

# Fourth Ward Report

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## Minneapolis 311

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E-mail 311:

[minneapolis311@minneapolis.gov](mailto:minneapolis311@minneapolis.gov)

311 Online Services:

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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Neighborhood Group Links

Cleveland

Folwell

Lind Bohanon

Jordan

Shingle Creek

Victory

Webber Camden

## Election

The City of Minneapolis Elections Office reminds eligible voters that pre-registering is an easy way to save time at the polls during the General Election (Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012). Individuals are eligible to vote if they are at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen who has resided in Minnesota for at least 20 days prior to the election. Any voters who have moved or changed their name since they last voted must re-register. Minneapolis polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



## 2012 Redistricting Information

Beginning in 2012, voters will use the new voting precincts that were set by the 2012 Redistricting Plan. All pre-registered voters were sent a white postcard in early July with their new voting precinct and polling place. Redistricting in Minneapolis resulted in 14 fewer precincts, for a total of 119 precincts. Seven polling place facilities are new in 2012. Twenty former polling places are not being used. If you are unsure where to vote, enter your home address into the tools at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org) to find your polling place and view your sample ballot. To view maps of the new Districts, Wards and Precincts in Minneapolis go to [www.minneapolis.gov/elections](http://www.minneapolis.gov/elections) and select Election Maps.

## Pre-registering deadline Oct. 16

All individuals whose registration applications are received by elections officials by 5 p.m. on Oct. 16 will be pre-registered for the Nov. 6 General Election. Voters who newly register or update their registration will receive a postcard notifying them where to vote. If you miss the deadline to pre-register, you may still be able to vote. In Minnesota individuals may register at the polls on Election Day by providing one of the forms of identification required by Minnesota law. Please allow extra time at the polls to register. Go to [www.minneapolis.gov/elections](http://www.minneapolis.gov/elections) for the list of identification required to register and vote on Election Day.

## Absentee voting now taking place

Voters unable to vote in person at the polls on Election Day may vote in person or by mail. Absentee ballot applications are available on our website and may be sent anytime throughout the year. Absentee voting runs 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Minneapolis Elections Office is located in Minneapolis City Hall at 350 South 5th Street in Room 1B on the ground floor. Enter on the 4th Street side on the ground floor of Minneapolis City Hall, or from the light rail, use the Government Plaza stop and enter the 5th Street entrance and go down one flight to the ground floor. Extended absentee voting hours the two weekends before the General Election include: Saturday, Oct. 27 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 5 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturdays, please use the 4th Street entrance. Information about the absentee voting procedures for military and overseas voters is at <https://minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org>.

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## Fall Street Sweeping

Fall is here, and that means Minneapolis street sweeping crews are preparing to sweep streets across the city. Drivers will need to park out of their way so they can do a thorough job cleaning our roadways. Minneapolis Public Works will begin the big task of curb-to-curb sweeping and leaf collection on streets throughout the city on Tuesday, Oct. 23. During the four weeks of the comprehensive fall street sweep, crews will clean up about 1,100 miles of city streets. To make sure the sweepers can do the best job possible, temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance so streets will be clear of cars when they're swept. The first signs will be posted Monday, Oct. 22, and sweeping will begin the next day. Anyone who parks on the street will need to follow street sweep parking rules or their cars may be ticketed and towed. Making it easy to follow parking rules:

- **"No Parking" signs** – City crews will post "No Parking" signs at least 24 hours before sweeping any streets. Parking will be banned from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the day a street is swept. The "No Parking" signs will be removed as soon as possible after a street has been completely swept to allow people to resume parking. Vehicles not in compliance with "No Parking" signs may be ticketed and towed to the Minneapolis Impound Lot.
- **Social media** – The City will use Facebook and Twitter to post periodic street sweeping updates and information. Facebook: To become a fan of the City of Minneapolis Facebook page, go to [www.facebook.com/cityofminneapolis](http://www.facebook.com/cityofminneapolis). Twitter: To follow the City's Twitter account, go to [www.twitter.com/CityMinneapolis](http://www.twitter.com/CityMinneapolis).
- **Phone calls to residents** – In addition to the "No Parking" signs that will be posted the day before sweepers come through, the City will make about 3,500 automated phone calls each evening to let residents know their street will be swept the next day. There's no guarantee that the calls will reach everyone, so residents should be sure to check the schedule and watch for signs.
- **Interactive web feature** – Folks can use a feature on the City's website to find out when the sweepers are coming through their neighborhoods. The tool will be available at [www.minneapolis.mn.gov/streetsweep](http://www.minneapolis.mn.gov/streetsweep).

## Foreclosed? Eligible Borrowers can Receive Payment in Federal Settlement

If you lost your home to foreclosure in 2008-2011 and your mortgage was serviced by one of the nation's five largest banks (Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Citi, Chase or GMAC/Ally), you may be eligible for a payment. Eligible borrowers will receive a postcard in the mail soon followed by a claim form between mid-September and mid-October 2012. Eligible borrowers must complete a claim form by January 18, 2013, to receive a payment. If you are an eligible borrower or think you may be, you may call the administrator (Rust Consulting) at 1-866-430-8358 or visit [www.nationalmortgagesettlement.com](http://www.nationalmortgagesettlement.com) for more information. If you have questions on whether you are eligible for a payment or on how to fill out the claim form, call the settlement administrator (Rust Consulting) at 1-866-430-8358. You may also call the Minnesota Attorney General's Office at 651-296-3353 or 1-800-657-3787. If you want to be sure the settlement administrator has your current address, contact the settlement administrator (Rust Consulting) by leaving a message at 1-866-430-8358 or by mail at National Mortgage Settlement Administrator, c/o Rust Consulting, Inc., P.O. Box 8043, Faribault, MN 55021-9443. For more information, visit [this link](#).





## Victory Prairie Off-Leash Park

The Minneapolis Park Board's Victory Prairie Off-Leash Dog Park recently reopened after being closed for improvements. As a courtesy to neighbors adjacent to the park:

- Please avoid parking on Russell Avenue and park on 47th Avenue North on the south side of the park.
- Please keep dogs under control, on-leash, between your car and the park.
- Please pick up after your dog, both inside and outside of the park.

Neighbors appreciate your cooperation and consideration. To sign up for email updates on dog parks, enter your email address at the bottom of this page: <http://www.minneapolisarks.org/default.asp?PageID=851&SearchID=400761>

## 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.*

### September, 2012

Rank	Department Name	Service Request Type	Number of Service Requests
1	Regulatory Services	Exterior Nuisance Complaint	98
2	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	52
3	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	42
4	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	39
5	311	Other Issue - Open311	24