



# 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](#)

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## Inexpensive Trees Available for Residents

A thousand trees are being made available to city residents for planting this spring. Since 2006, the City Trees program, which is funded by the City of Minneapolis, has provided a low-cost way for folks to help build the city's urban tree forest. The trees cost \$25 each, and are approximately six feet tall with a one-inch trunk. Residents can order one tree per household, and all trees will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. (Note: residents who wish to purchase the plum tree must attend a workshop on Saturday, June 20 to learn about fruit tree care and to pick up the tree.) Orders for trees can be done online starting on April 3 by visiting Tree Trust at [www.treetrust.org](http://www.treetrust.org). You can also order a tree by picking up an order form from your neighborhood group or local library. Trees can be picked up at Franklin Middle School East parking lot, 1501 Aldrich Avenue North, in Minneapolis at the following times:

Saturday, May 9 – 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 10 – 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday, May 11 – 3 to 7 p.m.

Volunteers will be on hand to help load your new tree and complimentary bag of mulch in to your vehicle. The City Trees program is a partnership between the City of Minneapolis and Trust, a local nonprofit that works to improve the community environment. For more information on how to order a tree, contact Tree Trust at 651-644-5800.

## Teen Job Fair

The third annual Minneapolis Teen Job Fair will take place on April 25, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Hennepin County Library - Central, located at 300 Nicollet Mall. Teens, 14 and up, will have an opportunity to meet employers, get information about jobs, volunteering and internships and attend workshops. This event is sponsored by the Hennepin County Library, the City of Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP), the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), AchieveMpls and others. Contact Pat Behrend @ 612-673-6220 or [patricia.behrend@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:patricia.behrend@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) for more information.

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## Property Tax Information

Throughout March and April, Minneapolis property owners are receiving their Notices of Valuation and Classification from the City Assessor's office. These valuations are used to calculate the property taxes property owners will pay next year. They also include important information on how to appeal the value or classification of your property. The City of Minneapolis is hosting open houses to give property owners an opportunity to learn more about their property taxes, as well as programs that may provide some property tax relief. Citizens can get information on subjects ranging from homestead credit and market value to lead abatement rebates, senior citizens deferrals and disabled veteran programs.

Wednesday, April 8

4:30 – 7 p.m.

Webber Park Community Center  
4400 Dupont Ave. N.

Staff from the City Assessor's Office will be on hand to provide information about Minneapolis property taxes, and to answer questions. Cookies and refreshments will be served.

## 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.*

[Between March 1 to March 31, 2008]

- 1 Regulatory Services – Residential Conditions Complaint - 93
- 2 Regulatory Services – Exterior Nuisance Complaint - 72
- 3 Public Works – Snow/Ice Complaint - 50
- 4 Regulatory Services – Animal Complaint - 46
- 5 Police – Abandoned Vehicle -41