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
612.353.5601

North Loop Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 582178
Minneapolis, MN 55458-2178
612.339.3904

Northside Residents Redevelopment Council (NRRC)
1500 Golden Valley Road
Minneapolis, MN 55411
612.335.5924

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

Willard-Homewood Organization-
www.willard-homewood.org
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.*

H1N1 Immunization Clinics at Parks

The Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board are working with the Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association to offer a series of free H1N1 vaccination clinics at 14 Minneapolis parks between Feb. 1 and 15.

Immunizations are available to any individual over age 6 months. No appointment is necessary.

Vaccinations are free, but please bring your insurance card if you have one. Children will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian who must sign a consent form. People who are currently sick will not be able to get the vaccination.

North Minneapolis - H1N1 Vaccination Clinic Locations

Farview Park
609 29th Ave. N.
Saturday, Feb. 6 - Noon - 2 p.m.

Harrison Park,
503 Irving Ave. N.
Monday, Feb. 8—5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Webber Park
4400 Dupont Ave. N.
Tuesday, Feb. 9— 4 - 6 p.m.

North Commons Park
1801 James Ave. N.
Saturday, Feb. 13—10 a.m. to Noon

Minneapolis Receives $19.5 Million for Foreclosure Help

Minneapolis, in a partnership with Hennepin County and Brooklyn Park, has been awarded $19.5 million in Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties in areas hardest hit by mortgage foreclosure. The innovative

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City Awarded $ for Foreclosure Help

consortium application stems from the work under a national pilot with the National Community Stabilization Trust (NCST), “First Look”, coupled with a robust nonprofit development community that assists in rebuilding neighborhoods. Additionally, the Twin Cities Community Land Bank, a newly organized nonprofit, was established to assemble, manage and dispose of property for the purpose of stabilizing neighborhoods.

Minneapolis is allowed to use the funds to purchase and rehabilitate homes and residential properties that have been abandoned or foreclosed, and to purchase and demolish properties to hold the vacant land for future redevelopment in order to stabilize neighborhoods impacted by foreclosures. Funding can also be used to establish financing programs for homeowners or developers to purchase foreclosed residential properties. The spending plan will be approved by the City Council in February.

In 2008, the City of Minneapolis was awarded $14 million in federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds for purchasing, re-developing, and rehabilitating foreclosed and abandoned properties.

For more information about NSP go to http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/foreclosure/NSP.asp

Council Member Don Samuels to Help Announce Down Payment Assistance

Fifth Ward Council Member Don Samuels, Mayor R.T. Rybak, St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and others will announce $41 million available to first-time homebuyers through the CityLiving program, a mortgage-and down payment-assistance program, offered by the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul.

The announcement will be made on Tuesday, February 9 at 10:45 AM at a recently built home at 1818 26th Ave N.

The program has been assisting homebuyers for 28 years, helping more than 30,000 first-time buyers move into their homes. (Due to the effect of the challenging economic climate on the bond market, funding was not available in 2009.)

CityLiving loans offer homebuyers an opportunity to purchase Minneapolis homes at an interest rate that historically has ranked well below market rates. The City sells tax exempt mortgage revenue bonds, making the funds available to private lenders for low-interest mortgages.

The CityLiving program also offers Homebuyer Education Workshops at a low cost through the Home Ownership Center. The workshops provide first-time homebuyers comprehensive information to prepare them for home ownership. The workshops are offered in English, Spanish, Hmong and Cambodian. Bilingual counselors or interpreters are also available for other languages.

To apply for a loan or for more information about the CityLiving Program, call 612.673.5282 or go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/city_living.asp

THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Sumner Library Seeks Donations for Book Sale

To help raise money for Sumner Library, The Friend's Group at Sumner Library is planning for a book sale in May 2010. We are looking for your books, CD's, and DVD's.

If you have any of these items: books, CD's, and DVD's, please drop them off at Sumner Library between now and May 2010.

If you have further questions contact **Sumner Library** at: 952.847.2875 - **611 Van White Memorial Blvd., Minneapolis, 55411**

Also note: What kinds of donations does Hennepin County Library accept?

HCL accepts donations of books and AV materials that are in good condition. The library **does not** accept books with mold, handwriting and highlighting, magazines, Reader's Digest condensed books or textbooks.

Catalyst & Gray Plant Mooty Offer Free Legal Clinic

Where: 1200 West Broadway

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month Dates include February 10th and 24th, March 10th and 24th, etc.

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Catalyst Community Partners and Gray Plant M are offering free legal services for low income North Minneapolis residents. At the clinic, the attorney will answer questions and/or refer clients to other places for help. The options presented to those who attend will be determined by the specifics of their legal issues.

Clients will be screened for financial eligibility and, if eligible, the consultation will be provided without charge. Some of the types of cases which clinic attorneys may assist with include: debt/ bankruptcy law, civil law, consumer law, and housing law. Clients will be seen on a first-come, first-serve basis.

What Do Kids Need from Their Teachers?

Where: Homewood Studio
2400 Plymouth Ave N.
612-587-0230
When:Saturday February 27
Time:2:00-3:30 P.M.

A Talk-About event hosted by Julie Landsman. Author George Roberts, Northside poet and retired public school teacher, will read from his book of prose poems, *Elfriede's Cat; Notes of a High School Literature Teacher.*

PYC Black History Showcase

Where: Capri Theater
2027 West Broadway
When: Friday February 19
Time; 7:00 P.M.

The 2nd annual PYC Black History Showcase will be a tribute to our fallen stars through Spoken Word, gospel, rap, dance and R&B. Tickets will be sold at the door and are $5 for adults, $4 for students receive $1 off with canned goods donation. For more information, contact Walter Anderson at 612-643-2066.

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Dessert With Don

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

Fourth Monday of each Month

This Month's Topic is:

TRANSPORTATION

Monday, February 22
7:00 to 8:30 PM
UROC
2001 Plymouth Ave North

(Next Month's Topic -Minneapolis Public Schools)

Please join me for ***Dessert With Don.***

This month's meeting will feature a presentation on "Transportation Plans for North Minneapolis".

The panel will talk about connecting the community by way of bus, bike and train to jobs and amenities in the rest of the metro area.

Invitees to the meeting include representatives from:

- Minneapolis Public Works
- Hennepin County
- Metro Transit
- Transit for Livable Communities

Transportation can have a transformative effect in our community. Please come and participate in this months informational meeting. I hope to see you there!

For more information call 612.673.2205