



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.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311/online-services.asp>

4th Ward Neighborhood Group Links

Cleveland

Folwell

Lind Bohanon

Jordan

Shingle Creek

Victory

Webber Camden

Tornado Recovery

My thoughts and prayers go out to the families and victims of the tornado. So many people have lost so much, and today so many are still struggling to begin the recovery process. I want to thank the community – neighbors, friends, those working in nonprofits and other government agencies – for pulling together to help folks who need assistance. I also want to thank our City employees: firefighters and police who were on the scene so quickly and helping folks in tremendously dangerous conditions; public works crews who have been out clearing debris and fallen trees to open the streets to allow residents to safely return to their homes; and staff from other city departments who have been working round the clock to coordinate our recovery efforts, help find places for people to sleep and eat, get clothing, find transportation, and start to get their lives back. These are tremendously challenging times for our community, our neighbors and our friends. Please consider making a donation to the [Minnesota Helps – Northside Recovery Fund](#). Thanks to everyone for stepping up to get us on the path of recovery as quickly as is possible. ***A detailed resource list is on the last pages of this newsletter.***

If you or a neighbor has questions or a special situation related to the tornado, please contact my office at 612-673-2204 and we will get your questions answered.



Northside Permit Office Office Opens to Help With Tornado Recovery

The City opened an office on the North Side to make it easier for homeowners and licensed contractors to get the construction and repair permits needed to fix damage to properties following the recent tornado. The North Side Construction and Repair Permits Office opened June 1 and is located at Hamilton School at 4119 Dupont Ave. N. It is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (The Minneapolis Development Review main office, located in downtown Minneapolis, is also open during its regular business hours.) Staff from Minneapolis Development Review, Construction Code Services, Plan Review, Rental Licensing, and Zoning are on hand to help North Side customers in their permitting requests. For more information visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/20110531NorthsidePermitsOffice.asp>

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Victory Memorial Drive Event

Hennepin County and its project partners invite the public to attend the **Victory Memorial Drive Rededication on June 11**. The historic landscaped boulevard, which commemorates the 568 men and women of Hennepin County who died in World War I, is celebrating its 90th Anniversary and recently underwent a restoration and renovation. The June 11 rededication program is being held in conjunction with Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund's Say Thanks Day 5K Run/2 mile Walk. Activities will be centered at the flagpole plaza, located at the intersection of Victory Memorial Drive and 45th Avenue North. Look for more details on the Victory Memorial Drive event page, "like" the event page on Facebook, and check out the growing collection of historical and contemporary photos on Flickr. This is a great opportunity to honor our veterans and celebrate this great north Minneapolis memorial.

Event Schedule for June 11

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Numerous exhibits of war artifacts and machinery, historical reenactments, a children's scavenger hunt, and more.

11 a.m.

Victory Memorial Drive Rededication program featuring laying of wreaths for each branch of service, a 21-gun salute, raising of the flag, and live music.

Say Thanks Day

This event is being held in conjunction with the Minnesota Military Appreciation Fund's Say Thanks Day. The 5K run/2 mile walk begins at 9 a.m., with registration at 8 a.m. and a program at 10 a.m.

North Minneapolis Events This Weekend

In addition to the Saturday, June 4 Northside Volunteer Clean-Up Day, there are several neighborhood and community events:

- 6/4 Big Camden Area Garage Sale
- 6/4 Cleveland Neighborhood Flea Market
- 6/5 Grand Opening of the West Broadway Farmers Market



Frequently Asked Question

Q. When is the Lowry Bridge reopening?

A. According to Hennepin County, the Lowry Bridge is scheduled to reopen in the summer of 2012. For more information about the project visit www.lowryavenuebridge.com



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	123
2	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	57
3	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	52
4	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Public Health	41
5	PW Transportation Maintenance & Repair	Debris in the Street or Alley	36

Tornado Emergency Relief Resource List

Updated 6/3/11 10:30A

Basic Needs:

Family Assistance Center- The North Commons Park (Health/family support/shelter organized by the American Red Cross & the City of Minneapolis) 1801 James Ave. N. [612-370-4921](tel:612-370-4921)

Shiloh Temple (offering shelter for women with children and a partnering church will house men) Shiloh Temple is located on Broadway Ave. N. and N. Fremont. Call 612-302-1463 for more information

The Salvation Army (basic needs/food/clothing): 2024 Lyndale Ave. N in Minneapolis.

