



# 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Report

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## MINNEAPOLIS Election Day: November 5, 2013

Election Day is fast approaching. Minneapolis prides itself on having high voter turnout, so make sure you keep the tradition alive and cast your ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

You can get all information on elections at [vote.minneapolismn.gov](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov), and voting on Nov. 5 is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Make sure you're registered to vote. You can check your registration status or download a voter registration application at <http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/>.
2. Find out where to vote. Use the polling place finder to find your assigned polling place for voting, or if you cannot get to your polling place on Election Day, fill out an application for an absentee ballot.
3. The final step to voting is completing your ballot. Just remember 1, 2, 3 again. Each ballot will have three columns, and you have the opportunity to rank up to three candidates in order of your preference for each office.

There are how-to videos available in [Spanish](#), [Hmong](#), and [Somali](#). For more information visit the [City's elections website](#) or Minneapolis 311 can answer questions as well.

### Video highlights North Minneapolis

North Minneapolis is featured in a three-minute video created by Josh Chitwood and Morgan Jensen entitled "Welcome to North." The film sheds light on why the North Side of Minneapolis is a good place to live. [Click here to view the video](#) which will air at the [RE/MAX Results City & Neighborhood Film Festival](#) on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The festival will start at 7 pm at the Riverview Theatre.

### Resources for Seniors

As fall approaches we wanted to let you know of some resources for low income families and seniors. Senior Linkage Line is a one stop shop that provides advocacy, resource connection and even home visits in some cases for Senior, Disabled, and Veterans. This organization can help people with everything from getting their lawn cut and other housing issues and needs to long term care planning. The Senior Linkage Line has a full database of community resources that are up-to-date/current. For more information call 1-800-333-2433 or visit [www.minnesotahelp.info](http://www.minnesotahelp.info).

### Fall Street Sweeping

The schedules for the fall comprehensive street sweep and leaf collection start dates have been established. On Monday October 22, the first streets will be posted for sweeping (and enforcement) to begin on Tuesday, October 23. It will take the usual 4 weeks to complete. You can access the schedule on the [City's website](#).

## Snow Emergency Alerts

Although fall just arrived, winter is around the corner. Stay in touch with the City of Minneapolis during Snow Emergencies. You can sign up to receive e-mail and text message alerts once a Snow Emergency is declared. This makes it possible to learn about Snow Emergencies at the office or when you're on the road. We recommend you sign up for two or more of the following Snow Emergency alerts: [email/text alerts, phone call alerts, or social media alerts](#). You can also call the snow emergency hotline at: (612) 348-SNOW (7669) or TTY: (612) 673-2157. During a snow emergency use the [Parking Rules App](#) for Android or iPhones that tells you where you can and can't park. Knowing when a Snow Emergency is in effect is one of the best ways to avoid a ticket and tow in the winter.



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## Adult Community Education at Laney this Winter

Starting this January there will be Adult Education Classes which could include anything from Zumba to Writing Classes at Lucy Craft Laney School. You can [vote here](#) for which classes are offered and read more about the classes. To search and register for current classes please visit the [Minneapolis Community Education website](#).

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## Your Cell Phone Is Now A Crime Fighting Tool

The MPD launched a new, free tip app on October 24 at the Emergency Operations Training Facility. MPD Tip411 allows citizens to provide anonymous tips about crimes in Minneapolis by using their cell phones, through a new smart phone app and a new texting service. Both options provide anonymous two-way interaction between the tipster and the MPD.



Citizens can also access MPD Tip411 on the [MPD web site](#) and [MPD Facebook page](#). The MPD Tip411 is *not* meant to replace our 311 system, it is not intended to be a system to report livability or chronic issues and it is NOT an alternative to calling 911 (in an emergency, call 911) but rather a system to anonymously report tips and text back and forth with an investigator on crimes in the city. These are truly anonymous and there is no method of tracking back the source of the tip. Tip411 has been very successful for other police departments across the U.S. We are excited to offer this tool to the citizens of Minneapolis as a way to communicate with the MPD and work together to solve and prevent crimes.

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## Save energy and money this winter

Here are ten tips on how to save energy this month from the Department of Energy. For more information [visit their website](#).

1. Air seal and insulate your home: Prevent cold from entering and heat from escaping by insulating attics and air sealing your home, which lowers your heating bill.
2. Use a programmable thermostat: This allows you to set temperatures lower when you are away.
3. Install ENERGY STAR doors and windows: Energy efficient doors and windows provide better quality insulation.
4. Use LED holiday lights: Save some green by using LED lights, which are at least 75% more efficient than traditional incandescent lights.

5. Turn off the lights: The type of lights you use can help determine on whether you should shut off the light when leaving the room.
6. Use lighting controls: Consider using motion sensor and timing controls to lower your electricity bill.
7. Lower the water heater: If you are going to be gone for three or more consecutive days set your water heater to a lower temperature or use the 'vacation setting' if it has one.
8. Unplug electronics: Remember to unplug electronics, because these appliances use electricity even when they are turned off.
9. Use a power strip: Power strips can be useful because multiple appliances can be turned off with a flip of a switch.
10. Adjust the blinds and curtains: Lowering blinds and curtains at night protects against drafts and opening them during the day helps bring warmth from the sun.

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### One Minneapolis One Read: Use your creativity

*"A Choice of Weapons"* by Gordon Parks was chosen for One Minneapolis One Read, the city's community read. This book explores issues of race, poverty and ways the author empowered himself through his camera lens. Here's a few ways to get involved.



#### Read the book together

- After reading the book, share it with someone else.

#### Use the arts to spark conversation

- Grab a camera and express yourself through photography. Share the experience with your children, friends and others.

#### Capture our history and inspire dialogue

- Encourage events bringing youth and seniors together - and remember your tape recorder to capture the stories that unfold.
- Sponsor a panel discussion or event that explores our history in the context of race.

#### Encourage interactive group activities

- Community/neighborhood scrapbooks: Neighborhoods can come together to explore how they have changed over time, or explore what life was like in the past. The "Scrapbook" can be created by sharing mementos, photos, and stories - your imagination is your guide.

#### Resources

- At your request, the YWCA of Minneapolis will provide Racial Justice Facilitators to help guide your conversations. Contact Sara Jensen at [sjensen@ywcampmn.org](mailto:sjensen@ywcampmn.org) or 612-215-4133 for more information.

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