5th Ward News

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

From Council Member Don Samuels

FEBRUARY 2011

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
612.886.4539

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.*

Affordable Housing Trust Funds Still Available!!

The City of Minneapolis is soliciting development funding proposals for the remaining 2010 Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) monies. The City has approximately $2.5 million remaining in the 2010 AHTF which is now available on a supplemental pipeline basis.

The source of this money is Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds only. CDBG funds may be used for rehabilitation and typical development costs associated with rehabilitation. Positive conversion of a non-residential building to a residential building is considered housing rehabilitation for CDBG purposes except when the building structure is being expanded in which case it is considered new construction. CDBG funds may not be used for new construction except in very limited situations. If a proposal involves new construction, contact Donna Wiemann at 612-673-5257 to discuss.

Applications are due no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 16, 2011. The application materials should be delivered or mailed to:

Donna Wiemann
City of Minneapolis
Community Planning & Economic Development, Multi-Family Housing
Crown Roller Mill, Room 200
105 Fifth Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55401

The application materials may be accessed at: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/ahtfpipeline2010_rfp_home.asp

New North Mpls Salt & Sand Location

We are pleased to let you know that sidewalk sand is now available to residents at the **2710 Pacific** location. It is located outside of the main Public Works gate, on the boulevard on Pacific Street, between 27th and 28th Avenues. Solid Waste & Recycling will keep it supplied all winter long!

Sustainable Communities CET Community Meeting

Are you concerned about having a voice in the future of your community? Our region will more than double its transit system in the next 10 to 20 years. Do you want a safe, healthy, affordable neighborhood with access to a regional transit system, affordable housing, jobs, education and economic development? Well come out to the CET Community meeting **February 23rd at 6:30** at the **Harrison Recreation Center (503 Irving Ave N)** and have your voice heard!

In 2010, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that the Twin Cities region was awarded a 3-yr, $5 million grant from the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program. Major investments in public transit are underway that will reshape the region and many neighborhoods.

Please contact Joan Vanhala, Organizer for Alliance for Metro Stability, for more information and to register for the dinner! Call at 612-332-4471 or joan@metrostability.org

Understanding Your Property Tax Increase and What You Can Do About It!

Understand your Minneapolis property taxes

City Assessor's annual neighborhood meeting

Join us to learn more about Minneapolis property taxes and related issues.

Wednesday, February 23, 2011
4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Pearl Park Neighborhood Center
414 East Diamond Lake Road

Thursday, February 24, 2011
4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
North Regional Library
1315 Lowry Avenue North

Cookies and refreshments will be served.

Agenda:

Overview of the property tax system

Basic terms and concepts

Explanation of property tax relief programs

Get credit! Pick up the forms you need for:

- Homestead Credit
- Relative Homestead Credit
- Blind and Disabled Credit
- Homeowners Property Tax Relief Fund – M1PR
- Targeting Property Tax Refund
- Senior Citizens Property Tax Deferral
- Lead Abatement Program
- Application for property review
- Disabled Veterans Tax Exclusion Program

Residential and commercial appraisers will be present to speak with owners and taxpayers.

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These meeting places are accessible. If you need further disability related accommodation, please call Billie Imhoede at 612-673-3220 by Wednesday, February 16, 2011. Deaf and hard-of-hearing persons may use a relay service to call 311 agents at 612-673-3000. TTY users may call 612-673-2626.

Attention: If you have any questions regarding this material please call 311.
Hmong - Ceeb toom. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais cov xov no rau koj dawb, hu 612-673-2800.
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Somali - Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la'aan wac 612-673-3500.

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/assessor

THE COMMUNITY ROOM

8th Graders: Do You Know Where You Want To Go To High School? Here's Your Chance To Find Out!

FREE 8th Grade Lock-in

Friday, Mar. 4th-5th, 7pm-7am
at Jerry Gambles Boys and Girls Club

FREE ADMISSION

8th Grade Students and Parents
Free Entry to watch Your North
High Polars at these Games:

vs. Patrick Henry
Feb. 21st 1:30pm @North

vs. Washburn
Mar. 3rd 7:00pm @North

FREE Dinner Included
(Parents must be present for entry)

For more information, visit http://nhcCoalition.org
or text us at 612-293-MPLS

MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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THOMAS EDISON HIGH SCHOOL

Attention, Future Tommies!

DON'T MISS YOUR NIGHT OF FUN AT THOMAS EDISON HIGH SCHOOL!

February 18th
Elementary School Night

We hope you'll plan to join us for this exciting Lady Tommies basketball game!

We've got lots of fun things planned for all of our Future Tommies including musical performances, a dance competition, cheering, and a Fan of the Game competition, Just to make it a little bit more fun.

ALL KIDS GET IN **FREE!**

BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME.

Black History Showcase at the Capri

PYC Arts & Tech High School's Discovery Crew presents its 3rd annual Black History Showcase featuring performances of spoken word, dance, R&B and gospel at 7 p.m., **Friday, Feb. 18th**. Admission at the door is $5 for adults and $4 for students. You can receive a $1 discount if you bring a donated canned good for a local food shelf.

For more information, go to www.pcyc-mpls.org

In Memoriam: 2010

Drew Michael Heinkel

DOD: 2/13/10

Alisha Neeley

DOD: 2/26/10

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DESSERT WITH DON

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

Last Monday of Each Month

This Month's Topic is:

Best of 5th Ward Awards: 2010
Monday, February 28th
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.**

This months meeting will feature a presentation discussing the progress made in the 5th Ward this past year and the people in the community that helped make it happen.

This meeting will be a celebration of last year and will recognize the individuals that made 2010 a true success!

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!