



# Ward Six News

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CM Warsame addressing the University of Minnesota's Women's Club International Affairs/Community Concerns Group (January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015)

## Message from the Ward Office

by Council Member Abdi Warsame

After a fruitful year in office, I am glad that we have the opportunity to build on the various projects that were successfully completed in 2014. Our focus will be on greater community engagement to break down barriers that some of our constituents encounter with regards to accessing City resources. Alongside with council work, greater emphasis will be place on:

- Jobs and employment/ bringing workforce development
- Youth violence prevention and restorative justice
- Inclusion and greater participation
- Housing, homeless advocacy, and tenants' rights
- Continued support on safety and working closely with our Police Department

Our office is excited about upcoming projects, such as the Youth Worker Collaborative in partnership with the Youth Coordinating Board (YCB). This effort will leverage resources and support youth workers advocating for those who live in Cedar Riverside. We look forward to working with inter-jurisdictional and community partners to make this effort a reality

As always, our office serves you and is open. We look forward to your feedback.

# Applications Open for STEP-UP Summer Internship Placements

The City's youth employment program STEP-UP is accepting applications for 2015 summer internships now through February 18, 2015. Eligible youth interested in participating must complete an online application, available on the City's website at [www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/step/cped\\_stepup](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/step/cped_stepup).

Created in 2004, STEP-UP is one of the country's premiere youth employment programs focused on serving Minneapolis students age 14-21 who face some of the greatest barriers to employment. Since the program was launched, it has

provided nearly 20,000 internship opportunities.

Prior to being placed in their internships, youth receive work-readiness training certified by the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce that enhances their skills and prepares them for a professional work experience. Throughout their internship, youth gain valuable on-the-job skills, make strong professional connections, and become exposed to careers they may have not otherwise accessed without STEP-UP. Last summer, STEP-UP placed nearly 1,650 Minneapolis youth in jobs with over

230 Twin Cities businesses, public agencies, and nonprofits.

STEP-UP is a City of Minneapolis program in partnership with AchieveMpls, Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and Project for Pride in Living.



## City Launches New Online Hiring System

Applying for jobs with the City of Minneapolis got a lot easier with the debut of Team Minneapolis: the City's new online hiring system. Team Minneapolis provides an easier-to-use, more intuitive application process with a more modern interface.

Team Minneapolis:

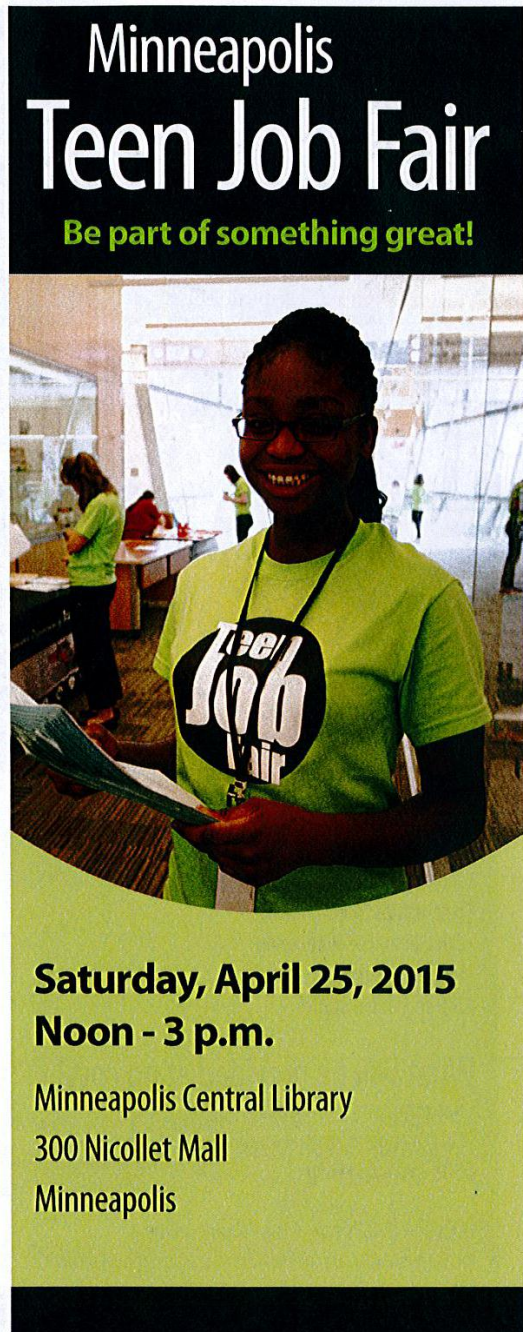
- Allows applicants to easily upload resumes and other documents into the system.
- Pre-fills applications quickly by importing resumes.
- Emails alerts about new openings to job seekers as requested.
- Keeps all materials within the online application.
- Allows applicants to self-schedule tests and interviews.
- Is easy to use on smartphones and tablets.