The Bridge for Youth as a resource for families and youth. They are offering youth shelter between the ages of 10-17. 612-377-8800 or www.bridgeforyouth.org

Nellie Stone Johnson: Offering basic needs/food/clothing, shoes to student families of NSJ

Pillsbury United Communities: Oak Park Neighborhood Center, 1701 Oak Park Ave. N. [612-377-7000](tel:612-377-7000)-Translation services, food, clothes, crisis line

Mpls Central Church of Christ- 1922 4th Ave – Basic Needs (Clothing, Soap, Food Shelf Items) Sat. 6/4 10-2

Free shuttle service to locations throughout North Minneapolis. Tues-Friday, 10-3pm, [ShuttleBusflyer.pdf](#)

Food:

Sharing & Caring Hands – 525 North 7th Street 612.338.4640

Willard Park C/O Red Cross– 2927 Irving Ave North – 500 Lunch’s between 10:00-3:00P 6/1- 6/3

Jordan Park – C/O Red Cross -17th & Queen Ave North – 500 Lunch’s between 10:00- 3:00P 6/1 – 6/3

St. Olaf Church – 2901 Emerson Ave North – Community BBQ for 200 – Saturday 6/4 1:30 – 3:00P

North Point Health and Wellness Center Inc (Human Services) 1315 Penn Ave. N 612-767-9500 NorthPoint Food Shelf is open 9AM - 3 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & 11 AM - 6 PM on Wednesday, closed on Fridays. Supplies are being given to tornado victims as needed. For info, call 612 767 9175.

Red Cross will continue to canvass affected neighborhoods providing food, water, snacks & relief supplies

Freshen Up & Shower Facilities

YMCA 1711 West Broadway - Towels and basic soap available. Everyday 8:00 – 1:00P

YMCA Blaisdell Ave - Towels and basic soap available. M-F 7:00 A – 8:00P Sat-Sun 9:00 – 6:00P

Transportation Coordinated by Nick at 612.363.3993

Medical Services:

Fremont Clinic is Open – Regular hours see www.neighborhoodhealthsource.org

NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center (Clinic) 1313 Penn Ave N. 612-543-2500 Offering medical, dental & behavioral health services, along with pharmacy, lab and radiology. Walk-ins are welcome.

Clinic hours are 8:30 - 5 PM Monday & Friday, 8:30 - 7 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays. For after hours care, please call 612-873-3000. After hours behavioral health needs, Contact: Crisis Center at 612-873-3161.

University of Minnesota Physicians Broadway Family Medicine (Emerson & Broadway) Call 612-302-8200 for an appointment.

They can also re-charge cell phones and use our public computer while here.

Prescription Eye Glasses FNA 1201 37th – Bring Broken glasses or Prescription for replacement. Until 6/10

EMERGENCY CHILDCARE

Pillsbury Crisis Nursery

Pillsbury Crisis Nursery is a community-based, family support program that provides services to parents and children in times of crisis or stress. **We provide services for:** Families in Hennepin County, Children ages newborn through twelve years, Short-term daycare placements, Information and referrals, Services provided free of charge. **Call Pillsbury United Communities Crisis Nursery at 612-302-3500**

Minneapolis Animal Control Provides Short-Term Pet Kennels For Tornado Victims:

Animal Control is available for residents of north Minneapolis to temporarily kennel their pets for free for up to five days. Call 311 for more information.

Metro Transit Bus Detours: Routes 5, 7, 14, 19, 22 and 721/724 in North Minneapolis are being detoured due to tornado damage. www.metrotransit.org 612.373.3333

POWER/CELL PHONE CHARGING AND INTERNET ACCESS

Energy at 1-800-895-4999 -For power outages, downed power lines.

Emerge Community Development 1101 West Broadway Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55411 (Emerson/Broadway- 2nd Floor) 612.529.9267 . Contact is Paul .Hours: 9:00am- 5:00pm.

