5th Ward News

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

From Council Member Don Samuels

June 2008

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)
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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
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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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info@willard-homewood.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.*

NNO Planning Week is June 16-22

For 25 years, folks in Minneapolis have been getting together to build community and make Minneapolis a safer city. This year on August 5, more than 60,000 neighbors will congregate in homes, yards, in streets and in parks to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the annual National Night Out event.

Advance planning goes a long way in making your National Night Out celebration a successful, fun and safe event. Last year, more than 900 groups planned their parties in advance. Events can be as simple as neighbors sharing food and conversation on a front porch; or as elaborate as getting large numbers of neighbors together and closing off streets, providing music, face painting, chalk art, potlucks, dancing, games, and piñatas. So start your planning early and join the celebration.

Planning Week

NNO Planning Week in Minneapolis is June 16-22. Avoid the last-minute rush and organize your get-together. This will give your group time to work out the details and gets more people involved. CCP/SAFE, a unit of the Minneapolis Police Department, coordinates the City's NNO each year and is promoting the NNO Planning Week

NNO event registration and street closure application is free!

It's not essential to close your street to have a successful NNO event. If you need to, one process makes it possible to register both your NNO event and apply to close your street.

There is no charge to request a street closure for an NNO event before July 22, and you'll be eligible for a door prize drawing. From July 23-July 31, there is a $100 late fee. Applications for street closure will not be accepted after July 31.

For more information about NNO, Planning Week and street closures, visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno or call 311 or (612)673-3000 outside the city.

2008 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 25th Anniversary

POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

2 - Fifth Ward Projects Win Awards

Congratulations to AEON Homes (formerly Central Community Housing Trust) and Ackerberg Group for winning awards at the 2008 Minneapolis Preservation Awards Held at International Market in May.

AEON Homes won for best **Adaptive Re-Use Project** for Ripley Gardens—

Ripley Gardens, the former Maternity Hospital listed on both the local and National Register of Historic Places, is significant for its association with Dr. Martha Ripley, one of the first female doctors in nation, as well as her pioneering work with low-income woman and obstetrics. The project combines the preservation and rehabilitation

Ripley Gardens at 300 Queen Ave N

of three existing historic buildings and new construction three new buildings. AEON Homes, and partners, have created a community of affordable rental and owner-occupied homes that respects the historic site while contributing to revitalization of the property and neighborhood.

The **Ackerberg Group** won the **Neighborhood Preservation Award** for their CCFCU/EMERGE Project at 1101 West Broadway —

Located at the corner of West Broadway and Emerson Avenue North, this two-story commercial building had sat

1101 West Broadway

vacant for many years and was under ownership by the City of Minneapolis. The Ackerberg Group undertook the rehabilitation, which restored the exterior and interior as well as a rear building addition. The restoration of the building returns this vital corner back to the community through the City-County Federal Credit Union, the Bean Scene (a ground floor coffee shop), and Emerge Community Development offices on the second floor. The preservation of this building is an example of the hard work of the private and public sectors working to improve West Broadway and North Minneapolis.

Great job **Ackerberg Group** and **AEON Homes**; we look forward to future quality projects in the Fifth Ward.

City Launches a Façade Improvement Program

To support neighborhood businesses, the City of Minneapolis has produced a *Façade Design Guide* for commercial property owners. The guide provides suggestions and ideas for storefront improvements and compliments the City's Façade Improvement Matching Grant Program, a renewed city program administered by local organizations.

Neighborhood business districts are essential elements of a great city. In 2007, the Minneapolis City Council approved the Great Streets Neighborhood Business District Program, a coordinated effort to help businesses develop and succeed along commercial corridors and at commercial nodes throughout the city.

In addition to the façade guide and Façade Improvement Program, the City also provides funding to business districts for other activities that support the economic vitality of the entire district, including business loans, real estate development gap financing and business district assistance such as market studies and retail recruitment efforts.

To view the guidebook and learn more about the Façade Improvement Matching Grant Program, go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/great_streets_home.asp or call 612-673-5018.

