

# 5<sup>th</sup> Ward News

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

From Council Member Don Samuels

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> 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  
612.886-3202

### North Loop Neighborhood Association

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

### Northside Residents Redevelopment Council (NRRC)

1313 Plymouth Ave. North  
Minneapolis, MN 55411  
612.335.5924

### Old Highland Organization

www.oldhighland.org  
[info@oldhighland.org](mailto:info@oldhighland.org)

### Willard-Homewood Organization-

www.willard-homewood.org  
[info@willard-homewood.org](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> Ward.

If you would like to receive this newsletter please send an email to [monique.cuff@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:monique.cuff@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) and put the words **NEWSLETTER** in the subject line.

## STEP-UP Program Seeks Minneapolis Youth for 2009 Summer Jobs

Minneapolis youth, ages 14 -21, who would like to participate in the 2009 STEP-UP summer jobs program should submit an application now through **Jan. 30, 2009.**

STEP-UP is a paid, summer jobs program that teaches students age 14-16 good work habits and provides them their first job experience with wages and an opportunity to contribute to a local community based organization. STEP-UP for 16- to 21-year-olds is operated by [AchieveMpls](http://www.achievepls.com) and provides youth with paid

positions with local employers, government, and educational institutions and teaches them the skills they need to succeed on the job.

Youth interested in the STEP-UP program will need to complete a competitive application process and attend a work readiness training session to be considered for a summer position. More information and applications are available on the Web at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/stepup.asp> or by calling (612) 673-5041.

## Minneapolis Offers Resources for Dislocated Workers

Minneapolis residents who have lost their job during the current downturn in the economy can take advantage of resources designed to help them transition to a new job.

Dislocated workers can turn to resources being offered by the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Central Library and the State of Minnesota.

- The City's dislocated worker program provides employment and training services to individual workers who lose their jobs through no

fault of their own due to closings, reorganizations, or other permanent layoffs and who need assistance with the transition to new employment. Services are free to eligible workers and include career

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## Dislocated Worker Resources (cont.)

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counseling, skill updating, retraining and job search assistance. For service locations, see:

[www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/docs/METPBrochure.pdf](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/docs/METPBrochure.pdf).

For more information contact: Catherine Christian at (612) 673-6230, or by e-mail at [catherine.christian@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:catherine.christian@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

- A variety of resources for individuals seeking employment can be found on the City's Web site at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/metp.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/metp.asp).
- The Minneapolis Central Library also offers workshops on job searching, resume writing and other employment assistance. Information can be found at [www.hclib.org/pub/events/AllEventsAction.cfm](http://www.hclib.org/pub/events/AllEventsAction.cfm) and search for "employment."

## Northside Residents Go Door to Door to Stop Foreclosures and Evictions!

On Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>, Council Member Don Samuels went door-knocking with volunteers from the new Northside Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC). NCRC volunteers have identified over 500 North Minneapolis residents who received adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) in 2007 or are currently delinquent on their mortgage payments.

They braved the cold

several nights that week to visit each of these residents to make sure they know their rights, and that they may be able to get a loan modification by working with a foreclosure prevention counselor at one of several local agencies. The counseling is free of charge. If **you** have questions about your mortgage, or if you are a tenant worried about eviction, please call one of the agencies listed below. They provide free, professional services. Be careful of scam artists who want to charge you thousands of dollars to provide foreclosure prevention services.

Please join us for NCRC's next event: a Town Hall Forum on the Roadmap to Economic Recovery with Congressman Keith Ellison! The event will be held at Temple Israel (2324 Emerson Ave S.) on Monday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.



*Council Member Don Samuels joins members of NCRC to door homeowners in danger of foreclosure.*

For more information please contact Lance Knuckles at [morphcommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:morphcommunity@yahoo.com) or 612-239-2960.

### **FORECLOSURE PREVENTION AGENCIES:**

**ACORN Housing**  
651-642-9639

**Northside Residents  
Redevelopment Council**  
(NRRC)  
612-335-5924

**Twin Cities Habitat for  
Humanity**  
612-331-4090 x. 3

**TENANTS RIGHT AGENCY:**  
**Legal Aid Society**  
612-334-5970

## Council Approves Funds for WB Project



The Minneapolis City Council approved a Great Streets performance grant to Great Neighborhoods Development Corporation for \$432,000 to support the development costs of the \$70 million Broadway Plaza at West Broadway and Aldrich. This project is a key catalytic investment for the city's Northside.

