



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

Minneapolis Crime Rate at Lowest Level in Years

Crime in Minneapolis continues to fall for the third straight year and is falling to the lowest level it's been in many years. Minneapolis violent crime rates, half-way through 2009, are at the lowest level in eight years and the city's homicide rate is the lowest in 25 years.

Proactive policing, targeting the most violent criminals and reducing youth violence are being credited with this decline in crime. Through June 2009, citywide violent crime is nearly 17% lower than this point in 2008, nearly 28% lower than in 2007, and nearly 39% lower than in 2006. Violent crime in Minneapolis is more than 20% lower than it was ten years ago.

You can see detailed public safety figures at

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-statistics/>



America's Night Out Against Crime

National Night Out

The Fourth Ward had 71 National Night Out parties on August 4. I stopped by many and was very pleased with the turnout and enthusiasm neighbors continue to have for this annual event. Residents were encouraged to meet and reconnect with neighbors to strengthen their communities.

Information was provided on how residents can make their neighborhoods safer by attending community policing meetings and signing up for crime alerts:

[Download a flier on signing up for Minneapolis Crime Alerts by clicking here.](#)

[Download a flier on the Neighborhood Policing Plan meetings by clicking here.](#)

If you are interested in becoming a block club leader, please contact your Crime Prevention Specialist (CPS):

- CPS Mary Etzioni – 612-673-3364 -Cleveland Neighborhood
- CPS Jennifer Waisanen – 612-673-5873 – Folwell & Jordan
- CPS Shannon McDonough – 612-673-2805 – Webber Camden, Victory, Shingle Creek & Lind-Bohanon.

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Victory Memorial Drive

The Victory Memorial Drive restoration project is well under way. Workers have already begun removing the blacktop roadway and curbs and gutters of the cross streets. The intersections will be streetscaped with new topsoil, sod, curb and gutter and surface overlay, making the area more distinguishable as a parkway. The historic street grid will be realigned to create expanded green space. The Victory Memorial Drive Taskforce has set up a web site to keep neighbors updated on construction and design plans. Visit <http://www.victorymemorialdrive.org/> for more information.

Summer Jobs

Achieve Minneapolis is the program of privately funded College and Career Centers located inside all seven Minneapolis public high schools. In partnership with the City of Minneapolis, Achieve Minneapolis exceeded its goal and recruited 656 STEP-UP summer jobs for Minneapolis youth, ages 16-21. This program included educational workshops on finances, careers and leadership. Many north Minneapolis youth took advantage of this great opportunity.



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	154
2	Finance	Utility Billing General Inquiry	132
3	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	114
4	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	72
5	Police	Abandoned Vehicle	45