University of Minnesota's Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC) , 2001 Plymouth Ave North .Contact number is 612-626-UROC (8762). You can use facilities between 8am and 5pm

WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT BURGLARY:

Do not assume that the person taking or loading items from your neighbor's house is legitimate. When in doubt, call 911. Alert your neighbors & block club members to the problem & be sure to watch out for each other. Remember, the majority of burglars who are caught in the act are caught because a neighbor reported seeing something suspicious. If your neighbors' house is damaged, talk to them about their plans for clean up and repair so you know what to expect in the coming days. If your home is damaged, secure your personal property & ask your neighbors to keep an eye on your property.

WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT FRAUD:

Be wary of anyone going door to door offering home repair services.

There are a number of fraudulent home repair and contracting schemes. Watch out for the contractor who approaches you with a deal that's too good to pass up. If someone says that he has materials left over from a job down the street and can give you a great deal, don't believe him. This is a very common scam that can wind up costing you thousands of dollars. All persons soliciting goods or services door to door in Minneapolis MUST have a Minneapolis Peddler's License. Demand to see their license. If they are unable to, *call 911* Be especially wary of people using high pressure sales tactics, or who won't let you take the time to think it over. *If he demands that you sign now, just say no.* Always get multiple bids from different contractors before signing any home repair contracts. Be especially wary of contractors who require cash up front.

Tree Collection

Public Works & Park Board crews will collect tree debris that can be brought to the Blvd beginning Wednesday, May 25 through June 10 for properties affected by the tornado in the city west of I- 94 and north of Highway 55 (Olson Memorial Highway). This service is for property owners clearing their property of tree debris after storm damage only—it is not for contractors doing work for property owners or for regular tree pruning. It is only for tree debris, not construction or other materials. Here's how residents in the area can prepare downed trees and branches for collection:

- Move larger limbs, branches, & trunks to the boulevard area in front of your house. The City will pick up & dispose of these items at no charge. Crews will collect tree debris from the boulevards beginning May 25 thru June 10. -Property owners adjacent to tree debris placed on the blvd are asked not to park vehicles near the debris, to help crews in the removal process. "No parking" signs may be posted & enforced to facilitate the cleanup operation.
- If residents have large tree debris that is located in the back of the house by the alley, call 311 to request an alley pick-up. However, please be advised that this may not be possible in some instances if the needed equipment can't access the site. Before clearing trees & debris make sure there are no downed power lines.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW: DISASTER RECOVERY OFFICE

City opens an office to make it easier to get the necessary construction and repair permits needed to fix damage to properties following the North Side tornado. The North Side Construction & Repair Permits Office is available beginning June 1 to help homeowners & licensed contractors doing work in the area. The office is located at **Hamilton School at 4119 Dupont Ave. N.** & will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

This Saturday Hennepin County is having a hazardous waste collection event on the North Side. It will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at North High School, which is at 1500 James Avenue North. Appliances won't be collected... but many household hazardous waste items will be accepted. Folks can call 612-348-3777 to find out what you can and cannot bring.

[Wells Fargo & Urban League Team Up to Aid Uninsured Homeowners in North Mpls](#)

Our Wealth Accumulation Intersection is working directly with Wells Fargo to help **uninsured** North Minneapolis homeowners who suffered tornado damage get needed repairs. If you know of anyone in the north Minneapolis area whose home suffered structural damage please send the following information to WA Director Nick Jaeger at njaeger@mul.org:

Name, Address, Phone Number, Type of repairs / Help needed

Our Wealth Accumulation staff will then compile a list of those households and will work on finding resources to assist them in their recovery. **We need this information as soon as possible, preferably before Thursday 10:00am.** There is limited dollars for this project so the sooner we can gather the names and information, the sooner we can move forward. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nick at 612-302-3164

[Legal Assistance](#)

Legal Aid Society – Helpline for Residents with Tenant / Landlord Issues – 612.332.1441

Volunteer Lawyers Network Helpline for Insurance and/or Contractor Issues 612.752-6677

[VIDEO UPDATES ON CHANNEL 14 & SOCIAL MEDIA](#)

Staff have been producing regular video updates specifically for folks in the North Side, to give them updates on the work that is being done to help the recovery. You can find the short videos on the City's Youtube channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/cityofminneapolis>.