



Fourth Ward Report

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Minneapolis 311

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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



Residents Can Play an Important Role in Redistricting in Minneapolis

The new year brings a once-in-a-decade opportunity for people in Minneapolis to participate in redistricting the city, creating boundaries for elections in 2012 and beyond. It's an important process, because having districts with equal populations helps ensure there is fair representation no matter where you live. Redistricting happens every ten years, following the U.S. Census, and for residents who are interested, there are many opportunities to play an important role in the redistricting process that's about to start. For information about the redistricting process, including timelines and the work of the Redistricting Group, see the new Redistricting 2012 website. Minneapolis residents are encouraged to:

(1) Attend or follow Redistricting Group meetings. See the meeting schedule on the [Redistricting 2012 website](#).

(2) Subscribe to meeting notices at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MPLS/subscriber/new>.

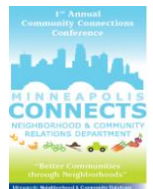
(3) Email questions or ideas about maps or documents to the Redistricting Group at Redistricting2012@minneapolis.gov. You must include your name and address, and attachment size is limited to 10 MB.

(4) Submit ideas at public hearings where draft maps will be reviewed. Public hearings on the first draft maps will be held February 29 and March 1. Times and locations will be announced in the coming days and will be published on the Redistricting 2012 website.

(5) Mail in ideas and questions to: Peggy Menshek, 304 City Hall, 350 S. 5th St., Minneapolis, MN 55415.

Community Connections Conference

The City of Minneapolis' Neighborhood and Community Relations department is hosting the first-ever Communities Connections Conference, "Building Better Communities Through Neighborhoods", on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 from 8:00am-5:00pm at the St. Mary's University Event Center - 2540 Park Avenue South (formerly known as the Zuhrah Shrine Event Center). The cost is FREE! This new conference is specifically designed for neighborhood organizations, cultural communities, nonprofit organizations, City departments and residents to share best practices of neighborhood engagement. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.minneapolis.gov/ncr/conf/index.htm>



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Block Leader Training

The Minneapolis Police Department has scheduled a Block Leader Training session

Monday, February 13

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

4th Precinct – 1925 Plymouth Ave. N.

(parking available across the street from the precinct)

Topics to be covered:

- 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. Please call 612-673-5873.

“Check in” at The Local, Raise Money for Friends of the Skyway Senior Center



If you visit **The Local** this month, make sure you “check in” on Facebook. During the entire month of February, every time someone checks in at The Local on Facebook, the Irish pub will donate \$1 to the **Friends of the Skyway Senior Center** (up to \$500). The Local is located at 931 Nicollet Mall (corner of 10th and Nicollet) in downtown Minneapolis. Open since 2001, the **UCare Skyway Senior Center** provides a beautiful 2,000 square foot gathering place for seniors where they can socialize, take a class, exercise, use a computer, connect to community resources, read, relax, and enjoy conversation with others over a cup of coffee. The center is located at 950 Nicollet Mall, Suite 290 on the skyway-level of the Target store building. The Friends of the Skyway Senior Center is a nonprofit organization that promotes the activities of the UCare Skyway Senior Center and provides financial and in-kind support for the Senior Center’s operation. With significant funding from UCare, City of Minneapolis operates the Senior Center through the Department of Health and Family Support. Ryan Companies donates the space and furnishings, and financial support comes from several hundred individual donors, neighborhood associations, foundations, and corporations.



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	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	119
2	PW Transportation Maintenance & Repair	Sidewalk Snow & Ice Complaint	110
3	Regulatory Services	Exterior Nuisance Complaint	41
4	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Public Health	26
4	PW Solid Waste & Recycling	Graffiti complaint / reporting	26