5th Ward News

HARRISON, JORDAN, NEAR NORTH, SUMNER-GLENWWOD, 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
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
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info@oldhighland.org

Willard-Homewood Organization-
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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.*

New program can help you become a Minneapolis homeowner

The City of Minneapolis has a new resource to help folks become Minneapolis homeowners. **The Minneapolis Advantage** program offers qualifying buyers a $10,000 zero-percent loan that can be used to help cover the down payment and closing costs. If the buyer lives in the home for five years, the loan would be fully forgiven. The money can also be used to make needed home repairs.

This new program was adopted by the City Council at its April 4 meeting as a way to rebuild the housing market in key neighborhoods. The 5th Ward neighborhoods include:

- Harrison
- Hawthorne
- Jordan
- Near North
- Willard-Hay

Funds are limited, most likely to approximately 50 purchasers. The program requires that buyers:

- qualify for a traditional fixed-rate mortgage,

- agree to homeownership counseling, and purchase a home in one of the designated neighborhoods.

In addition to the assistance provided by Minneapolis Advantage, financial assistance offered through neighborhood associations may be available to homebuyers purchasing homes in the Harrison neighborhood.

Guidelines and additional information are available by visiting Minneapolis Advantage or calling the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation at (612) 588-3033.

Minneapolis Police cars get new look, go high tech

The Minneapolis Police Department unveiled a new retro-designed, high-tech patrol car that features black front and back ends with a large police badge on a white midsection. Going back to the tried-and-true black and white design will help increase police visibility throughout the city. The MPD will gradually replace its fleet of approximately 200 squad cars with these redesigned Fords.

The new MPD squads will also introduce a new motto that highlights officers' deep

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Win a home energy makeover

Enter the Minnesota Home Energy Makeover for a chance to win $15,000 in free energy improvements!

The Center for Energy and Environment, a Minneapolis based nonprofit, wants to give energy-efficient improvements to one Minnesota house as part of a demonstration project. It will award up to $15,000 to the homeowner for the makeover.

The project will demonstrate how making energy improvements to your home can save you money and help the environment. .

Following the May 15, 2008 application deadline ten finalists will be selected through an application screening process aimed at identifying those homes that use the most energy and that can benefit the most from the installation of energy efficiency measures.

Each of the ten finalists will receive a complete energy analysis from the Center for Energy and Environment, an estimated $600 value. Based on the results of the energy analyses of the finalists, one grand prize winner will be selected to receive up to $15,000 worth of energy efficiency measures.

In addition, a random drawing will be held to select 25 winners who will receive a variety of prizes, including certificates toward energy star appliances, programmable thermostats, compact fluorescent light bulbs, appliance energy meters and more.

. For more information or to request a paper application, contact the Center for Energy and Environment at (612) 335-5852 or go to www.mnenergychallenge.org

New City Web site can help homeowners go green

Making your home or business greener is not just better for the global environment. It can also help you save money and provide you with healthful living space. Find out how to make green improvements by visiting the City's green building and renovation Web site.

When you visit the Web site, you can check out several sustainable options for your home. An online checklist covers both inside and outside home improvements, including the use of renewable or recyclable materials and ways to reduce your environmental footprint.

Many green options cost the same as conventional construction, and most of those that cost more will save you money in lower energy bills or lower maintenance bills over the lifetime of the investment. If you plan to sell your home , you should know that real estate companies are starting to plan special marketing tools to advance the sales of green homes.

To visit the green building Web page, visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/mdr/GreenBuildingOptions_home.asp.

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dedication to their work and commitment to the people in the community: *To Protect with Courage, To Serve with Compassion.*

The new squad cars will have enhanced mobile data computers with an on-board digital camera system that permits automatic continuous video data collection. The squads will be equipped with the new 911 computer automated dispatch system, which allows officers to get more accurate information quickly.

Some cars will use traffic signal preemptors, low frequency sirens and some cars will also test a license plate recognition system, which can help police find stolen vehicles and identify convicted felons, wanted individuals and vehicles involved in Amber Alerts.

