



Fourth Ward Report

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Minneapolis 311

Dial 311 from any phone in the City limits. Outside of the City call: 612-673-3000

E-mail 311:

minneapolis311@minneapolis.gov

311 Online Services:

<http://www.minneapolis.gov/311/>

4th Ward Neighborhood Group Links

Cleveland

Folwell

Lind Bohanon

Jordan

Shingle Creek

Victory

Webber Camden



Mortgage Assistance Program Helps Neighborhoods Recover from Foreclosure Challenges

Since 2008, the City of Minneapolis has helped nearly 350 home buyers purchase homes in neighborhoods stressed by foreclosure through its Minneapolis Advantage Program. If you're in the market for a home, this forgivable loan program can help you with down payment and closing costs. Approximately \$400,000 (approximately 25 loans) is available to help potential buyers purchase a foreclosed home in eligible neighborhoods. Based on income eligibility requirements, buyers at or below 80 percent of the area median income (around \$64,000 for a four-member household) can receive up to \$20,000 and buyers within 120 percent of the area median income (approximately \$100,700 for a four-member household) can receive up to \$10,000. These funds can be used to pay for closing costs and down payment assistance. For more information, call the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation, program administrator, at 612-588-3033 or go to www.minneapolis.gov/cped/housing and click on the link to "Minneapolis Advantage NSP Mortgage Assistance." The success of this program has spurred additional investment from partners who also want to help with recovery. The City's investment of \$1.2 million in the program has leveraged an additional \$3.2 million from Wells Fargo, Minnesota Housing, Federal Home Loan Bank Des Moines and through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Neighborhood Stabilization Program. If you're interested in purchasing a foreclosed home, go to www.ownahomemn.org for a listing of foreclosed homes that have been renovated and are on the market. Also, www.livemsp.org provides a directory of home buyer incentive programs and resources by neighborhood, and www.hocmn.org offers resources and education to home buyers.

Minneapolis Fire Stations Accepting Donations for Food Shelves in March

Twin Cities firefighters are dousing hunger by collecting food for Salvation Army food shelves during Minnesota FoodShare Month. Their effort is vital: an extra 52,000 people have been using local Salvation Army food shelves since the recession began. Nonperishable food items can be dropped off at any Minneapolis or Saint Paul fire station March 1-31. Minneapolis' 19 fire stations will accept food donations 8 a.m.- 9 p.m. Saint Paul's 16 fire stations will accept donations 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Those who donate food at any fire station can stay for a free blood-pressure reading. For Minneapolis Fire Department locations visit



<http://www.minneapolis.gov/fire/stations/index.htm>

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Leaf Your Legacy - Plant a \$25 Tree in Your Yard

Get ready to order a tree to plant on your Minneapolis property this spring. Starting March 12, the City of Minneapolis is offering 1,500 eight-foot trees for only \$25 each. Trees are available for Minneapolis residents, businesses and nonprofits.

Choose from several varieties and sizes of trees, including a fruit tree. First-come, first-served – order early for best selection. Limit one tree per property owner. You'll pick up your tree May 12-14 at the Minneapolis Impound Lot.

In the past five years, the City Trees program has brought 6,000 trees into Minneapolis. Healthy trees look beautiful in your neighborhood, increase property values, help clean the air you breathe, absorb carbon dioxide, save on your energy bills with strategic planting, keep the city cooler in the summer, provide homes for wildlife and help manage stormwater. The City Trees program helps meet our eco-focused City goal recognizing trees as a solid green investment.

To order your tree, visit www.minneapolismn.gov/citytrees

Block Leader Training this Saturday

WHEN:

Saturday, March 10th
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Join other residents throughout the city to develop skills for effectively working with your neighbors.

LOCATION:

Minneapolis Police Department
4th Precinct
1925 Plymouth Ave. N.
(Parking is available across the street from the precinct.)

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- Introduction to Community Crime Prevention
- How to organize a block/apartment club
- Services of Community Crime Prevention
- Responsibilities of a crime prevention block leader
- How and when to use 911
- How to solve problems effectively
- Meet your crime prevention specialist

You MUST RSVP to attend this training! Call 612-673-5873.
Upcoming Block Leader Trainings for 2012: April 12th and May 14th.





Top 5 Fourth Ward Service Requests to Minneapolis 311

Minneapolis 311 is a simple, three-digit number residents, businesses and visitors can call to reach the City to inquire about services, report problems, check the status of issues, or get information.

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Rank	Department Name	Service Request Type	Number of Service Requests
1	PW Transportation Maintenance & Repair	Sidewalk Snow & Ice Complaint	248
2	Regulatory Services	Exterior Nuisance Complaint	48
3	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	37
4	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	33
5	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	28