

Fourth Ward Report

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Minneapolis 311

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E-mail 311:

minneapolis311@minn eapolismn.gov

311 Online Services: http://www.minneapolismn.gov/311/

4th Ward Neighborhood Group Links

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Folwell

Lind Bohanon

Jordan

Shingle Creek

Victory

Webber Camden



City Collects Nearly 400 More Tons of Recycling in Six Weeks of One-sort

Minneapolis residents have dramatically increased the amount they recycle, where one-sort recycling has been delivered. Results are in for the first six weeks of one-sort recycling: the four collection routes that were switched to one-sort last fall show a 63 percent increase in recycling over the same period a year ago, when they still used the older multi-sort process.

Starting in late April, 4th Ward residents who don't have the new blue, one-sort recycling cart yet will get one. They will receive letters in the mail with instructions about a week before the cart arrives. These customers will stay on the same schedule and keep the same recycling day as before. When they get the new cart, customers may choose to leave their old bins out to be recycled or keep them for other uses such as garage storage or for carrying the recyclables outside to the new cart. There is no change in the amount customers pay.

Benefits for you

- Feel good about helping your community and putting trash to good use.
- One-sort is easier to use.

Benefits to the economy

• Recycling collection and recycled products manufacturing in Minnesota provide 53,000 jobs and \$6.4 billion gross economic activity annually.

Benefits to the environment

- Recycling is one of the easiest ways to protect the environment.
- Recycling saves energy and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.
- Recycling conserves vital natural resources such as trees and water.

For more information about one-sort recycling in Minneapolis, visit www.minneapolismn.gov/onesort.

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More folks in Minneapolis are bicycling and walking to get around town

More local residents than ever are getting around by bike or on foot. Bicycling in Minneapolis increased by 56 percent over the past six years, and walking by 22 percent, according to the City of Minneapolis Bicyclist and Pedestrian Count Report 2012. For the metro area, bicycling rose by 51 percent and walking by 24 percent, as reported by Bike Walk Twin Cities (BWTC), a program of Transit for Livable Communities.

The figures are based on annual counts conducted in September. The City of Minneapolis conducts annual counts at 30 benchmark locations for bicyclists and 23 locations for pedestrians. BWTC counts bicyclists and pedestrians at 40 benchmark locations, including locations in St. Paul, St. Louis Park, and Falcon Heights. This ongoing collection of annual data about bicycling and walking supplements existing data on motorized traffic to develop a more complete picture of overall traffic behavior in our communities.

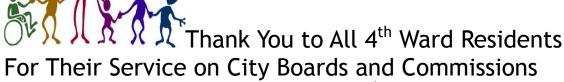
According to the counts, the top locations for bicycling and walking are near the University of Minnesota, downtown Minneapolis, and along the Midtown Greenway and Cedar Lake Trail.



City-wide street sweeping begins soon

Weather permitting, an annual rite of spring in Minneapolis begins Tuesday, April 9. That's when Public Works crews will start a comprehensive sweeping of all city streets and alleys to clean up the dirt and grime the melting ice and snow leaves behind. Beginning Monday April 8, drivers should watch for temporary "No Parking" signs along these roadways to avoid a ticket and tow.

From April 9 through May 3, sweepers will take care of all 1,000 miles of city streets and parkways. To make sure the sweepers can do the best job possible, temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance to make sure streets and parkways are clear of parked vehicles. Residents need to follow street sweep parking rules or they may have their cars ticketed and towed to the Minneapolis Impound Lot.



Council President Johnson would like to thank all the 4th Ward residents who give of their valuable time to represent our neighborhoods on City Boards and Commissions. 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.

Those currently representing the 4th Ward are:

Animal Care & Control - Kim Culbertson Bicycle Advisory Committee - Jim Skoog

Capital Long Range Improvement Committee - Silvia Magana, Raymond Schoch, Jeffrey Strand

Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities - Donna Hemp Housing Board of Appeals - David Fridgen, Jorge Grauvilardell Neighborhood Community & Engagement Commission - Jeffrey Stand Public Health Advisory Committee - Saeng Kue Seniors Citizen Advisory Committee - Raymond Olson ThincGreen - Scott Gale

If being a part of a board or commission interests you, there are opportunities for applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to strengthen the work of the City.

Contact the 4th Wards office or visit the City's website to find current openings at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm.



4th Precinct Court Watch Meeting

The April 4th Precinct Court Watch meeting is being presented at Folwell Park. This special Court Watch meeting will be held at:

1615 Dowling Ave N Tuesday, April 9th, 2013 Special Starting Time: 6:30 PM

This special Court Watch meeting will be focused on the criminal justice process with representatives from the key agencies in North Minneapolis. Representatives from the Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center, the Minneapolis Police Department, Hennepin County Attorney's office, Minneapolis Attorney's office and the Public Defender's office will all be on hand to provide insight.

If you haven't participated in a Court Watch meeting before, please consider coming to Folwell Park to see what it's all about. For more information call Crime Prevention Specialist Tim Hammett at 612-673-2866.



Breakfast with Barb

Please join me on: **Tuesday, April 30 8:00-9:00 a.m.**

Lowry Café, 2207 Lowry Ave. N.

Join Council President Barb Johnson on Tuesday, April 30th at the Lowry Café. Details about a guest will be forthcoming. Most breakfasts are under \$9.

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	99
2	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	61
3	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	38
4	Regulatory Services	Exterior Nuisance Complaint	36
5	Regulatory Services	Snow & Ice Complaint	33