Team Minneapolis uses NEOGOV, specialized hiring software for the public sector. Once an applicant has created an account in NEOGOV, he or she can quickly apply to any agency using the software. That includes many of the major counties and cities in Minnesota, such as Hennepin and Ramsey counties and the cities of Saint Paul, Bloomington, Rochester and Mankato.

The City is unveiling Team Minneapolis with a new jobs Web page. Both external and internal job postings are at [www.minneapolismn.gov/jobs](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/jobs).

Save the date...



**Minneapolis  
Teen Job Fair**  
Be part of something great!

**Saturday, April 25, 2015**  
**Noon - 3 p.m.**

Minneapolis Central Library  
300 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis

## Urban Scholars Internship Program

The City of Minneapolis is once again offering its leadership development summer internship program for college students. The City is accepting applications for 2015 Urban Scholars now **through February 20**. Urban Scholars aims to provide college students from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds with professional, resume-building work experience.

Urban Scholars is a full-time paid 12-week internship program that runs from May 26, 2015 to August 14, 2015. Urban Scholars will work in different City departments, including the Mayor's Office and City Council offices and with program partners Metropolitan Council, Minneapolis Public Schools, State of Minnesota, Minneapolis Park Board, Greater Twin Cities United Way and PCL Construction.

Students must have completed their first year of post-secondary education prior to the beginning of the internship and be enrolled and in good standing at a two- or four-year college or university, graduate, or law school at the time of application.

For more information and to apply, visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/urbanscholars](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/urbanscholars).



## Council Member Warsame to launch exclusive column in Mshale

The column, called Councilman's Corner, will appear in both the print and online editions. It is scheduled to launch on February 1, 2015. Founded in 1996 in Minneapolis, Mshale is a newspaper for African immigrants in the Americas. Since then, it has served as the voice of the African immigrant community in the United States.

<http://mshale.com/2015/01/14/councilman-warsame-launch-exclusive-column-mshale/>





## MPD is Hiring

Residents and community members have probably seen many new faces wearing the MPD Uniform responding to calls throughout the City. The City of Minneapolis has been committed to increasing our numbers to better serve the community.

This year the City hired 20 new Community Service Officers in January (this program develops these individuals to become our future officers), 26 Cadets were hired in March and are on the street as Police Officers (to be eligible as a Cadet you must possess any 2 or 4 year college degree by the close of application), 24 additional Officers made up of Lateral Transfers from other departments and our old CSO's started the Police Academy in September. 12 more recruit Officers started the Police Academy in November and will hit the street in February.

The department has also made 25 conditional job officers to another group of Community Service Officers that will start January 5th and approximately 25-30 more Cadets will be hired and start the Police Academy March 23rd, 2015.

MPD is currently accepting job applications for Police Officers through January 30th, 2015 and we will open the application process for more Community Service Officers in May for a January 2016 Class.

Please encourage friends and family that are interested in a career in law enforcement to apply online at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/jobs>

## Version 3.0 of Snow Emergency App Makes it Easier to Know Where to Park



The snow season is now in full swing, and that means drivers in Minneapolis should make sure they are ready to find out if a Snow Emergency is in effect and know where to park. An improved Snow Emergency app will help them do that. The app now accesses the same interactive street lookup map that's on the City website, which shows where drivers can park on each of the three days of a Snow Emergency. Drivers will be able to use their smartphones' location services function to find out if the street they're on has any Snow Emergency parking restrictions.

This year's revision, available for iPhone and Android devices, uses location services information to approximate the user's location on the Snow Emergency street lookup map. If there's a Snow Emergency in effect and a driver wants to know if it's OK to park on the street, all he or she has to do is open the app, click on "parking maps" and then open the map for that day of the Snow Emergency. The app will then mark the driver's approximate location on the map, showing in red where "no parking" areas are in effect. The updated app does not send push notifications, but signing up for a text alert will essentially accomplish the same thing. Those who downloaded last year's version of the app should update it to the current version.