

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



Tree Debris from Storm to be Collected Through July 12

Since the June 21 storm, the Minneapolis Park Board and the City have been working to clear city streets and remove boulevard trees from homes, garages and other structures.

The Park Board has also begun to remove boulevard trees that pose a potential hazard of toppling due to storm damage or soil saturation.. As trees are cut, trunks and large limbs are being placed alongside the roads for later pickup.

Removing downed trees

Park Board crews will collect homeowner yard tree debris that can be brought to the boulevard beginning July 1 through July 12 (excluding July 4 and 7) for properties affected by the storm. This service is for property owners clearing their property of tree debris after storm damage only—it is not for contractors doing work for property owners or for regular tree pruning. It is only for tree debris, not construction or other materials.

How you should prepare downed trees and branches for collection:

- Move larger limbs, branches, and trunks to the boulevard area in front of your house. Park Board crews will pick up and dispose of these items at no charge.
- Property owners adjacent to tree debris placed on the boulevard are asked not to park vehicles near the debris, to help crews in the removal process. “No parking” signs may be posted and enforced to facilitate the cleanup operation.

If you have large tree debris in your back yard, it should be brought to the street for collection. If that is not possible, you may call 311 weekdays to request an alley pickup. The City will check the location to determine if the needed equipment can access the site. If collection is not possible, the City will advise you, and you will then be responsible for disposal. If alley collection is possible, debris needs to be moved as close to the alley as possible so crews can remove it, since City crews cannot go onto private property to do removal.

Removing smaller branches

If you have small branches and pieces of brush, you can use the regular weekly Solid Waste & Recycling yard waste collection service to have them picked up. Crews will pick up bundles of brush and small branches that are less than three inches in diameter and less than three feet long. Bundle brush and small branches securely with twine or rope, each bundle must weigh less than 40 pounds and be out for pickup next to the garbage cart by 6 a.m. on garbage day.

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30th Annual Minneapolis National Night Out Tuesday, August 6

Planning for this year's National Night Out has begun! It is free to participate and when you register your event, you will get free Mystery Point Passes for Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America. Register your event online at

www.minneapolismn.gov/nno/nno_register or by calling 311. If you want to block your street, you can do so for free through July 23 (not all streets can be blocked, depending on traffic flow). From July 24 through August 1, there is a \$100 fee. After August 1 no applications for blocking off a street will be allowed. Last year Minneapolis ranked number one for registered NNO block events. Help make Minneapolis number one again! For more detailed information and planning ideas and tools, visit the Minneapolis NNO website at www.minneapolismn.gov/nno.



Join Us for Minneapolis Sister Cities Day Celebration

The sixth annual Minneapolis Sister Cities Day Celebration is coming to the Nicollet Island Pavilion Sunday, July 14. This free event and ice cream social will include entertainment, activities, and information about each sister city.

Minneapolis Sister Cities Day Celebration

Sunday, July 14, 2013

1 – 5 p.m.

Nicollet Island Pavilion, 40 Power Street

Each of the Minneapolis Sister Cities are invited to perform a native song or dance representing their city or country and share insight into their culture. The event is a fantastic community building event, inviting people from all over the world to meet, mingle, share stories and learn about new countries, language, art, and so much more. Minneapolis' Sister Cities are Santiago (Chile), Kuopio (Finland), Ibaraki City (Japan), Novosibirsk (Russia), Tours (France), Harbin (China), Uppsala (Sweden), Eldoret (Kenya), Cuernavaca (Mexico), and Najaf (Iraq). More information is available at www.minneapolis.org/sistercitiesday.

MPD Crime Prevention Home Security Workshop

Saturday, July 13, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Held at the Minneapolis Police Department 4th Precinct, 1925 Plymouth Ave (parking available across the street). RSVP to Tim Hammett at 673-2866 or timothy.hammett@minneapolismn.gov

You don't have to be a victim of burglary. You **can** protect yourself! MPD Crime Prevention Specialists will show you what you need to know to reduce your chances of being the victim of a property crime. Join MPD 4th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist Tim Hammett to learn more about ways you can protect yourself and your family.

