

# 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  
612.353.5601

### 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](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.

## Keep Your Side- walks Shoveled: It's the Law!

Sidewalks are a critical part of our city's transportation system. That's why it's important for homeowners and businesses to keep their stretches of sidewalks shoveled. Minneapolis ordinance requires that property owners clear sidewalks after a snowfall within 24 hours for houses and duplexes and four daytime hours for apartment and commercial buildings.



If the City of Minneapolis gets a report or discovers that a sidewalk is not properly cleared, Public Works will give the property owners a chance to clear it. If not cleared, the property owner may be issued a citation with a fine. Crews will remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk and the property owner will be billed for this service. You can file an online complaint or call 311.

When you shovel snow

and clear ice, shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the full width of the sidewalk down to the bare pavement. Remove all ice from sidewalks. Remember, you are as responsible for clearing ice on your sidewalk as clearing snow. Ice can be more dangerous and intimidating than snow. After the sidewalk is clear, sprinkling a little sand can help prevent slipping on frosty sidewalks.

Free salt/sand mixtures are available for residents at the following locations:

- 1809 Washington St. NE (18th & Jefferson)
- 198 Aldrich Ave. N.

For more information on sidewalk shoveling rules and a downloadable flyer to inform and encourage others to shovel, visit [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sidewalks](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sidewalks).

## Council Member Samuels to Host "Dessert with Don"



Council Member Don Samuels will be hosting a ward update and community meeting the fourth Monday of every month. The topic for the first "Dessert with Don" will be "Problem Property Procedures".

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Invitees to the first meeting include, the Minneapolis Police Department, Regulatory Services., Animal Care & Control and others to demonstrate what happens when you report a problem property and discuss how the process can be improved.

The monthly meeting will feature dessert from a local business and include an update from Council; Member Samuels on what is happening in the ward and at the city council. Following the update, their will be a topic presentation by staff or invited guests After the address, there will be a question and answer period with the community.

The meeting will be held at the UROC, 2001 Plymouth Ave North from 7:00- 8:30 PM. After dinner refreshments (dessert) will be offered.

For additional information concerning the community meeting as well as upcoming topics, call 612.673.2205.

Stop by for some dessert and coffee and meet with Council Member Samuels and city staff.



## Opt Out of your Phone-book

With phone numbers just a click away, people are using bulky phone books less and less. If you never use a phone book, there's a way you can tell the phone companies to stop sending phone books to you.

To opt out of phone book delivery, go to [www.yellowpagesoptout.com](http://www.yellowpagesoptout.com). Enter your ZIP code to find phone book publishers in your area that are making it possible for you to opt out of receiving phone books, then inform each of the publishers that you'd like delivery stopped.

About 5,000 tons of phone books are delivered in Minnesota every year and 20% of those get recycled. However, opting out prevents unneeded phone books from being printed in the first place.

The opt-out takes 60 days to process. You may miss the deadline for this year, but opting out today will ensure you won't receive them next year.

You can also call these companies to opt out:

- Dex (Qwest) – 1-866-606-9339.
- Idearc Inc. (Verizon – 1-800-888-8448, then select option 2.
- Yellow Books USA Inc. – 1-800-929-3556, then select option 2.



## City to Re-hire 15 Police Officers

Fifteen Minneapolis police officers who received lay-off notices last year will be on the street, thanks to additional funding sought by the City.

The United States Department of Justice approved the City's application to modify a previously awarded COPS Hiring Recovery Program grant of federal stimulus dollars. The modification of this grant will allow the MPD to re-hire 13 officers as of January 1, 2010. Six of those officers had previously been serving in the Patrol Division of the MPD; the other seven graduated from the Police Academy last month.



Additionally, the City of Minneapolis Department of Regulatory Services agreed to provide funding that allowed the MPD to rehire two more officers from the pool of 25 officers whose last day was Dec. 22, 2009. This funding is slotted to cover one officer who will work in conjunction with Regulatory Services personnel on problem properties and one officer who will work with Animal Control on enforcement issues.

In total, 15 of the 25 officers that received lay-off notices are being re-hired.

## New Online Pet Licensing - Easier Than Ever!



To help make getting a license easier and more convenient than ever, Minneapolis Animal Care and Control has launched a new online pet licensing system. For folks who already have their pets licensed, now is a perfect time to renew before the Jan. 31 deadline. If you've never licensed your pet before, now it's as easy as taking a few minutes on the computer. You can access the new system at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/animal-control](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/animal-control).

Dogs and cats are required to be licensed in Minneapolis, and licensing provides real benefits to you and your pet, as well as animals throughout our community. Not only are licensed pets much easier to reunite with their owners, but if your animal goes missing and is picked up by Animal Care and Control, they receive a free ride home or impound.

To license your pet over the telephone or by mail, just call 311. To learn more, visit the [Animal Care and Control Web site](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/animal-control).

# THE COMMUNITY ROOM

## YCB Celebrates 25 years of Supporting Community Youth

The Youth Coordinating Board (YCB), an umbrella organization that promotes the health, safety and development of Minneapolis children and youths, is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a breakfast event on Jan. 20.



The 2010 Call to Action and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary event is a recommitment to the fundamental purpose of the YCB and a call for community members to assist. The Call to Action, a report card on how children and young people in Minneapolis are faring will also be presented at this event. The report is a framework for accountability and a measure of progress of our community in caring for our children.

### Youth Coordinating Board 2010 Call to Action and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Breakfast

7:15 to 9 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 20  
General Mills World HQ  
1 General Mills Blvd.,

Golden Valley

The public is invited, and space is limited. Registration and information about the event is available at [www.ycb.org](http://www.ycb.org).

Founded in 1985, the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board promotes the health, safety, education and development of Minneapolis children and youths through improved coordination, stronger cooperation and collective efforts to identify and remedy conditions that hinder or prevent the community's young people from becoming healthy, productive members of society.

To learn more about the YCB, go to [www.ycb.org](http://www.ycb.org).

## Transportation Town Hall Meeting



Join Council Member Don Samuels, Congressman Keith Ellison and State Representative Bobby Joe Champion for a discussion about the proposed Northside LRT line.

**Thursday, January 28  
7:00-9:00 PM  
UROC**

**2001 Plymouth Ave**  
For more information, call  
**612.296.8659**

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## DESSERT WITH DON



MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

Fourth Monday of each Month

**This Month's Topic is:**

**PROBLEM PROPERTY  
PROCEDURES**

**Monday, January 25**

**7:00 to 8:30 PM**

**UROC**

**2001 Plymouth Ave North**

*(Next Month's Topic — Transportation)*

Please join me for *Dessert With Don*.

This month's meeting will feature a presentation on how the problem properties process works and how community involvement can make it more effective.

Invitees to the meeting include representatives from:

- Minneapolis Police Department
- Regulatory Services
- Fire
- Problem Properties Unit
- Minneapolis Public Housing Authority
- Animal Care & Control

Your quality of life is my number one concern and I will make it a priority for the city. Please come and participate in the first of our monthly informational meetings. I hope to see you there!

For more information call 612.673.2205