Look for the new "high-tech" cars, coming to the 4th Precinct soon.

THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Ready, Set, ***GO!*** Northside 5K Run/ Walk Festival

You are invited to celebrate ***GO!***, the Northside 5K Fun, Run and Finish Line Festival!

RUN for fun, beat your best time or run for pledges to support valuable Northside Initiatives.

CHEER on the runners with ***GO!*** Squads that will line the race course!

CELEBRATE with your neighbors at the Finish Line Festival!

Saturday, May 31st

10:00 AM -***GO!*** Squads line the course.
10:30 AM –Race Start
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Finish Line Festival

Race Start and Finish at North Commons Park, 1801 James Ave N. For More Information about ***GO!*** call: 612.521.4405

KIPP: STAND ACADEMY Information Session

KIPP schools are a tuition-free, open enrollment public schools where educationally underserved students develop the knowledge, skill and character to succeed in the competitive world beyond.

KIPP schools have been widely recognized for putting underserved students on the path to college. 80 percent of KIPP graduates enroll in college

KIPP: Stand Academy is now enrolling students for next years 5th Grade class.

Learn more about KIPP schools at an informational session on Tuesday, May 6th at 7:00 PM at North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave North or call at 612.810.1695

HEARTS & HAMMERS
Restoring Homes. Touching Lives.

Free Exterior Rehab for Qualified Homeowners

If you own your own home and need significant painting help, please contact Hearts & Hammers by May 15, 2008. Hearts & Hammers is a volunteer organization that does free exterior home rehabilitation like painting and landscaping (but no roofs) for homeowners who meet certain criteria:

- You have to own and live in your own single-family residence;
- You intend to live in your home for at least 3 years;
- Your house needs significant exterior painting;
- ·You are physically unable to care for your house;
- ·Your income is at or below the guidelines shown here:

# of Residents/Monthly Gross	
1	$2,030
2	$2,766
3	$3,470
4	$4,176

For information contact Mike Hutson - Executive Director, Hearts & Hammers at 952-992-2451 or email at bmhuts@earthlink.net

Call 311 Minneapolis

If your organization has an event planned and would like to have an announcement in "The 5th Ward News", please forward a description (no more than 150 words) and logo to Monique.cuff@ci.minneapolis.mn.us no later than the 4th Monday of the month or call 612.673.2205

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Celebrate National Police Week at precinct open houses

National Police Week is May 11 – 17. Minneapolis will join with cities and counties across the nation to celebrate the dedication and commitment of its law enforcement officers and remember those officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. To help celebrate police week, each police precinct and the Special Operations Center will hold open houses and tours featuring demonstrations from the Bomb Squad, SWAT, Fire Department, Mounted Horse Patrol, K-9 and Motorcycle Units.

The public will have an opportunity to meet with police officers, firefighters, community service officers and crime prevention specialists and to learn first-hand what goes on in the day-to-day operations of MPD ate each of these events. Information will be available on how residents can get involved with crime prevention and promoting safety in their neighborhood and there will be refreshments for all and fun activities for children.

Additional Police Week events include a memorial service for county and city officers at noon, May 15, at the Government Center downtown, and the dedication of the "Eastside Guardian" statue at the 2nd Precinct.

A "SWAT Trot" 5K run, planned in coordination with the Camden Webber Neighborhood Association, will be held at 8 a.m. on May 17. The run is open to everyone. This Special Operations Center event will also feature games, a moon bounce and an opportunity to find out more about signing up for summer sports teams with the Police Activities League.

Police Week Calendar of Events

Tuesday, May 13 -11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	**1st Precinct**	19 4th St. N.
Friday, May 16 - 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	**4th Precinct**	1925 Plymouth Ave. N.
Saturday May 17 - 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	**Special Operations Center**	4119 Dupont Ave. N. (Registration for the run will begin at 7:00 a.m.)