City Council Approves Green Homes North Program

The Green Homes North (GHN) Program was approved by the City Council at the June 28 meeting and will provide home buyers with 18 newly constructed single family green homes on City-owned vacant lots in North Minneapolis to strengthen the sustainability of our communities. GHN incorporates: quality green design standards; green, energy efficiency, and sustainability standards; job creation and workforce development; and sourcing of local green products. Homes will be constructed to the Minnesota Green Communities Standards as developed by the State of Minnesota or certified as LEED for Homes. All of the GHN projects will be sold to an owner-occupant and 5 of the 18 new homes will be constructed in the 4th Ward.



Pedestrian Advisory Committee Seeks North Side Representative

The Minneapolis [Pedestrian Advisory Committee](http://www.minneapolis.gov/pedestrian/pedestrian_committee) is looking for a representative from the North Side. The committee advises the Mayor and City Council on policies, programs, and actions for improving the city's walking environment. Fifteen voting members who reside or own a business in Minneapolis serve on the committee. There is currently one vacancy on the committee, with the term lasting two years through June 30, 2015.

The commitment is small and involves monthly meetings (approximately 2 to 5 hours, depending upon member interest). The application deadline is Wednesday, July 31st. Learn more and apply by following the instructions at

www.minneapolis.gov/pedestrian/pedestrian_committee.



Welcome Jennifer White

As many of you know my long-time Aide, Sara Goodnough accepted a position as the director of the UCare Skyway Senior Center and Peter Ebnet from the City Clerk's office was filling in as my interim aide. I am pleased to announce I have hired **Jennifer White** to serve as my permanent aide. Jennifer began working for the City of Minneapolis as an intern in the department of Public Works in 2005. She has worked for the Minneapolis City Council since 2006 and brings valuable experience working with city departments and staff as well as providing outstanding constituent services to Minneapolis residents. Please join me in welcoming Jennifer to the 4th Ward. She can be reached at 612-673-3313 or jennifer.white@minneapolis.gov.



Minneapolis Aquatennial

July 12-20

Minneapolis – various locations

The entire city of Minneapolis takes a whole week off to party in the sun. The Aquatennial is the official civic celebration of Minneapolis, dubbed the best days of summer! Entering its 74th year, the summer festival has more than 70 events ranging from milk carton boat races and the annual block party to the coveted Torchlight Parade and "Most Amazing Race." There will even be a special Tour de Camden event, a leisurely bike ride through the Camden community on Saturday, July 20 from 9 a.m – noon. Bring the whole family and enjoy the festivities! For more information and the full schedule, visit www.aquatennial.com.

Adopting a Pet from Minneapolis Animal Care & Control Just Got Easier

Now that warmer weather has arrived, more animals are coming into Minneapolis Animal Care & Control, which means it's a great time to come in and find a new pet. To make adopting a pet even easier, beginning this spring, every dog, cat or rabbit that is adopted or transferred to a rescue group will be spayed or neutered before leaving the animal shelter. In the past, spaying or neutering was required, but new pet owners had to take care of it themselves within 30 days of the adoption.

The cost of the spay/neuter surgeries, along with a rabies vaccination, will be included in new adoption fees, which will still be significantly lower compared to the market for pet adoptions in the metro area.

For more information about adoption at Minneapolis Animal Care & Control, visit www.minneapolismn.gov/animals/services/animal-control_petadoptions or call 311.

Grow North!

To address disparities in North Minneapolis, the City's Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) has developed programs to prepare youth for employment, link Northside residents to jobs, build safe and affordable housing, and support retail vitality on commercial corridors. However, we lack a tool to recruit employers committed to hiring North Minneapolis residents. Despite concerted effort, we have been unable to recruit such a business.

Thus, CPED proposes Grow North, a targeted financial incentive package to broaden the toolbox for recruitment in this market-challenged area. In concert with existing financing tools available in many parts of the city, they propose additional incentives to recruit businesses specifically to North Minneapolis. Grow North works to help address Minneapolis' disgraceful ranking as first among the nation's 50 largest cities for employment disparity between white and African American residents. We're excited about this opportunity to provide businesses with personalized support for growth in North Minneapolis.

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	153
2	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	55
3	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	49
4	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	42
4	Regulatory Services	Exterior Nuisance - Self Service	42