

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



Update on the North Minneapolis Tornado Free Tree Distribution...

Thanks to Tree Trust's great work, all 400 free trees were ordered for the reforestation project that focused on the North Minneapolis tornado area. These trees were made possible by a grant from State Farm and are the second phase of a distribution from last fall when 207 trees were given away. Thanks to additional funds granted to Tree Trust from Wells Fargo and an anonymous donor, Tree Trust will have over \$120,000 for North Minneapolis trees in 2012 and 2013! This is a great commitment and response to help North Minneapolis. The residents are investing now for the future of their neighborhoods. If you would like to get involved with Tree Trust's reforestation effort in North Minneapolis, there are many options to do so:

- Be put on a list for a free tree if more become available. Please email your contact information to citytrees@treetrust.org
- Donate to the Rob McIntyre Fund to plant trees in North Minneapolis. Please visit www.treetrust.org
- Volunteer at the City Trees Distribution on May 12, 13 or 14. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/MPLS-City-Trees>

Redistricting

Beginning in 2012, voters will use the new voting precincts that were set by the 2012 Redistricting Plan. Current elected officials continue to represent the Ward or District from which they were elected through 2013. Here's what voters

need to know: City Council Members elected in 2009 continue to represent the Wards from which they were elected through 2013. Park District Commissioners elected in 2009 continue to represent the Districts from which they were elected through 2013. City-wide officials elected to city-wide office continue to serve the entire city. For links to the new maps, please visit

http://www.minneapolis.gov/elections/elections_election-maps



Bike & Stroll Minneapolis

This spring and summer in Minneapolis there are dozens of **family biking**, **adult biking** and **55+ walking** events all over Minneapolis. There are free bike tours, walking tours and bike maintenance classes. For more information click the highlighted links for details or visit <http://www.minneapolis.gov/bicycles/WCMS1P-088472>

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City Approves More than \$6 Million in Funding for Neighborhoods



The City Council has approved \$5.7 million in funding to support neighborhood organizations in their efforts to reach residents, increase resident involvement, and fund neighborhood projects.

The funding is for the Neighborhood and Community Relations department's Community Participation Program that encourages and supports participation through neighborhood organizations in three key areas: identifying and acting on neighborhood priorities; influencing City decisions and priorities; and increasing involvement.

Each neighborhood will receive an allocation of Community Participation Program funds for the 18-month period starting July 1, 2012, and for three-year funding cycles starting January 2014. Neighborhood organizations may use these funds to support ongoing community engagement activities, to develop a Neighborhood Priority Plan, or in support of priorities identified in the Neighborhood Priority Plan. A Neighborhood Priority Plan defines the vision and goals for a neighborhood or group of neighborhoods to work with the City and other partners to achieve those goals.

In addition to the \$5.7 million approved for the Community Participation Program, the City Council also approved an additional \$860,000 for some of the neighborhoods that lost funding in a December 2010 budget action. These additional funds will represent a one-time adjustment to the Community Participation Program allocation for some of the affected neighborhoods.

Community Participation Funds can be used for a variety of purposes including:

- Staff, office space, supplies, neighborhood communications, accounting and related services, travel, training or other educational pursuits in connection with participation, and consultant fees that directly relate to participation activities.
- Community organizing and outreach programs, and neighborhood planning activities.
- Organization newsletters and newspapers.
- Neighborhood celebrations and events.
- Small equipment purchases.
- Fundraising expenses, if revenues are to be used in support of further community engagement activities consistent with these guidelines, or in support of implementation of Neighborhood Priority Plans or NRP Neighborhood Action Plans.
- Administrative costs associated with NRP planning and implementation.
- Implementation of Neighborhood Priority Plans.
- Other activities consistent with the purposes of the Community Participation Program to identify and act on neighborhood priorities, impact City decisions and priorities, and increase involvement.

For more information visit the Neighborhood and Community Relations website at www.minneapolis.mn.gov/ncr.



Be a Good Neighbor When it Comes to Recreational Fires

It's getting to be the time of year when many Minneapolis residents enjoy a small outdoor recreational fire. Residents who like to have a fire in their yards should keep these City ordinances in mind so that they can be a good neighbor and keep Minneapolis safe and livable:

- Outdoor fires are permitted between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- Keep fire small, less than three feet in diameter and two feet high.
- Burn only untreated, unpainted, dry wood. Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris, because the smoke can be toxic.
www.minneapolismn.gov/environment/air/airquality
- Fire must be at least 25 feet away from a structure or combustible material and in a fire ring or pit with edges more than six inches high.
- Have a hose or fire extinguisher present.
- Postpone the fire when the wind exceeds 10 mph.
- Fire must be constantly attended by someone 18 years or older and completely out before being abandoned
- Illegal burning can result in a \$200 fine.

To report an illegal or unsafe fire, call 911.

For more information from the Minneapolis Fire Department, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/fire and click on "Recreational Fires Q & A."



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	Exterior Nuisance Complaint	90
2	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	81
3	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	43
4	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	29
5	PW Solid Waste & Recycling	Graffiti complaint / reporting	28