5th Ward News

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

From Council Member Don Samuels

DECEMBER 2009

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 Council Approves 2010 Budget

The City Council approved its 2010 City budget Dec. 7, 2009. The approved budget maintains the City's commitment to economic recovery and public safety, while reducing spending by over $100 million and providing property-tax relief.

Although Minneapolis has faced significant cuts from the state of Minnesota, City officials have approved a budget that maintains funding for key initiatives that help to develop and grow small businesses and local jobs. The budget also maintains the City's commitment to public safety, with minimal layoffs in police, fire and emergency preparedness including retaining most Crime Prevention Specialist , the MPD Mounted Patrol and over half the recent graduating class from the Police Academy.

The City is aggressively pursuing flexibility in the use of federal stimulus dollars to maintain staffing levels in the Minneapolis Police Department. The City Council also voted to continue funding the Restorative Justice program.

The Mayor and City Council were also able to use a recent court victory in a pension lawsuit to provide $10 million in property tax relief, which reduces the average tax increase for a Minneapolis homeowner from 6.6% to 2.1%.

Minneapolis 2010 Budget will be posted on the City's Web site in January 2010. When it is posted you can find it at the Finance

Census Jobs Available in Minnesota

Between now and next spring, the U.S. Census Bureau will hire thousands of people throughout the Kansas City Region which includes the six states of Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

The positions are good paying, temporary jobs that range from $11.50 to $20.00 per hour plus mileage for the

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Census Jobs

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field positions of Recruiting Assistants, Crew Leaders, Crew Leader Assistants and Census Takers. The pay for Census Clerks range from $7.50 to $12.75 per hour depending on location. There may be some opportunities for advancement.

Positions are available in many communities throughout the state. Those hired will work out of Census offices located in Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Bemidji, Duluth, Edina, Rochester, and Shakopee.

The U.S. Census Bureau encourages interested persons to apply for these jobs by calling the Toll Free Jobs Line at 1-866-861-2010.

To be considered for these positions, applicants must pass a 30-minute test that focuses on critical reading, math, and clerical skills. Free test prep classes will be held every Saturday from 10 a.m. – noon at the Redeemer Missionary Baptist located at 116 E. 32nd St. For more information, call 612-823-1081.

Additional one-time test prep classes have also been scheduled:

December 10th 6 – 8 p.m. Minneapolis Central Library - Pohlad Hall 300 Nicollet Mall

January 13th 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Eastside Neighborhood Services 1700 Second Street Northeast

STEP-UP Youth Employment Program Underway

Applications are available for the summer 2010 STEP-UP program which offers Minneapolis youth, ages 14-21 summer job opportunities and career exploration.

Youth, ages 14 and 15, are offered a first job experience and matched with positions at non-profits. Youth, ages 16-21, are matched with jobs in private businesses, government, and education. All interested youth will need to complete a competitive application process and attend a work readiness training session in order to be considered for a summer position.

The City of Minneapolis STEP-UP program was first offered in 2004 and placed 200 kids in positions with 50 employers. In 2009, 1,282 youth had jobs with 174 participating employers.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be found online, at the Minneapolis North and South Workforce Centers, Minneapolis Public Schools, many non-profit organizations, and the Franklin, North Regional, and Central Libraries. **Application deadline is January 29, 2010.** For questions about the program, or for help completing the application, contact Tammy Dickinson, 612-673-5041; tammy.dickinson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

EMPLOYER RECRUITMENT UNDERWAY

STEP-UP is currently recruiting non-profits and private employers to provide 1300 internships for the 2010 program. Businesses interested in hiring a 16-21 year-old intern should contact Anne Krocak at 612-455-1562.

Hiring a STEP-UP intern can benefit your business and cost as little as $1,000. Non-profits interested in hiring a 14 or 15 year-old, should contact Tammy Dickinson at 612-673-5041. The wages for the non-profit interns are paid by the STEP-UP Program.

STAY ALERTED TO SNOW EMERGENCIES

Any time snowfall is in the forecast, and especially when it starts to snow, there are a number of ways to find out if snow-related parking rules are in effect.

Call the Snow Hotline
English - 612-348-SNOW (7669)
Hmong - 612-673-2933
Spanish - 612-673-3819
Somali - 612-673-2141
TTY - 612-673-2116

Call 311
The City's 311 agents will have the latest Snow Emergency information.

Check Your E-Mail
You can subscribe to the City's E-Mail Snow Alert service to receive notification or sign up to receive a short text message on your mobile devices (such as cell phones or PDAs)

Receive a Snow Emergency Alert Phone Call
The City may attempt to alert you using a voice messaging service . For more information, and to add a telephone number to the system, visit the Snow Phone Alert page.

City Cable Channels 14, 79 or KBEM-FM (88.5 MHz)

Avoid a ticket and a tow. Know when Snow Emergencies are called and park your vehicle accordingly.

THE COMMUNITY ROOM

HBCU COLLEGE FAIR
Historically Black Colleges & Universities

Historically Black Colleges & Universities

January 18, 2010
3:00-6:00 PM
St. Peter's AME Church
401 E. 41st Street
Minneapolis, MN 55409

Meet Representatives and Alumni from many Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

- Learn about admission standards and what it takes to succeed.
- Learn about scholarships and financial aid

For more information, contact Arnise Roberson at 612-455-1566 or Pastor Toussaint Cheatom at 612-825-9750.

