



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@minneapolis.gov

311 Online Services:
<http://www.minneapolis.gov/311/>



Yard Waste Collection Ends the Week of Nov. 14

Mark your calendar for the week of Nov. 14 because it is the last week that yard waste will be picked up as part of your regular garbage collection service for 2011. Set bags of leaves and bundles of brush next to your garbage cart by 6 a.m. on the day that your trash is collected. You can include pumpkins, gourds and other decorative plants in your bags of leaves, or you can bag them separately, but remember that each bag must weigh less than 40 pounds.

Branches and leaves must be tied or bagged. Leaf bags must be smaller than 33 gallons and weigh less than 40 pounds. Branches must be less than three inches in diameter and less than three feet long, and bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds.

If you have questions about leaf and brush pickup, call 673-2917 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Minneapolis Encourages Public to Weigh in on 2012 City Budget

The Minneapolis City Council will be making some big decisions in the coming weeks as it considers Mayor R.T. Rybak's proposed 2012 budget. There are two public hearings before the City Council approves the final budget on Dec. 14, 2011.

City of Minneapolis Public Hearings on 2012 City budget

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 6:05 p.m.

City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, City Council Chambers (room 317)

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6:05 p.m.

City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, City Council Chambers (room 317)

The City Council will deliberate and make any changes to the Mayor's proposed 2012 budget beginning Dec. 6, with final approval of the 2012 budget scheduled for Dec. 14. The Mayor's recommended budget for 2012, along with a budget process calendar and City budget's for past years can be found at

www.minneapolis.gov/city-budget

4th Ward Neighborhood Group Links

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Collaborative Program in Minneapolis Increases Domestic Violence Conviction Rate by 50 Percent



Misdemeanor domestic violence convictions are up 50 percent in Minneapolis, thanks in part to some new changes in the way these cases are investigated and prosecuted by the City.

The Minneapolis City Attorney's office and Minneapolis Police, in collaboration with the Domestic Abuse Project, Casa de Esperanza and Asian Women United of Minnesota, developed a new model for gathering more and better evidence on domestic violence calls. Also, with the assistance of grant funds, the City has developed a domestic abuse repeat offender initiative, with a pilot program at Little Earth of United Tribes, and provided additional police enforcement of Domestic Abuse No Contact Orders. After a pilot program for the new protocol began in January 2008 in the City's 5th Precinct, conviction rates increased from 54.4 percent to 77.1 percent and total convictions climbed to 76 percent. Following that success, the protocol began in the four other precincts and similar results were seen:

Police precinct	Conviction rates before protocol	Conviction rates after protocol
5th Precinct	54.4 percent	77.1 percent
3rd Precinct	65.8 percent	73.9 percent
4th Precinct	58.1 percent	71.5 percent
2nd Precinct	71.5 percent	84.7 percent
1st Precinct	70.8 percent	78.1 percent

As part of the protocol, officers were trained on the dynamics of domestic abuse and investigation techniques specific to domestic abuse cases. Also, to get better documentation earlier in the process, officers were asked to take statements from defendants and ask victims to sign medical waivers. Plus, officers were asked to complete other preliminary investigative tasks in more detail, including asking if there are firearms in the home, taking photographs, collecting physical evidence and questioning witnesses. Following the rollout of the protocol, the City Attorney's Office and Police Department tracked the number of domestic violence related police reports in each precinct. In all but one precinct, the number of police calls decreased.

Now that the protocol has been rolled out to all Minneapolis police precincts, the data is being analyzed to illustrate trends and evidence available in misdemeanor cases to provide a better picture of what a "typical" misdemeanor domestic violence case is in Minneapolis. The City Attorney's Office hopes that this further analysis will help them as they continue to improve their approach to domestic violence cases.



Breakfast with Barb

Please join me on: **Tuesday, November 22**
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
Lowry Café, 2207 Lowry Ave. N.

Tom Deegan, Director, Minneapolis Housing Inspections, will be discussing 4th Ward housing issues. Most breakfasts are under \$9.

Save Money on Energy Costs this Winter

Reducing energy use can be easier than you think. Learn more about keeping your house cozy while saving money by taking part in Community Energy Services, a full service residential energy program. You and other homeowners can have the opportunity to:



- Attend a free educational workshop on how to lower energy use in the home and save money.
- Schedule a home energy visit to identify additional ways to save energy. Materials installed may include low flow showerheads, setback thermostat, compact fluorescent light bulbs, gasket seals, faucet aerators, pipe insulation, and more. This is a \$400 value for \$30.
- Receive a personalized energy use inventory for the last 12 months and feedback for the next year to measure energy saving results.
- Gain access to financing, incentives, and rebates available for larger projects such as insulation or furnace replacement.

The program is now available throughout Minneapolis. For information on upcoming workshops in your neighborhood, contact Ashley Robertson at (612) 335-5869 or arobertson@mncee.org or visit www.mnces.org.

The City of Minneapolis has partnered with the Center for Energy and Environment, CenterPoint Energy, and Xcel Energy to offer these services. Funding for this project was provided by the City of Minneapolis' Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Funding, through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act 2009, and the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).



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	Residential Conditions Complaint	77
2	Regulatory Services	Exterior Nuisance Complaint	71
3	Regulatory Services	Abandoned Vehicle	39
3	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	39
5	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Public Health	26