



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:
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4th Ward Neighborhood Group Links

Cleveland

Folwell

Lind Bohanon

Jordan

Shingle Creek

Victory

Webber Camden

Bottineau Corridor



The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRRA) is holding several open houses to allow area residents, businesses and institutions to learn about and give input on draft analysis results from a study on the Bottineau transit alternatives. The Bottineau Corridor extends between downtown Minneapolis and north Minneapolis, through the northwest suburbs of the Twin Cities including Golden Valley, Crystal, Robbinsdale, New Hope, Osseo, Brooklyn Park and Maple Grove. Each open house will have a presentation at 6:30 p.m. Two open houses will be held in Minneapolis:

6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 6
Harrison Neighborhood Association Community Room
503 Irving Avenue N.

6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8
North Regional Library
1315 Lowry Ave. N.

For more information visit www.bottransit.org or call Brent Rusco at (612) 543-0579 or e-mail Bottineau@co.hennepin.mn.us



Rebates for Energy-Efficient Home Improvements

Minnesota homeowners may be eligible for up to \$4,000 in rebates for certain energy-efficiency improvements. A rebate program administered by the Builders Association of Minnesota is making \$3 million available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Funds will go fast and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you're having energy-efficiency work done on your home, make sure to ask your contractor if it is eligible for the "Project ReEnergize" rebate.

The home must be owner-occupied and built before 2000. The improvements must be done by a Project ReEnergize qualified contractor. A list of project qualified contractors will be posted Oct. 1 at www.projectReEnergize.org/contractor-list.aspx. Only work completed after Oct. 1 is eligible for rebates. The project must be completed before rebate application can be submitted. For more information on eligibility, visit www.ProjectReEnergize.org

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Absentee Voting Begins October 2

The 2009 City of Minneapolis municipal elections will be conducted using a new voting system called Ranked Choice Voting. This change is the result of a referendum that voters passed in 2006. Ranked Choice Voting combines the municipal Primary and the General Election into one event, with all candidates on the November 3 ballot. Minneapolis voters will be able to rank their choices for Mayor, City Council, Board of Estimate and Taxation, and Park and Recreation Board. Absentee ballots will be available beginning October 2. The General Election is November 3, 2009. To download an absentee ballot application visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections/docs/absentee-ballot.pdf> or call 311 to have an application mailed to you. Please call 311 if you have any questions about the election.



Fourth Ward Appointments

Two Fourth Ward residents, Salima Khakoo and Brittany Lewis, were recently appointed to serve on the Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission. The City of Minneapolis has more than 45 boards, commissions and advisory committees. These organizations, composed of citizen volunteers, advise the City on current issues and assist the City in policy development and administration of services. For a list of current openings, please visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/index.asp>

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 Nuisance Complaint	102
2	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	73
3	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	66
4	Police	Abandoned Vehicle	39
5	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Public Health	31