Fourth Ward Report

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Minneapolis 311
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E-mail 311:
minneapolis311@minneapolismn.gov

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

4th Ward Neighborhood Group Links

Cleveland

Folwell

Lind Bohanon

Jordan

Shingle Creek

Victory

Webber Camden

Tonight: Holiday on 44th

Tonight: Friday, December 2, 6-9 p.m., join friends and neighbors for holiday festivities on 44th Ave. N. Featuring indoor and outdoor activities along 44th Avenue North from Newton to Thomas Avenue North. Pony rides, hay rides, face painting & clowns – roasted chestnuts and marshmallows, something for all.

2012 Proposed Property Tax Statements

Last month, Hennepin County mailed proposed property tax statements for 2012 to every property owner in Minneapolis. In that mailing folks will find an additional piece produced by the City of Minneapolis to help you better understand the City's portion of the proposed 2012 property taxes. This document gives an overview of the City's portion of the 2012 proposed property tax, along with details about the City's proposed 2012 budget and information about why taxes may be changing for some folks. Although Mayor R.T. Rybak proposed a 0 percent property tax increase in the City's 2012 budget, some property owners will still see a property tax increase next year.

The City also created an in-depth website - **http://www.minneapolismn.gov/city-budget/truth-in-taxation.asp** - that provides more detailed information about the City's budget and how factors such as the City's closed pension funds and the changes the State legislature made to the Homestead Market Value Credit and Local Government Aid.

The City Council will hold the final public hearing to give folks a chance to comment on the proposed 2012 budget before its final approval:

City of Minneapolis Public Hearings on 2012 City budget
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6:05 p.m.
City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, City Council Chambers (room 317)

The City Council will deliberate and make any changes to the Mayor's proposed 2012 budget beginning Dec. 6, with final approval of the 2012 budget scheduled for Dec. 14. The Mayor's recommended budget for 2012, along with a budget process calendar and City budget's for past years can be found at **www.minneapolismn.gov/city-budget.**

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Step-up Summer Jobs for Youth

STEP-UP is a summer jobs program for Minneapolis youth, ages 14-21. STEP-UP interns receive job training, then work for pay at Minneapolis businesses and nonprofit organizations to gain job experience, explore career interests, and build professional skills.
To be eligible, you must: live in Minneapolis, be 14-21 years old on June 1, 2012, and NOT be currently enrolled in college (PSEO is okay). For more information or an application (deadline 2/3/12), please visit this link: **STEP-UP Summer Jobs Program**

Snow Emergency Time

It's that time of the year again. Please take the time to learn snow emergency rules. Please visit **http://www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/parking-info.asp** for up to date snow emergency information.

Visit **http://www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/esubscribe.asp** to subscribe to email or text message snow emergency alerts.

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	Residential Conditions Complaint	68
2	Regulatory Services	Exterior Nuisance Complaint	53
3	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	31
4	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	23
5	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Public Health	17