Coming Soon

DESSERT WITH DON

A Monthly Community Update For Ward 5

Look for more details in the January 2010 Newsletter

Command Steppers will host Chicago-style Steppin' classes Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. at Lucy Laney School, 3333 Penn Ave. N.

"Steppin' is the fastest growing African-American couple dance in the country, originating from Chicago. It's loaded with style, fashion and creativity and is a great alternative to the traditional club scene. It was born from the Bop dance and all of its variations from the 60's and 70's and embodies a strong, positive attitude and style. During its evolution it has come to be known as a very smooth and graceful dance filled with sophistication."

Classes are taught by Christal Dillard & J.MOST. A $5 donation per class is suggested. There will be no class held on Nov. 26, Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.

For more information, contact Christal at 763-350-5321 or J.MOST at 612-237-5118. Learn more online at http://commandsteppers.com.

When: Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.

Where: Lucy Craft Laney at Cleveland Park Community School , 3333 Penn Ave. N Minneapolis, MN 55412 612-668-2200

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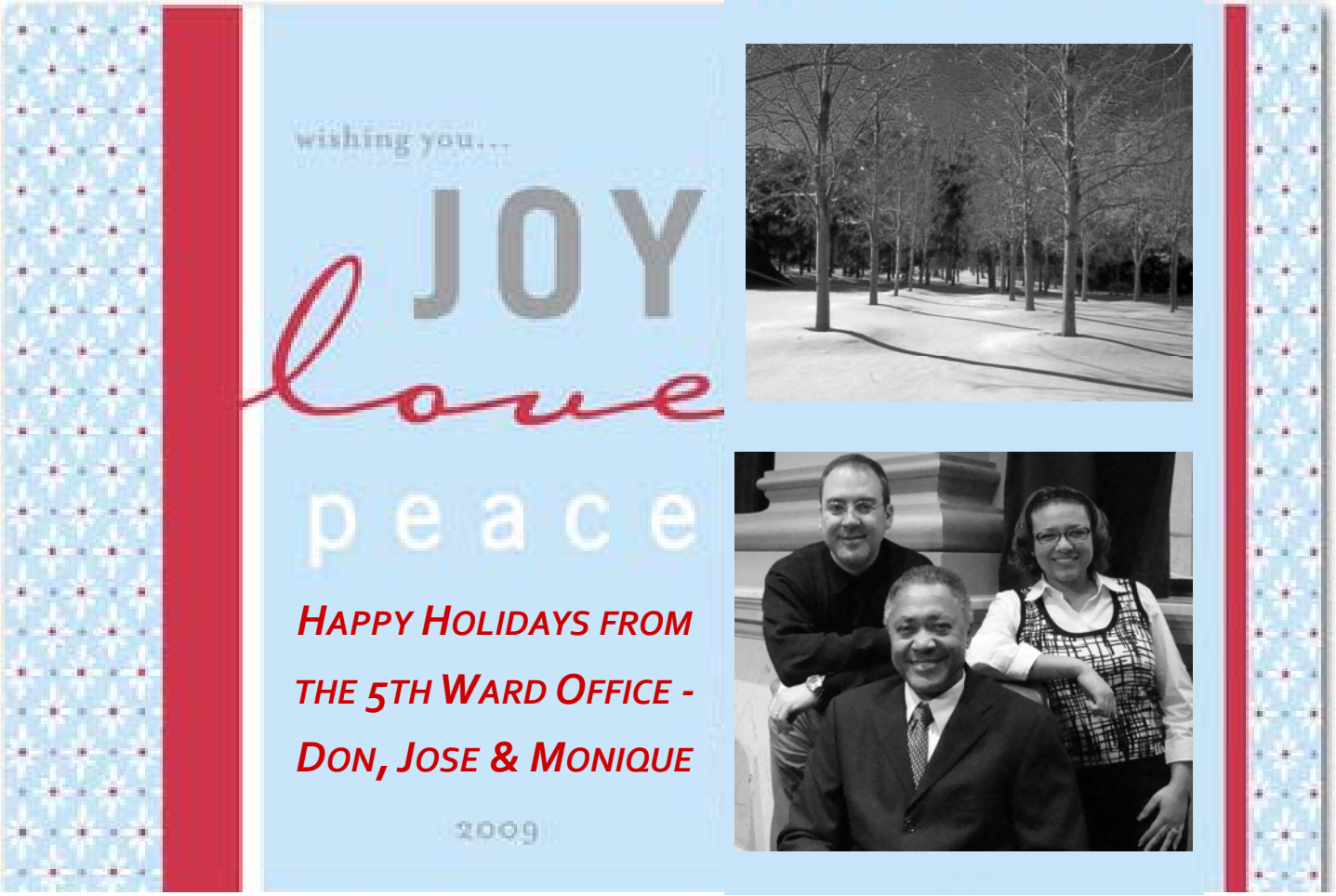
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