



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

Contact Us

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can call 311 to find your polling location or visit

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections/precinct-finder.asp>

For information on Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) visit

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections/elections-works.asp>



Senior Chore Services

I often get calls from senior citizens and disabled adults who are in need of low-cost home maintenance services such as routine housecleaning, lawn care, snow removal and minor repairs. There are two senior chore services that serve our area:

- [Neighborhood Involvement Program](#) - for seniors who live **south** of 44th Ave. N. - (612) 374-3322
- [Community Emergency Assistance Program \(CEAP\)](#) – for seniors who live **north** of 44th Ave. N. – (763) 566-9600

Senior Chore workers are given criminal background checks. All work is dependant upon worker availability. Please contact the appropriate agency for information about fees for services.

If your church, school, work or neighborhood group is interested in donating a little time to help seniors and disabled adults in our community, please contact one of these agencies to coordinate.

Get Involved

The City of Minneapolis conducts an open appointments process to increase public involvement in the city's decision-making process by selecting members to serve on numerous boards, commissions and task forces.

There are vacancies on the following boards and commissions: Civilian Police Review Authority; Minneapolis Arts Commission; and Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. Please visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/index.asp> for more information and application deadlines.



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Public Hearing on City Budget Comes Earlier in the Process this Year

An upcoming public hearing on the City's 2010 budget is just weeks away. Unlike previous budget hearings, this one is coming earlier in the budget-making process.

State law requires the City to hold a public hearing on the date the proposed budget is scheduled to be adopted. However, that's so late in the process that making major changes to that proposed budget is impractical.

To change this, the City Council is holding an earlier hearing next month. This hearing will take place before sessions where Ways & Means Committee members begin to mark up the budget proposed by Mayor RT Rybak. The State-mandated hearing will still take place on December 7, the date the City Council plans to approve a 2010 budget.

Public hearing on tax levy and 2010 City budget Thursday, Nov. 19, 6:05 p.m. City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, room 317

Minneapolis is facing a number of serious fiscal challenges that effect the City's bottom line. This includes State cuts to Minneapolis of more than \$40 million during 2009-2010 and escalating health care and pension costs. To balance the budget, the Mayor's proposal includes a mix of budget cuts, reforms and a new revenue policy.

The Mayor has proposed a City budget for 2010 that focuses on jobs, while preserving public safety gains and continuing to invest in infrastructure. It includes expanding a program that offers low interest loans and financing tools to small businesses, and \$1.2 million to help more people find and get jobs through the City's Workforce Centers. The City Council will consider the Mayor's recommendations and make its determinations on these budget issues throughout the month of November, and finalize the budget on December 7.

For more information on the proposed 2010 budget, visit the Mayor's Office Web page at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/mayor

Fall Street Sweeping Started

Each spring and fall, Public Works crews sweep every mile of the City's more than 1,100 miles of streets – curb to curb – to help keep our neighborhoods clean and livable and to protect our waterways. Leaves and other debris on the streets can clog storm drains and pollute our lakes and rivers. Temporary 'No Parking' signs will be posted at least 24 hours before a street is swept. Use the [Street Sweeping Schedule Lookup](#) to see when your street will be swept. Residents can also call 3-1-1 or (612) 673-3000 to find out more about the street sweeping schedule.



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 Housing Complaint	76
2	Regulatory Services	Interior Conditions Housing Complaint	51
3	Police	Abandoned Vehicle	45
3	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint	45
5	Police	Parking Violation Complaint	25