A new 24-hour 121,000 square foot YWCA, expected to be the largest in the nation, will anchor this development. In addition to the YWCA, the project will house approximately 15 businesses. Supporting these two facilities are a 300 vehicle parking structure, a Police Department safety center, and pedestrian and streetscape improvements throughout.

# THE COMMUNITY ROOM

As much  
**FUN**  
as you can have with your  
**SWEET TOOTH!**

## Camden Music School presents the 4th Annual Holiday Concert and Sing-a-Long

Join Camden Music School for a heartwarming afternoon of holiday music and singing on Saturday, December 13 from 3-4pm at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan Ave. N. **Free.**

You'll hear and sing a variety of holiday favorites including The Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. CMS will also be offering homemade holiday goodies for sale after the concert, including "lefse" and other ethnic specialties.

All proceeds from "As Much Fun As You Can Have With Your Sweet Tooth" will go to the CMS Scholarship Fund, a sponsored project of Our



## A Copasetic Christmas Carol

Internationally renowned jazz vocalist, **Charmin Michelle**, and jazz saxophonist, **Doug Haining**,

return with the Twin Cities Seven jazz orchestra to the Capri stage with their holiday hit: *A Copasetic Christmas Carol* created by Charmin and Doug.

Suitable for (in the words of Nat King Cole) "kids from one to ninety-two," this fresh, snazzy and hep jazz take on Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will surely warm the heart of the even the coldest Scrooge.

**Craig Eichorn**, former KBEM personality, will lead you through this magical evening of intrigue, sass and hip swing melodies. At the helm of this "swing thang" are some of the twin cities most capable musicians. It's a "hep cat thang"! It's a "swing thang"! It's a "classic Legend's Capri thang"!

Featured musicians in this show are Tanner Taylor, piano; Rick Carlson, piano; Steve Pikal, bass; Kent Saunders, jazz guitar; Dick Bortolussi, drums; Scott Agster, trombone; and Steve Wright, trumpet.

Shows are 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14

Tickets are \$25 or \$20 for groups of 10 or more. To order tickets call Uptown Tix at 651-209-6799

## A Visit with Santa

The 14th Annual "A Visit with Santa", will be held on Saturday, December 20,

2008 from 11:00 am to 3 pm. This is an event which brings together children ages infant to 12 years and families in an atmosphere of holiday spirit and fun.

The event will be held at the Glover Sudduth Center, 2100 Plymouth Ave N., Minneapolis.



As Minneapolis Urban League (MUL) has done each year, MUL offers the children a free photo of their visit. Each child will also receive a small gift and candy cane from Santa. MUL's focus is on education and learning and again this year they will provide books to the children.

This event is sponsored by the Minneapolis Urban League's Guild. Cosponsors include **Honeywell, Half-Price Books, IKON Office Solutions, Starbucks and the MUL's Young Professionals.**



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*Happy Holidays  
From Don, Jose & Monique*



## STAY ALERTED TO SNOW EMERGENCIES

Any time snowfall is in the forecast, or when it starts to snow, there are a number of ways to find out if snow-related parking rules are in effect.

### Call the Snow Hotline

English - 612-348-SNOW  
(7669)

Hmong - 612-673-2933

Spanish - 612-673-3819

Somali - 612-673-2141

TTY - 612-673-2116

### Call 311

The City's 311 agents will have the latest Snow Emergency information.

### Check Your E-Mail

You can subscribe to the City's [E-Mail Snow Alert](#) service to receive notification or sign up to receive a short text message on your mobile devices (such as cell phones or PDAs)

### Receive a Snow Emergency Alert Call

The City may attempt to alert you using a voice messaging service. For more information, and to add a telephone number to the system, visit the [Snow Phone Alert](#) page.

### City Cable Channels 14, 79 or KBEM-FM (88.5 MHz)

Avoid a ticket and a tow. Know when Snow Emergencies are called and park your vehicle accordingly.