

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

The 2013 City Budget Process Begins

Mayor R.T. Rybak has released his recommended 2013 budget for the City of Minneapolis. The Minneapolis City Council will now begin the process to consider this proposal. Along with budget hearings that will continue through mid-November, two public hearings will be held. For a schedule of all the department's budget hearings, go to www.minneapolis.gov/finance/budget. All budget hearings will be broadcast live (and rebroadcast) on Minneapolis 79 (the City's cable channel). You can find the rebroadcast schedule and also view the hearings online at <http://www.minneapolis.gov/tv/79>.

Public hearing on tax levy and 2012 City budget

- Wednesday, Nov. 28, 6:05 p.m.
City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, room 317
- Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6:05 p.m.
City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, room 317

For more information on the Mayor's recommended 2013 budget, go to www.minneapolis.gov/finance/budget.

One Minneapolis One Read - an Evening with Garrison Keillor and Diane Wilson

This year marks the second year of One Minneapolis One Read, a citywide "read" where the entire community is encouraged to read the same book and join in a community conversation. One Read week - the beginning of months of conversations - will culminate in an evening with host Garrison Keillor and author Diane Wilson at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 24 at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium. Keillor will interview author Diane Wilson about her book, her life and Dakota history, followed by an audience question-and-answer period. Music and dance performances will accompany the discussion, and a light dessert will be served at the conclusion of the event. Tickets are \$10; \$5 for seniors, students and limited income (for those tickets, select the \$10 option and choose "apply discount" before purchasing), and are available at www.ticketworks.com or 612-343-3390.

The book is "Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past," a collection of vignettes Wilson created to honor the lives of her Dakota family. "Spirit Car" is available in paperback at local independent and chain bookstores, online booksellers and www.mhspress.org. It's also available through Hennepin County Library and as an e-book. For more information and to get involved, visit www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com or email oneread@minneapolis.gov



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Help Shape our City: Apply for Positions on Minneapolis Boards and Commissions

Applications are being accepted for open positions on boards and commissions that the City Council and Mayor will appoint this fall. Board and commission members in the City of Minneapolis provide valuable insights, help shape key policy decisions and provide community-based input into administration of services. The City is seeking applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to strengthen the work of the City.

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Boards/Commissions with open positions include:

- **Arts Commission**
- **Citizen Environmental Advisory Committee**
- **Civil Rights Commission**
- **Civilian Police Review Authority Vacancy**
- **Disabilities, Mpls Advisory Committee**
- **Heritage Preservation Commission**
- **Housing Board of Appeals Vacancy**
- **Minneapolis Public Housing Authority**
- **Planning Commission**
- **Public Health Advisory Committee**
- **Senior Advisory Committee Vacancy**
- **Telecommunications Network, Minneapolis**
- **ThincGreen Advisory Committee**
- **Youth Violence Prevention Committee**
- **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Applications will be reviewed beginning Friday, Oct. 19, however the positions are open until filled. For a full list of appointment opportunities and position descriptions and to sign up to receive email visit the **[boards and commissions website.](#)**

This is part of a new streamlined process to appoint members to the City's boards and commissions. Appointments to boards and commissions will be made twice a year — in the spring and fall in an effort to make it easier for folks to learn about volunteer opportunities, ensure a more open and understandable process for residents, and increase the diversity of the applicant pool.

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	127
2	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	101
3	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	59
4	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	44
5	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Public Health	27