THE COMMUNITY ROOM

A Celebration of Culture, History and Freedom

The annual Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration Festival, commemorating the historical events leading to the freedom of African slaves in the United States, will be held on Saturday June 21, 2008 at Theodore Wirth Park located at the intersection of Glenwood Avenue North and Xerxes Avenue from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This year's festival includes special guest appearances by Fox News Anchor Robyne Robinson, members of the WNBA's Minnesota Lynx, musical groups Excelsior Choir, James Grear and NuFriends, the Westside Band, XROSS, KJ, and the Bound Band.

The day begins at 7:00 a.m. with a free community breakfast, breast cancer survivors walk, and the Juneteenth Day Parade.

The festival, sited in the glorious surroundings of Theodore Wirth Park, kicks of at 11:00 a.m. and features old favorites such as the Obsidian Arts Village, USTA Tennis Clinics, Wilderness Inquiry Canoe Riders, the Juneteenth Business and Nonprofit Marketplace, the Wellness Pavilion, two food courts and two entertainment stages.

For more information about Juneteenth Minnesota, visit www.juneteenthminnesota.org or call 612-238-3733.

If your organization has an event planned and would like to have an announcement in "The 5th Ward News", please forward a description (no more than 150 words) and logo to Monique.cuff@ci.minneapolis.mn.us no later than the 4th Monday of the month or call 612.673.2205

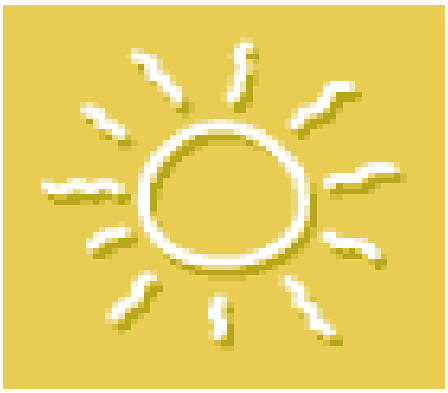
The Northside Arts Collective, representing over 100 artists and supporters in North Minneapolis, invites you to come discover what you have been missing. **NORTHSIDE ART**!

This multi-cultural arts and music festival is in it's **5th year in North Minneapolis** and proudly celebrates the rich diversity of our community with fine art and craft artisans, performers, storytellers, music, food, free kids art and more!

The Spring Art Party will be held Saturday, June 7, 2008 10am to 6pm **FOLWELL PARK,** 1615 Dowling Av N.

Check out NEW additions to our website:
Www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward5

MPS to offer Free Summer Meals



The Minneapolis Public Schools Food Service Department sponsors The Summer Food Service Program in Minneapolis schools, parks, and community sites including: Ascension Sumer Camp. Emerge Street Works, Harrison Community Center, North Commons Park, and others. The Program is paid for with federal dollars available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Meals served through the Minneapolis Public Schools Summer Food Service Program are free to all children ages 1-18.

The 2008 Summer Food Service Program will run Monday, June 16 - Friday, August 15. There will be no meal service on Friday, July 4.

For more information about the program and for a complete list of participating organizations, contact the Minneapolis Public Schools at 612.668.0230.

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Save the Date

5th Ward Public Safety Fair

Saturday, July 12

Noon-3 PM

North Commons Park
1801 James Ave N

More information to follow in July newsletter

(Currently looking for volunteers for this event. Call Monique at 612.673.2205)

Adopt-A-Litter Container

Businesses, individual residents, block clubs or other organizations can adopt a litter container for a minimum of two years.

These entities already know the locations where litter collects and have on-the-scene interest in minimizing litter and debris. An adopted litter container is an effective tool to prevent much of the litter from being tossed to the ground in the first place. Participants of this Program are not charged to have a litter container placed. In addition, adopters have a choice for servicing the litter container:

1. Empty it themselves—Plastic bags are furnished when needed. A pair of reusable gloves is also provided Filled bags are disposed with regular garbage

OR

2. Pay to have City crews service the litter container once each week for a nominal fee ($12) added to a monthly utility bill. Additional service visits can be scheduled for an increased cost.

For more information, call Angie at 612.673.3764.