

5th Ward News

HARRISON, JORDAN, NEAR NORTH, SUMNER-GLENWOOD, 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
612.353.5601

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

City Approves Protections from Unscrupulous Landlords

The Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee, chaired by Council Member Don Samuels, passed an ordinance making owners of rental properties that have been foreclosed on or that do not pass the required inspections, notify their occupants in writing in a timely manner. Landlords have one week to do this after receiving notice, and now an amendment will allow for enforcement of this process. Punishment for owners who



do not comply may include fees and revocation of the rental license.

Council Member Samuels introduced this ordinance to address the complaints his office has received from unsuspecting renters.

"The foreclosure crisis and the actions of slumlords have had a negative influence on families and our community," states Council Member Samuels. "I am working with city staff to find the best ways to tackle these

housing issues in Minneapolis, protect families and punish those landlord who abuse the system."

In addition, property owners who rent without a license will now be ineligible to receive a license for two years after their second violation, and the city may revoke an owner's existing rental licenses for other properties as well. Once an owner has lost his or her license due to an infringement, the fee for reinstatement on the same property will be \$3,000.

This ordinance was drafted after a landlord who had a rental license revoked, placed new renters in his property. "The new law will have real financial costs to those landlords who try to evade the rental requirements", said Council Member Samuels

If you are a renter or know of someone who has not been notified of a foreclosure or your apartment does not have a rental incense posted, call 311.



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.

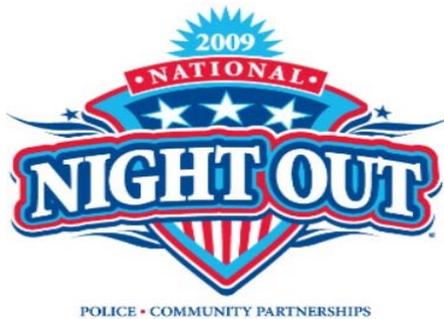
New Web Site Lets Residents Monitor City's Performance



The City of Minneapolis places a high value on being a results-focused, accountable and transparent local government. As part of its ongoing effort, the City has launched a new Web site – Results Minneapolis – where you can track and watch in a dynamic way how Minneapolis is performing in key service areas. Check it out online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/results.

The Web site focuses on the City's performance in six key service areas: public safety, education, neighborhood conditions, housing & economic development, resident health and the environment. Each measurement section provides you background information on the measure and work related to improving performance. Neighborhood level data is shared using maps or drop-down menus for many of the measures.

City officials have put in place several enterprise-wide systems that track the City's performance toward achieving its five-year goals and 2020 vision, which you can see online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/goals. Since 2006, City leaders have been regularly meeting with different departments to track progress and discuss strategies on key performance measures.



Start Planning Now for National Night Out

National Night Out is coming up fast, and now is the time to start making preparations on your block for the night that brings neighbors together. This year, National Night Out is Tuesday, August 4. Minneapolis wants to make it easy for block clubs and neighbors to get started now on their plans. June 15-21 is Minneapolis National Night Out planning week.

Use this checklist to begin your planning:

- Register your NNO event. There is a single online process to register your NNO event and apply to close your street. If you want to close your street for your event, street closure is free if you apply by July 21. You need permission of 75 percent of your neighbors to be approved for street closure—please have their names and addresses with you when you apply. Get started at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno. If you don't have Internet access, you can register your event and apply for street closure by calling 311.

- Want a police officer, firefighter, or canine officer and dog to visit your event? Feel free to request a visit when you register by calling 311 to put your name on the list.
- Make rain plans. If you apply to close your street, you'll have a rain date of Wednesday, August 5 unless you decline it during the application. Plan ahead!
- If this is your first time holding an NNO event, you can request a start-up kit. They contain plates,



cups, plastic utensils, napkins, etc. for 50. If your block is new to NNO this year, call 612-673-2956 to see if a kit is available.

Each event organizer will receive Mystery Point Passes for Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America and vouchers (each good for 2 tickets) for Minnesota Twins games to use as door prizes.

If you register your NNO event by July 14, you will be entered into a drawing for other door prizes donated by Minneapolis businesses.

Go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward5 for up to date information and upcoming events in the ward.

THE COMMUNITY ROOM



For more than 24 years the Twin Cities Juneteenth Festival has been a venue for the sharing of African American history, culture, arts, and tradition. The festival marks this anniversary with a new attitude and renewed spirit at Theodore Wirth Park, **Sunday, June 14, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

This year's festival includes annual favorites including the NdCAD Reading Pavilion, African American History Village, the Underground Railroad Re-Enactment, Kumbayah-The Juneteenth Play, Obsidian Arts Village, and the Ernestine King Tennis Tournament, UCare Health and Wellness Marketplace.

The Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration is a free, family oriented event. Theodore Wirth Park provides a leisurely atmosphere for the entire family.

Go to
www.juneteenthminnesota.org
or call 612-238-3733 for more information.

MCTC Makes College Affordable for North Minneapolis

The Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC) Foundation held its 1st Annual Power of

Giving Fundraising Luncheon on May 21, 2009. The goal was to raise \$200,000 for student scholarships and raise awareness about the role of MCTC and the college foundation in making college more accessible to students.

The Foundation has been a partner in a special initiative that makes the first two years of college available tuition-free for graduates of Minneapolis public high schools. The Power of YOU



initiative is designed to help students overcome the real and perceived financial barriers to higher education while reinforcing the idea that post-secondary education is the key to a fulfilling life.

Thanks to the generosity of the Pohlad Family Foundation all new donor gifts of up to \$500 will be doubled and designated to support students from North Minneapolis. That means all donations will be doubled and every new donor dollar will become three dollars!

If you want to know more about MCTC scholarships and how you can help you can email MCTCFoundation@minneapolis.edu or call 612-659-6315.

Free Summer Meals!



The Minneapolis Public Schools Food Service Department sponsors The Summer Food Service Program in Minneapolis schools, parks, and community sites including: Ascension Summer Camp, Broadway, Cityview, Lucy Laney, Emerge Street Works, Fairview Park, Harrison Community Center, Hmong Academy, Hospitality House North, Jerry Gamble Boys & Girls Club, Kwanzaa Freedom School, Lucy Laney (Freedom School), Mpls Parent Info Center, New Seasons, North, North Commons Park, North Community YMCA, North Point, Oak Park Neighborhood Center, PCYC Cottage Park, Phyllis Wheatley at Bethune, PYC, St. Olaf, The City Inc., The Salvation Army Parkview Corps, Viking Camp at North High Field and We Win

Meals served through the Minneapolis Public Schools Summer Food Service Program are free to all children ages 1-18.

The 2009 Summer Food Service Program will run Monday, June 15 - Thursday, August 13. There will be no meal service on Friday, July 3.

For more information about the program, contact the Minneapolis Public Schools at 612.668.2820.

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Saturday, June 6, 2009
9:30—11:00AM

Sunnyside Deli & Coffee
1825 Glenwood Ave North
(Corner of Glenwood and Morgan)

Featuring \$5.00 Breakfast Special

Please join **Council Member Don Samuels** for a **Ward 5 Community Breakfast**.

Learn how you can get financial assistance in buying a home in North Minneapolis. This month's breakfast will look at the Minneapolis Advantage Program, the Home Buyers Assistance Fund and Bridge to Success.

Presenters will include:

- Cherie Shoquist— City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED),
- Glennis Terwisscha—Northside Housing Services (NHS)
- Gary Beatty—Greater Minnesota Housing Corporation (GMHC).

RSVP suggested, but not required at 612.673.2205

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