5th Ward News

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From Council Member Don Samuels

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Harrison Neighborhood Association (HNA)
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Heritage Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA)
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Northside Residents Redevelopment Council (NRRC)
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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.*

Tornado Tree Stump Removal Begins!

The May 22 tornado that touched down through 3.5 miles of north Minneapolis downed 2,600 park and boulevard trees. Today, following weeks of preparation, the Minneapolis Park Board's forestry crews began removing the most unsightly stumps along northside boulevards – the 1,529 stumps that are tipped and have exposed roots.

During the days and weeks following the tornado, Park Board and City crews worked around the clock to open streets, remove downed and damaged boulevard trees and haul away residential tree debris. An amazing 5,000 loads of tree material totaling 120,165 cubic yards was removed between May 22 and the end of June. During the month of July, forestry crews starting focusing on the safe removal of the tipped stumps.

The Park Board's forestry crews have diligently photographed and inventoried the addresses of all 1,529 stumps and each site had utility lines located by Gopher State to prevent any safety issues. FEMA then began the process of determining the GPS location of each stump.

The work, which will begin in the northernmost section of the tornado area and systematically move south, requires the use of large machinery and temporary closures of streets while the work is being done.

The Park Board estimates it will take until mid September to remove all of the tipped stumps, and through the end of the year to grind down another 1,000 boulevard stumps that are flat, not tipped, from trees cut down after the storm. After tipped stumps are safety removed, the City of Minneapolis will repair sidewalks and curbs that were damaged during the tornado.

Park Board and City officials look forward to having all tipped and flat stumps within the tornado area removed by the end of the year, and planning is already underway in collaboration with the neighborhoods for replanting and re-greening the northside next spring.

Tornado Relief Open House For Graduates

As most of you know the North Side of Minneapolis was ravaged by a tornado this Spring. As a result, many families were impacted by the devastation. The tornado came at a time when many families were preparing for graduation and also getting ready for Open House Celebrations. Unfortunately, the tornado caused many families and students to miss out on their own Open House Celebrations.

On August 13, 2011 from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Minneapolis Public Schools, Pillsbury United Communities and the North Side Community Response Team will host an Open House for all Minneapolis graduates affected by the tornado. Please join MPS for food, family and fun as we celebrate the success of our young people. Gifts are not required, but your presence will surely go a long way in positively impacting the future of these graduates.

Event Details:

Saturday, 8/13th, **2:00pm-6:00pm** at Minneapolis Park and Rec Banquet Room **(2117 West River Rd)**. RSVP to **612-668-0478**

Need Back-to-School Vaccines For Your Children?

Hennepin County reminds parents to make sure their school-aged children are up to date with their immunizations now before it's time for them to go back to school in the fall. Hennepin County Public Health offers low-cost immunizations to those without adequate health insurance and has added extra clinic dates and locations to increase availability of back-to-school shots.
All are walk-in clinics so no appointments are needed. All school-required immunizations will be available. Parents are asked to bring each child's immunization records with them. Additionally, There are five school based clinics in Minneapolis that are open Monday through Friday 8:00am—3:00pm. NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center will also run their annual immunization "Shot Clinic" from August 15 - September 9, 9am to 4pm**.**

For more information about the extra clinics, call 612-348-2884 or go to www.hennepin.us/vaccines. Donations are requested but not required for the immunizations.

West Broadway Farmers Market!

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

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

Salad Supper & Outdoor Movie for Chimney Swift's

Help harvest fresh produce from our Garden or bring some from your own yard. We'll combine our treasured tomatoes, cucumbers and more to create a fresh, locally grown meal for friends, neighbors, and fellow gardeners.

We'll also celebrate the one year anniversary of the Garden's Chimney Swift Tower. Chimney swifts are a small cigar-shaped bird whose population has plummeted in the last 30 years. To help them rebound, the MPRB worked with Audubon Minnesota and the Bryn Mawr neighborhood to build a tower in the Garden. A pair of swifts moved into the tower this spring!

Event details:

Thursday, 8/18 from **6:00pm—dusk**. Meeting at **JD Rivers' Children's Garden in Wirth Park**

Fashion Benefit At The Capri

Saturday, September 17, 2011, save the date and bring a friend to the **2nd Annual Fashion Benefit** at **Capri Theater**. $15 General Adm. in advance $20 at the door
$35 VIP Adm in advance $50 at the door. ONLY 30 VIP tickets will be available at each show and tickets include dinner for VIP ONLY.
There will be no food available for general admission.

There will be two shows again this year a 6:30pm and 8:30pm show. Expect great garments and more performers as well this year. Come out and support great causes and enjoy timeless pieces. 10% is going to the Lupus Foundation; 10% is going to the Cervical Foundation; 20% is going into more scholarship funding for kids to continue to learn the art of sewing at Homewood Studios.

Call (612) 384-1971 for more ticket information.

Call For Art at NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center

Artists are constantly engaging and responding to changes in their environment and communities—pushing, creating, recreating, building and rebuilding work that reflect these rhythms. Submit up to 5 pieces in any medium for consideration. All submissions should be sent as email attachments to art@fourstorycake.com in jpeg format, less than 1 MB, at least 150 ppi, image dimensions minimum of 5 inches x 5 inches. Label each file with the image number and your last name. For example: 01Doe.jpg, 02Doe.jpg, etc. Please include your name, address, phone number and specifics of the piece (medium, dimensions, title) in the body of the email. All artists will be notified by email no later than August 12, 2011 regarding a decision. Send questions to Jennifer Kennedy Logan (art@fourstorycake.com). All artwork will be exhibited in the gallery space at NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center,1313 Penn Avenue North.

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DESSERT WITH DON

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

Last Monday of Each Month

This Month's Topic is:

To Be Determined
Monday, August 22nd
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!