

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

4th Precinct Court Watch Meeting

The February 4th Precinct Court Watch meeting is being hosted by the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association. This special Court Watch meeting will be held at:

Creekview Park
5001 Humboldt Ave N
Tuesday, February 12th, 2013
Special Starting Time: 7:00 PM



The Court Watch presentation will begin promptly at 7:00 PM as part of the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association's monthly board meeting. SCNA Board business will be conducted from 6:30 to 7:00 PM, after which the Court Watch portion of the meeting will begin. Please be sure to come a few minutes early to ensure a good seat and allow a prompt start. If you haven't participated in a Court Watch meeting before, please consider coming to Creekview Park to see what it's all about. For more information call Crime Prevention Specialist Tim Hammett at 612-673-2866.



Take Precautions to Keep Your Pet Safe During Days of Extreme Cold

Take precautions to keep your pet safe during days of extreme cold. Temperatures are expected to reach dangerously cold levels in the next week. The National Weather Service has forecast subzero temperatures beginning Sunday. Minneapolis Animal Care & Control is urging pet owners to take special precautions to protect their animals. Here are a few tips to keep your pets safe and alive:

- Keep your pet inside and out of direct exposure to the elements.
- Be sure your pet has enough clean, cool water. Water freezes very quickly when sitting outside.
- Never leave your pet unattended in a parked car for any period of time.

If you see an animal outside without shelter or in an unattended car, call Minneapolis Animal Care & Control immediately -- in Minneapolis, call 311 (612-673-3000). If you believe the situation to be life-threatening and the animal is non-responsive, please call 911.

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Breakfast with Barb

Please join me on: **Tuesday, February 26**
8:00-9:00 a.m.
Lowry Café, 2207 Lowry Ave. N.

Inspector Mike Kjos, 4th Precinct Commander, Minneapolis Police Department, will be my guest. We will be discussing 4th Ward crime and safety issues. Most breakfasts are under \$9.

Welcome Peter Ebnet

My longtime Aide, Sara Goodnough, has accepted a position with the Minneapolis Department of Health & Family Support as the Director of the **UCare Skyway Senior Center**, a drop-in center in downtown Minneapolis providing a safe, accessible, and friendly place for people age 50 and over to take a class, exercise, connect to community resources, use a computer, read, relax, and socialize. Sara has always been interested in senior issues and advocacy. We wish her the very best and thank her for her service to the 4th Ward. **Peter Ebnet** from the Minneapolis City Clerk's office will be serving as my Interim Aide. Please join me in welcoming Peter to 4th Ward. Peter can be reached at 612-673-3313.



Help Select the Next Book for Minneapolis' Community Read

It's time to pick the next One Minneapolis One Read book and you can help. One Minneapolis One Read is Minneapolis' community read where everyone in town is invited to read the same book. Have a favorite book that you think everyone in Minneapolis should read? Book nominations will be accepted until Feb. 11.

How to submit nominations:

Visit: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OneMplsOneRead2013>

Or email: oneread@minneapolismn.gov

Or call: 612-673-2509.

Criteria:

The book selection committee will show particular interest in nominations that provide a vehicle for conversations on diversity, inclusiveness, integration and race. As the city's demographics continue to change, One Read provides a meaningful and broad welcome into civic participation. The book should follow nicely on the standard set by the first and second One Read books. The selected book will correspond with One Read's overall goals that reading this book together as a community will:

- Bring family members and neighbors together around the joy of reading and discussion.
- Encourage conversation about race, family relationships and neighborhood history.
- Reconnect neighbors and family members separated by race, culture and generational divide.
- Build a welcoming community that is willing to preserve and learn our

history in the context of race.

- Useful characteristics for the selected book include:
- Minnesota author or tie to Minneapolis or Minnesota.
- Touches on issues related to diversity.
- Under 300 pages.
- Accessible for teens.
- Access to discussion questions.
- Available as an e-book.
- Stand-alone chapters.
- Works with school curriculum.
- Written in the last five years.
- Author availability to visit, engage, etc.

About One Minneapolis One Read

One Minneapolis One Read is a citywide “read” where the entire community is encouraged to read the same book and join in a community conversation. In its first two years, the read has included a series of events such as discussions, movie screenings, luncheon lectures and more.

As part of the read, neighborhood groups, book clubs, libraries, literary centers and others hold public events where folks come together to discuss the book. People are also encouraged to start their own conversations with family, friends, coworkers or neighbors. You can find a host of ideas for how to be a part of One Minneapolis One Read at www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com.

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	134
2	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	43
3	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	39
4	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Public Health	25
4	Regulatory Services	Exterior Nuisance Complaint	25