



Fourth Ward Report

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Minneapolis 311

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E-mail 311:
Minneapolis311@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

311 Online Services:
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4th Ward Neighborhood Group Links

Cleveland

Folwell

Lind Bohanon

Jordan

Shingle Creek

Victory

Webber Camden



Community Energy Service Workshop

Reducing energy use can be easier than you think. Tools like a programmable thermostat can have you using less natural gas and electricity, which can save you money in heating and cooling. Learn more about energy savings by taking part in

Community Energy Services, a full service residential energy program. You and other homeowners can have the opportunity to:

- Attend a free educational workshop on how to lower energy use in the home and save money.
- Schedule a home energy visit to identify additional ways to save energy. Materials installed may include low flow showerheads, setback thermostat, compact fluorescent light bulbs, gasket seals, faucet aerators, pipe insulation, and more. This is a \$400 value for \$30.
- Receive a personalized energy use inventory for the last 12 months and feedback for the next year to measure energy saving results.
- Gain access to financing, incentives, and rebates available for larger projects such as insulation or furnace replacement.

Community Energy Services (CES) is holding a free energy 101 workshop for workshop for the Shingle Creek and Lind-Bohannon neighborhoods, but anyone can attend:

Tuesday, September 7

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Creekview Park

5001 Humboldt Ave. N.

Come for a review or to learn simple no-and-low cost ways to reduce energy waste and save money in your home. Attendance is mandatory to sign up for a home visit and receive materials. Free childcare and local treats provided. RSVP to Ashley Robertson at arobertson@mncee.org or 612-335-5869. The City of Minneapolis has partnered with the Center for Energy and Environment, CenterPoint Energy, and Xcel Energy to offer these services. Funding for this project was provided by the City of Minneapolis' Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Funding, through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act 2009, and the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). For more information visit www.mncee.org

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Pedestrian Advisory Committee

The [Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#) has an opening for a North Minneapolis representative. The Pedestrian Advisory Committee is charged with advising the Mayor and City Council on policies, programs, and actions for improving pedestrian safety, mobility, accessibility, and comfort; for promoting walking for transportation, recreation, and health purposes; and for strengthening the linkage between the pedestrian environment and public transportation. The committee is composed of 15 voting members who reside or own a business in the City and who have an interest in promoting walking and improving the pedestrian environment in Minneapolis. For more information and an application visit:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/Pedestrian%20Advisory%20Vacancy.asp>



City of Minneapolis Seeking Comments on Draft Bicycle Master Plan

The draft Bicycle Master Plan, which establishes goals, objectives, and benchmarks to improve safety and mobility for bicyclists and also increase the number of trips taken by bicycle. The City is seeking comments from citizens. The draft plan details policies and practices around bicycling in Minneapolis, and includes an update to the 2001 Bicycle Master Plan Map. Public meetings will be held to gather public input and answer questions. The meeting times and places are as follows:

- Wednesday, Sept. 8, Washburn High School Auditorium, 201 W 49th St., 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 13, Minneapolis Central Library, Pohlad Hall Auditorium, 300 Nicollet Mall, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 15, University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center, 2001 Plymouth Ave. N, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The comment period for the [Minneapolis Bicycle Master Plan](#) will last 45 days and be open until Oct. 1, 2010. [Leave your comments online](#), or contact Don Pflaum at 612.673.2129 or donald.pflaum@ci.minneapolis.mn.us



We Want You Back

Minneapolis Public Schools, the Youth Coordinating Board and the City of Minneapolis have joined forces to launch We Want You Back, a grassroots effort to identify and encourage young people who have left high school to come back, complete their credits and earn a diploma. Saturday, September 11 is a citywide door-knocking event to reach school dropouts and send them a clear message: We Want You Back. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to door-knock. Visit www.wewantyoubackmpls.org to learn more, sign up and help out. Everyone will need a (free) background check before visiting with young people and it takes a little time to do the background checks. On Saturday, Sept. 11, teams of community and school district volunteers will fan out across the city to connect young people with resources, support and information. Minneapolis Public Schools staff will re-enroll students on the spot. Volunteer training will be held one hour before morning and afternoon door-knocking. Questions? Contact Jo Haberman, Youth Coordinating Board, 673-2720 or wwyb@ycb.org.

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	Exterior Conditions Complaint	145
2	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	64
3	Public Works	Graffiti Complaint/Reporting	51
4	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	42
5	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	39