

5th Ward News

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

From Council Member Don Samuels

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5TH WARD NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

Harrison Neighborhood Association (HNA)

503 Irving Avenue North
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Minneapolis, MN 55405
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Jordan Area Community Council (JACC)

Pillsbury United Communities
Unity House
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Minneapolis, MN 55411
612.529.9267 x 3003

North Loop Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 582178
Minneapolis, MN 55458-2178
612.339.3904

Northside Residents Redevelopment Council (NRRC)

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Old Highland Organization

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Willard-Homewood Organization

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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 don.samuels@ci.minneapolis.mn.us and put the words **NEWSLETTER** in the subject line.



Uncle Bill's Boarded

On Friday, June 1st, at 12 midnight, the Uncle Bill's convenience store at 2426 Plymouth was closed and boarded up. The building was condemned and ordered to be vacated by the Fire Marshall and the Inspections Department.

The effort to make change on Plymouth and Sheridan has been a long hard struggle with a well deserved outcome. There are many in Minneapolis to thank for this outcome.

Special thanks go to the David Dewall and Jim Dahl of the **Minneapolis Fire Department**, Tom Deegan of the **Problem Properties Unit**, Rocco Forte, Henry Reimer and Greg Simbeck from **Regulatory Services**.

Much of the final push for action came from **Council Member Don Samuels** and **Mayor R.T. Rybak** and their staff.

But it must be noted that none of this would have

been accomplished without the determined effort of the community.

Thank you residents of Willard—Hay Homewood for your many years and long hours of hard work.



Summer is almost here, and that means kids will soon be out of school and looking for something to do. Fortunately, Minneapolis has plenty of opportunities for students that can keep them busy through Labor Day.

There are more than 750 activities and programs covering a wide array of topics available for children and teens, including the Police Activities League, reading clubs, leadership programs, and music and art projects.

For students old enough to work, The Step-Up summer jobs program recruits, trains, and places Minneapolis teens in jobs that provide them with solid work experience, puts them on career paths, and lets them earn some money in the process. There are around 2,000 summer jobs available through Step-Up this summer, 600 more than last year.

Students who have
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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!**

The 4th Annual Spring Art Party is a partnership of the Northside Arts Collective, the Jordan Area Community Council and Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board.

The Spring Art Party will be held at North Commons Park at 1801 James Avenue North, Saturday June 9th from 10 AM to 6 PM

The art, music and performances at this event represent the multi-cultural community we call home! Come see what we're REALLY made of - **Art!**

Free Family Fun with Art, Music & Food



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North Commons Park, 16th & James

The HOPE Collaborative

After a successful inaugural presentation at the Capri Theatre with Dr. Sharon Jackson of Withrow University High School, Council Member Don Samuels and the **HOPE Collaborative** would like to invite you to a 2nd community discussion forum highlighting local and national success stories in education.

When: June 18th, 6-8pm.

Where: Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre
1500 East Lake St. Minneapolis

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Lawrence Hernandez, Founder and Principal of Cesar Chavez Academy Public Charter School in Pueblo City, CO

Dr. Hernandez is regarded as one of the most effective educators in our country today. Through his leadership, the school has received numerous awards for excellence in education. His goal is to create scholars and leaders of the 21st century.

Serving primarily low income, Latino students, Cesar Chavez, was 1 of 3 middle schools in its' area- out of the 11- to be rated Excellent on state assessments for overall academic performance.

Please Join Council Member Don Samuels for an exciting evening.

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trouble getting around town can catch a ride on a "Youth Are Here" circulating bus. Two routes, one on the North side and one on the South side, provide safe transportation to activities and youth-friendly places in their areas.

Find out about many of these programs by going to the Minneapolis' new youth Web page at

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/residents/youth.asp. Also,

call the "What's Up?" youth information line at (612) 399-999 or search the organization's database at

www.whatsup.org.

