5th Ward News

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From Council Member Don Samuels

MARCH 2010

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.*

City Helps Launch Innovative Youth Violence Intervention Program

City leaders and community partners have launched an innovative strategy to help break the cycle of violence in Minneapolis. The program reaches out to young victims of violence when their injuries are first spotted by healthcare workers.

The Minneapolis Youth Violence Intervention Program (MY-VIP), which went into effect on Jan. 4, is available to youth ages 8-24 who arrive at the emergency departments of Hennepin County Medical Center or North Memorial Medical Center with violence-related injuries. A social worker or clinical psychologist is notified when a victim arrives.

The mental health professional then performs an evaluation, exploring issues related to safety concerns, retaliation risk, family support, peer group support, school/ truancy, life skills (anger management/conflict resolution), mental health, chemical dependency, legal concerns and employment. Based upon the evaluation, the mental health professional makes appropriate referrals to community-based agencies.

MY-VIP is a partnership between the City, Hennepin County, HCMC and North Memorial Medical To date, nearly 40 agencies in the metro area have agreed to

offer their services in partnership with the program, including the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, MADDADS, Youth Link, Urban Youth Conservation, Holding Forth the Word of Life Church, and Salaam Project.

MY-VIP is part of the City's "Blueprint for Action" plan that works to address the root causes of violence and significantly reduce youth violence in Minneapolis. For more information about Blueprint for Action visit http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/dhfs/yv.asp.

Winter Parking Limits END!

With the coming of spring and the long term forecast predicting warmer weather, the Public Works

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Parking Ban Ends

Department and the Fire Chief have decided to end the Winter Parking Restrictions beginning 10am Friday, March 5th. Normal parking regulations will apply at that time.

Exceptions are all of the special signs that were changed or modified on non-Snow Emergency Routes. This work will commence on Friday morning and take several days to complete, as when the ban was implemented. The City ask that law enforcement officials watch for these areas and use judgment and allow for time for parkers to adapt to the changes, and not issue citations.

Crew will begin removing signs from streets immediately.

March is Census Month!

Census time is here. Watch your mailbox in the coming weeks for your copy of the 2010 Census questionnaire, and make sure to fill it out and return it so you'll be counted.

Your census questionnaire should arrive in the mail sometime in mid-March. It will be addressed to "resident," and include a postage-paid envelope for you to return your filled-out form. There are 10 questions for the head of the household, and seven questions for everyone else in the residence to answer.

Answers you provide helps determine the size of our community so we can receive the resources, representation and recognition we deserve. Census data is used to find the best way to distribute nearly $400 billion in federal program funds as well as a variety of social services. It's estimated that Minneapolis will lose around $1 million over the next decade for every 100 residents who are not counted in the 2010 Census.

Questionnaire assistance centers opening

A number of questionnaire assistance centers (QACs) will open in mid-March to help residents answer any questions they may have about the Census. People at these centers will also have questionnaires for anyone who didn't get one in the mail, and they'll offer translation services for people who need it. To find the QAC nearest you, call 3-1-1 .

For more information and a list of upcoming local events for 2010 Census, go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/2010census.

Emerald Ash Borer Discovered in Minneapolis

For the first time, the emerald ash borer has been spotted in Minneapolis. Officials from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of the beetle in trees in Tower Hill Park, which is in the Prospect Park/East River Road neighborhood. In response, the trees with the infestation are being removed, and an intensified search of all ash trees in the surrounding area will begin.

The emerald ash borer is a non-native species that bores under the bark of ash trees to lay eggs. The larvae that hatch live under the bark, feeding on the tissue layer there. This disrupts water and nutrients from reaching all sections of the tree, eventually causing the tree's death.

The emerald ash borer is a major concern because it has caused the deaths of millions of ash trees and approximately 20 percent of the tree canopy in Minneapolis consists of ash trees.

The City and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board are now working collaboratively with other local, state and federal agencies on efforts to mitigate

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THE COMMUNITY ROOM

NORTHPOINT Health & Wellness Center

Be a Food SUPERHERO

The Community Food Shelf at NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center Inc. in partnership with Minnesota FoodShare is conducting a March Campaign to raise dollars and collect food donations.

Our goal is to collect a combined total of 60,000 in pounds of food and cash donations during the month of March. All donations will be partially matched by the Feinstein Foundation and Minnesota FoodShare.

Even before our economy was in full recession, demand at local food shelves was growing. Since 2005, the number of people served by NorthPoint's food shelf grew by 60 percent. In 2009, our food shelf provided food for more than 30,000 people. Our clients are truly in need: 47 percent adult food shelf users in Minnesota report regularly skipping meals to stretch their family budget.

Donations of cash and food can be collected throughout the month of March. In order to qualify for matching funds, all donations need to be received on or before April 2, 2010.

For information about making a donation call 612.767.9175 or got to www.northpointhealth.org.

United States Census 2010

2010 Census Rally and Action Day! Saturday, Mar. 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cub Foods - 701 West Broadway Avenue

Neighborhood leaders and residents will be gathering in the Cub Foods parking lot at 11 a.m. to build energy and awareness around the 2010 census on our Northside. There will be giveaways and speakers during the rally and afterwards, gatherers will table at Cub Foods and canvass local businesses to spread the word about how important the 2010 census is to our community.

The more people we have involved, the more visible and successful this action day will be. We also encourage you to bring others from your organization, community, and family. Please contact Hannah Garcia at 612-625-2497 or minneapolis2010census@gmail.com

We hope you will join us! This will be a great opportunity for us to connect with people and create big Census awareness on our Northside!

Teen Job Fair Saturday April 10th

The Teen Job Fair will take place at the Hennepin County Library's Central location at 300 Nicollet Mall on April 10, 2010, from 12pm until 3pm.

Last year more than 1000 young people attended the Minneapolis Teen Job Fair in an effort to learn more about the resources, programs and employment opportunities available in Hennepin County.

Teen Job Fair Partners: Hennepin County Library, the City of Minneapolis Employment and Training Program, the Department of Employment and Economic Development, the Minneapolis Workforce Centers and the Mall of America

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For more information on the emerald ash borer, go to the Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture's information page at www.saveourash.net, or go to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Web site at www.minneapolisparks.org and click on the emerald ash borer link under "quick links."

Dessert With Don

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

Last Monday of Each Month

This Month's Topic is:

Youth Violence Prevention

Monday, March 29
7:00 to 8:30 PM
UROC
2001 Plymouth Ave North

(Next Month: TBD)

For more information call 612.673.2205. Hope to see you there!