annual Community Farm-Raising event will be fun for the whole family! At the event, St. Olaf is looking to expand and plant their "lasagna-style" community farm in one day! There will be food provided and great music to party and dance to! All you need to do is bring shovels, wheelbarrows, and any metal rakes you may have, and enjoy the fun!

The event will be taking place at St. Olaf (29th & Emerson Ave N) at the grassy area in the north end of the parking lots.

For more information, contact Pastor Steve Lomen, SOCC: 612-508-1138 or lomensocc@gmail.com

West Broadway Farmers Market Now Open!

The West Broadway Farmers Market opened June 5, near the corner of West Broadway and Penn Ave N. The market will be open **Sundays**, **June 5-Oct. 30, 8:00am—1:00pm** and **Wednesdays**, **July 6-Oct. 26, 3-7pm.** The Market will accept EBT beginning in July.

The West Broadway Farmers Market is a project of the West Broadway Business and Area Coalition (WBC). The hope is to provide a fun and friendly community gathering space for Northside residents and visitors while providing healthy locally grown food and helping local economic development. Customers can get to know who is growing their food and how it is grown. Produce available at the Market will change weekly as different crops mature. For more information, contact Alicia Uzarek manager@westbroadway.org or sign up for the e-newsletter at www.westbroadway.org/farmersmarket

The Community Room

Free Football Camp With Marion Barber!

Join Dallas Cowboys' running back Marion Barber and Houston Texans' safety, Dominique Barber, for an exciting summer youth camp. With the help of their teammates and professional coaches, you'll have the opportunity to learn the game of football in a fun, welcoming atmosphere.

The camp will be 2 days. **June 17th** (for elementary & junior high students) and **June 18th** (for high school students). Each day the camp will go from **10:30 am-3:300pm.** There will also be a 7 on 7 flag football tournament each day at the end of the camp. The cost is free and it will be held at **North Community High School** (17th & Freemont Ave N and Girard Ave N). Are you ready for some football?!

Stop the Violence Community Resource Fair

Saturday, June 11th, the Stop the Violence, Bring the Unity fair will be taking place in McDonald's parking lot (916 West Broadway Ave). From **11:00 am - 3:00pm,** families can come out and take advantage of the wealth of opportunities in our community. More than 50 local organizations will be on hand to share their resources and information!

For more information, contact Shereese Turner at sturner@twincitiesrise.org or call her at 612-279-5826. See you there!

Northside Arts/ Music Festival

Minnesota Sinfonia presents the Northside Arts/ Music festival featuring Peter and the Wolf **July 28th at 5:00pm** at **North Commons Park** (1801 James Ave N). The event is free!

Minnesota Sinfonia is looking for children from North Minneapolis to participate in the production of Peter and the Wolf. Opportunities for dance, narration and set/costume design. In addition we are looking for organization to partner with. Help is need with:

- Art displays
- Local musicians
- Donations
- Children's activities
- Publicizing
- Event setup
- Community participation

For more information about how to get involved, contact Minnesota Sinfonia: 612-871-1701 or www.mnsinfonia.org

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DESSERT WITH DON

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

Last Monday of Each Month

This Month's Topic is:

Tornado Recovery Efforts
Monday, June 27th
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.**

This months meeting will feature a presentation about the tornado relief efforts

This meeting will consist of discussion regarding the steps that have been taken since the devastating tornado hit North Minneapolis and where we are going from here. Questions and suggestions are welcome!

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!