



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

311 Online Services:

<http://www.minneapolis.gov/311/>

4th Ward Neighborhood Group Links

Cleveland

Folwell

Lind Bohanon

Jordan

Shingle Creek

Victory

Webber Camden

Tree Trust Providing Trees for Tornado Zone Properties



Tree Trust, a local nonprofit, is offering 300 trees to homeowners in North Minneapolis who lost trees on their property during the May 22, 2011 tornado. This project, part of Tree Trust's North Minneapolis Reforest Project, is funded by grants from State Farm Insurance and Xcel Energy Foundation, and an in-kind donation from Bachman's Nursery. Other project partners include the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. Homeowners in the area affected by the tornado will have the opportunity to obtain up to two trees to plant per property. Trees may be purchased for \$20 each, or homeowners may attend a free, one-hour workshop on proper tree planting and tree care to have the fees waived. Tree Trust will offer three separate workshops in late September. Those who wish to attend a workshop must indicate this at the time of order. For more information visit www.treetrust.org/orderhere or contact Diana Preisen, Community Forest Specialist at Tree Trust, dianap@treetrust.org or 612-590-1421.



Volunteer for "We Want You Back"

The Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board and City of Minneapolis have joined forces again for the We Want You Back campaign which aims to get un-enrolled students to come back to school, complete their credits and get their diploma. Saturday, Sept. 10 is the second annual Day of Action that enlists the community's help in reaching young people and raising public awareness about the dropout crisis and graduation gap in Minneapolis. On that day, hundreds of volunteers will be walking together throughout the city, distributing information, and talking with young people about re-enrolling in a program or school. Last year, 100 youth signed up on the spot to talk with Minneapolis school staff about getting on a path to finish their diploma, and 14 students have since graduated. The campaign is looking for volunteers for the **Sept. 10 Day of Action**. Volunteer training will be provided by the Youth Coordinating Board, and Minneapolis Public Schools staff will be available that day to help students with the re-enrollment process. To sign-up to volunteer, or if you know a young person who would like to re-enroll, contact Jo Haberman, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, at 612-673-2720 or wwyb@ycb.org. For more information visit www.wewantyoubackmpls.org.

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Reduced Cost Internet Access for Eligible Families



While so many Minnesotans have Internet access at home, school or work, there is still a significant number of individuals and families who are not able to utilize this powerful resource. For many, Internet access is simply too expensive to obtain. Comcast has a program to make it easy and affordable to bring the Internet to your home. Eligible families will qualify for Internet service at the rate of \$9.95 per month. For households that do not own a computer, Comcast also offers a low-cost computer option. To qualify for these offers, your household must meet the following criteria:

- Be located where Comcast offers Internet service
- Have at least one child receiving free school lunches through the National School Lunch Program
- Have not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days
- Not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment

If you are interested in taking advantage of this affordable option for Internet service and believe you meet the criteria for eligibility, please contact Comcast at 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) to request an application. To learn more about Internet Essentials, visit www.internetessentials.com.



Webber Park News

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) announced a community survey and a multi-day design kick-off event for Webber Park. The planning process will bring together the community and a professional design team to create a vision for the future of Webber Park. This vision will guide \$4 million in improvements in 2012-2013. September 1-23 the community is invited to complete an on-line or paper survey to help the project team better understand the needs of the community. Starting September 1, the on-line survey will be available at www.minneapolisparcs.org, and the paper survey will be available at Webber, Folwell and Creekview Recreation Centers or by calling 612-230-6400. The community is also invited to the following events at **Webber Park, 4400 Dupont Avenue N:**

- **Thursday, September 29, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Community Meeting:** This will be an opportunity for the design team and community to share and discuss key information about usage, demographics, program opportunities, natural resources, and community visions for the park.
- **Friday, September 30, 3 pm to 5 pm, Open Studio:** The design team will be working in the park throughout the day to develop concepts based on the information and visions shared at the September 29 meeting. Community members are invited to stop by the park to watch progress and visit with the designers during the open studio from 3 to 5 pm.
- **Saturday, October 1, 9:30 am to noon, Community Open House:** Community members are invited to attend an open house to review and provide input into design concepts for the park.

For more information about the Webber Park Planning Process, please visit the [project webpage](#) or call Jennifer Ringold, Manager of Public Engagement and Citywide Planning, at 612-230-6464.

Frequently Asked Question



Q. What is a permit and when do I need one?

A. The Minneapolis City Council enacts ordinances to regulate construction, maintenance, and remodeling so that the buildings where we live, work, and play will be safe. The City uses permits to make sure that the work is done in compliance with those ordinances.

Building projects of any size may require that you get one or more permits before you can begin the work.

Before beginning a project, you should call Minneapolis 311 (or 612-673-3000 outside the Minneapolis city limits) to see if you need to obtain a permit.

For more information about:

Specific kinds of permits, visit: [**Permits**](#)

When you do not need a permit, click this link: [**When Do I NOT Need a Permit?**](#)

Sometimes a site plan, a zoning site review, and an inspections plan review are required before a permit can be issued. For more information about the entire permit process, see [**Applying for a Permit.**](#)



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	201
2	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	75
3	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	59
4	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	53
5	Regulatory Services	Rental License Follow-up	24