



Fourth Ward Report

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Minneapolis 311

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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



2011 Property Value Notices

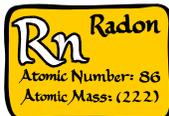
This week, the City of Minneapolis began mailing 2011 property value notices to property owners throughout the city.

The property value listed on this statement is what will be used to determine your 2012 property taxes. To ensure that the City's assessments are fair and accurate, the Minnesota Department of

Revenue uses an industry standard tool called a "sales ratio study" to measure the accuracy and quality of the City's assessment level. Sales ratios are computed by dividing the assessor's market value by the sale price of each individual property. Individual ratios are then analyzed according to property type and municipality to measure the level of assessment. The acceptable level of assessment in Minnesota is to have a sales ratio between 90 percent and 105 percent and Minneapolis consistently meets this requirement. If you disagree with the estimate of value on your property, there are several options available to appeal the assessment. First, call the phone number labeled "Valuation Questions" on your statement to discuss your concerns with a deputy assessor responsible for valuing your property. Explain why you believe your property value is less than what is indicated on the statement. The deputy assessor can explain how the property value and classification were determined. If you want to appeal your property valuation to the City of Minneapolis Board of Appeal and Equalization, call (612) 673-3358 for an appointment. April 30th is the deadline to submit appeals to the Minnesota Tax Court. For more information about your property assessment and the appeals process, visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/assessor/appeal-process.asp>. If you have homestead questions about your property call the phone number labeled "Homestead Questions" on your statement.

City Offers Low-Cost Radon Test Kits

January is Radon Action Month. Radon is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas that occurs naturally in Minnesota soils and can enter homes primarily through cracks and openings in basement or foundation floors and walls. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and more than 21,000 deaths are attributed to radon each year. **Radon detection kits are available for purchase for \$9 each, at the City of Minneapolis Development Review, 250 S. 4th St., Room 300. The Minneapolis Development Review's hours of operation are: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** For more information on testing, mitigation and the new radon-resistant new construction measures, visit www.health.state.mn.us/radon or call the Minnesota Department of Health Indoor Air Unit at 651-201-4601 or 1-800-798-9050.



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Second Public Meeting Scheduled for Nice Ride's North Side Expansion

Nice Ride Minnesota, the sponsor of the successful bicycle sharing program that began in Minneapolis this past summer, is expanding into north Minneapolis in 2011 and will hold a second community meeting to reach out to north Minneapolis residents. **The meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Ave. N. in North Minneapolis.**

Nice Ride's first community meeting in north Minneapolis was held in October 2010. This second meeting is being held to provide feedback on suggestions residents made at the first meeting. Nice Ride will also report outcomes from a series of six focus group meetings held in November and early December 2010. Nice Ride Minnesota installed three bicycle sharing stations in north Minneapolis between September and November 2010. Nice Ride has committed to installing eight additional stations this spring as part of its expansion program. Community members who attend the second community meeting will have an opportunity comment on the site location plans. "Nice Ride on the North Side" is sponsored by the Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support. It is made possible by funding from the Department of Health and Human Services as part of the Communities Putting Prevention to Work Initiative of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Minnesotans and visitors took more than 100,000 rides on Nice Ride bikes since the program launched in June 2010.

2011 Historic Resources Survey

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) created the Preservation Study Group in 1999 to research how the existing citywide historic resources inventory should be updated and devised a plan for gathering funds. The plan called for a 10-year phased plan to resurvey the entire city. The 2011 Historic Resources Survey will study the Folwell, Cleveland, Webber-Camden, Victory, Lind Bohnanon and Shingle Creek neighborhoods. The historic resource survey serves as a planning tool for the City of Minneapolis, specifically CPED staff and the HPC. Staff and the HPC use the inventory to make informed decisions about the significance and protection of historic resources in reviewing demolition permits as well as reviewing development proposals. The surveys aid to develop goals and strategies for preservation as well as other planning processes, such as neighborhood planning. Two public meetings will be held in the community. The first meeting will be scheduled in mid-February and will introduce the project and solicit feedback from citizens on potential historic resources, themes and development patterns in the survey area. At the second meeting in April, the preliminary results of the re-survey work will be presented and discussed. **Meeting dates and locations will be announced soon.**





Frequently Asked Question

Q. How does the City of Minneapolis decide to declare a snow emergency?

A. City Ordinance states that the Chief of Police and the City Engineer (Director of Public Works) are responsible for declaring a Snow Emergency. They have the final authority and it is usually done after careful consultation with operational staff and other public safety officials. Snow emergencies are called when conditions warrant that effective and complete plowing can only be accomplished when vehicles are not on the street and in the way. Crews perform snow and ice control on 1,040 miles of streets, 57 miles of parkways, 400 miles of alleys, 100 dead end streets and cul-de-sacs, 250 bridge sidewalks, and seven pedestrian bridges.

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.



December, 2010

Rank	Department Name	Service Request Type	Number of Service Requests
1	PW Transportation Maintenance & Repair	Sidewalk Snow & Ice Complaint	328
2	PW Transportation Maintenance & Repair	Snow & Ice Complaint	139
3	Regulatory Services	Parking Violation Complaint	53
4	Regulatory Services	Traffic Control Officer Complaint	29
5	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	25