



# 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@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Minneapolis311@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)

311 Online Services:  
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311/online-services.asp>

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

- Cleveland
- Folwell
- Lind Bohanon
- Jordan
- Shingle Creek
- Victory
- Webber Camden

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## Snow Emergency Alerts

Any time snowfall is in the forecast, and especially when it starts to snow, there are a number of ways to find out if snow-related parking rules are in effect. A Snow Emergency will always be announced on the Minneapolis Home Page. As soon as the Snow Emergency is declared, Public Works officials will simultaneously notify the media and the City's 311 agents, update the 348-SNOW and language hotlines and the City's web site, send an e-alert to all Snow Emergency Alert subscribers and inform all other communications outlets. You can receive personal notification about snow emergencies by:



- E-mail
- Phone call
- Facebook
- Text Message

For more information visit this link:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow/stay-informed.asp>



## City Council Approves 2010 Budget

The City Council approved its 2010 City budget Dec. 7, 2009. The approved budget maintains the City's commitment to economic recovery and public safety, while reducing spending by over \$100 million and providing property-tax relief. Although Minneapolis has faced significant cuts from the state of Minnesota, City officials have approved a budget that maintains funding for key initiatives that help to develop and grow small businesses and local jobs. The budget also maintains the City's commitment to public safety, with minimal layoffs in police, fire and emergency preparedness. The City is aggressively pursuing flexibility in the use of federal stimulus dollars to maintain staffing levels in the Minneapolis Police Department. The Mayor and City Council were also able to use a recent court victory in a pension lawsuit to provide \$10 million in property tax relief, which reduces the average tax increase for a Minneapolis homeowner from 6.6% to 2.1%. Minneapolis 2010 Budget will be posted on the City's Web site in January 2010. When it is posted you can find it at the [Finance Department Web site](#).

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## City Receives Nearly \$1 Million Grant to Increase Domestic Violence Prevention Efforts

A grant of nearly \$1 million will help the City of Minneapolis find new and innovative ways to help keep women safe from domestic violence and make the perpetrators more accountable for their actions. Over the next two years, the \$939,594 Violence Against Women Act grant will be used to expand the existing partnerships between law enforcement, the City Attorney's Office, Hennepin County probation and domestic violence advocates, and to continue to improve the City's response to domestic violence incidents and prevention. The plans include placing domestic abuse advocates in community based probation offices to serve as resources to victims. A list of repeat domestic violence offenders will be developed with individualized intervention plans to increase offender accountability and victim safety. In 2008, the City Attorney's Office and Police Department implemented a new evidence gathering protocol so that officers responding to misdemeanor domestic assault calls would gather more evidence at their initial response to the call, such as taking video taped statements using squad videos and collecting evidence to document the victim's injuries. This additional evidence allows the City Attorney's Office to proceed with prosecution even if the victim does not participate in the prosecution. Funding from the grant will allow this new protocol to be implemented throughout the entire City. The Minneapolis Police Department sought this funding, along with its partners, to develop a Coordinated Community Response Protocol Planning team. The team consists of the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, Hennepin County Community Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Domestic Abuse Project, Casa de Esperanza, and Asian Women United of Minnesota. The City will begin using the grant in January 2010.



## Top 5 Fourth Ward Service Requests to 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 (Interior) Conditions Complaint	73
2	Police	Abandoned Vehicle	59
3	Regulatory Services	Exterior Nuisance Complaint	58
4	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint	40
5	Police	Parking Violation Complaint	21