



# Circle Pines

## City News

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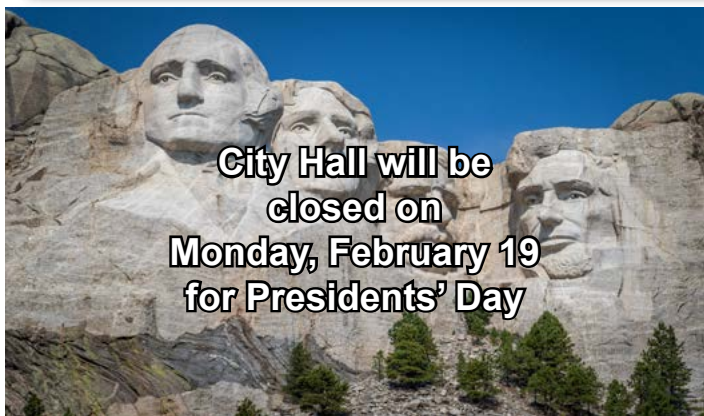
### Now Accepting Applications for Summer Jobs

#### Golden Lake Concession Stand Attendants

The City of Circle Pines is looking for seasonal Concession Stand Attendants for Golden Lake Park. Individuals will work approximately 20-30 hours per week. Individuals will be responsible for park groundskeeping, selling concessions, operating a cash register, cleaning and stocking shelves. Pay is \$16/hr. Must be 16 years or older to apply.

#### Applications for Positions

Please fill out a city application and return to city hall or email application to [cpeterson@ci.circle-pines.mn.us](mailto:cpeterson@ci.circle-pines.mn.us). Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.



City Hall will be  
closed on  
Monday, February 19  
for Presidents' Day

### Presidential Nomination Primary Election Tuesday, March 5 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Where to vote?

**Precinct 1:** If you live north of Lake Drive, you will vote at St. Mark Lutheran Church located at 1 North Road.

**Precinct 2:** If you live south of Lake Drive, you will vote at City Hall, 200 Civic Heights Circle.

#### Voting Absentee in Person

If you are voting absentee and would like to do it in person, you will need to go to City Hall, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Voting is also available on Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and on Monday, March 4 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at City Hall located at 200 Civic Heights Circle.

#### Voting Absentee by mail

Please go to the Anoka County Website for more information at [www.co.anoka.mn.us](http://www.co.anoka.mn.us). Absentee voting by mail is being handled by Anoka County. You can also call 763-324-1300 for more information.



**City Hall**

200 Civic Heights Circle  
Circle Pines, MN 55014  
763-784-5898  
TDD:763-231-2617  
www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us  
cityhall@ci.circle-pines.mn.us

**Non-Emergency**

Police:763-784-2501  
Fire:651-792-7900  
In an emergency, please call 911.

**City Officials**

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**February Public Meetings**

**City Council**  
02/13 & 02/28 7 p.m.

**Park Board**  
02/06 6:30 p.m.

**Utilities Commission**  
02/21 5 p.m.

**Planning Commission**  
02/26 7 p.m.

You can also view the latest Council meeting at any time on the internet on the City Website at [www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us](http://www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us). Click on City Council meeting video on demand.

## Public Grant Opportunities in the Rice Creek Watershed

### What is the Rice Creek Watershed District?

The Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) is a special-purpose unit of government that manages, protects, and improves the water resources of the Rice Creek Watershed across 186 square miles in the North Metro area, including the City of Circle Pines.

### What is the Grants Program?

Within the RCWD organization, multiple programs work in alignment with the mission of managing and conserving water quality in the watershed. The RCWD Grants Program offers two public grant opportunities to provide stewardship within communities and allows individuals and organizations to actively participate in improving the district's water quality.

### The Water Quality Grant

This grant is a cost-share opportunity that may fund 25-50% of total project costs up to a maximum of \$7,500 depending on benefits to water resources. Typical projects funded by this grant are rain gardens, stabilizing shoreline erosion, shoreline restorations, prairie restorations, restoring wetlands, agricultural water quality practices, previous pavers, and other similar projects.

### The Mini Grant

This grant is a reimbursement grant up to a maximum of \$500 towards project expenses. The Mini Grant is designed to support smaller water quality projects, environmental education, and community engagement. Typical projects funded by this grant are native planting efforts, small rain gardens, buffer strips, rain barrels, turf alternatives, and targeted water education.

### Who is eligible and how to Apply?

All land or homeowners in the RCWD are eligible for these programs.

This includes residents, schools, churches, communities, and businesses.

If you are interested in starting an application, please visit the RCWD website at <https://www.ricecreek.org/grants/> or contact Outreach and Grants Technician, Molly Nelson at [mnelson@rice-creek.org](mailto:mnelson@rice-creek.org).





## Pet Waste

When pet waste is left uncollected, it gets washed into the stormwater system and into our lakes and rivers. It then decays in the water releasing ammonia and depleting oxygen levels. This is harmful to fish and other animals. These nutrients also promote weed and algae growth, as well as elevated bacteria levels (E.Coli) that can cause unsafe conditions for recreation activities.

### Tips for residents:

- Don't forget a plastic bag during your walk.
- Picking up your pet's waste and depositing it in a trash can keeps it from washing into our local waterways.
- Utilize pet waste stations if available or use your trash bin at home and remember to "Scoop the Poop".



## Library News Centennial Branch

February is a month for lovers, as not only does it have Valentines Day, but also Love Your Pet Day on February 20! Whether you're celebrating these or any other lovely day, the library is here with ideas, information, and inspiration in this, the shortest of months. Here's a little of what's happening in February at Centennial.

### Storytimes

Storytimes have started and will run through the week of April 15. Please call or ask at the desk for more information. We have three options for you:

*Baby Storytimes* are Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.; this session is designed for children under 2. Registration IS required for this session; register by phone, online, or by asking at the desk.

*Toddler Storytimes* are Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.; this session is designed for children between ages 2-3.

*Family Storytimes* are Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.; any age is welcome to these sessions.

### Children

*Family Fun Night.* Wednesday, February 21, 4:30 p.m -5:30 p.m. Join us for our monthly Family Fun Night! This program is targeted at school-aged children (4-10) and their parents or caregivers. Each month we'll have different stations for your family to explore crafts, games, and other fun literacy and STEM based activities.

### Adults

*Centennial Bookclub for Adults.* Monday, February 26, 6:45 p.m.-8 p.m. Interested in trying out a new book group? Join us for the Centennial Book Club! Drop in for a favorite book discussion or become a regular member. This month's book is *The Boys from Biloxi*, by John Grisham.

### Everyone

The library will be closed Monday, February 19 for President's Day.

### Current hours:

Centennial's hours of operation are:

Monday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Thursday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: Closed



### Scholarship Essay Competition Open to High School Seniors

Centennial Utilities is offering two local scholarship awards to high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Applicants must also be a customer of Centennial Utilities. Award amounts for the scholarship competition include a first-place local scholarship of \$2,000 and a second-place scholarship of \$1,000. The first-place winner also earns the chance to compete for an additional statewide scholarship that is divided into prizes of \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500.

To apply for the scholarship, entrants must submit a Centennial Utilities Scholarship application and participate in an essay contest with the theme “Municipal Utilities: Good for All of Us.” Judges will look particularly for originality and relevance of the theme to the writer and his/her city.

**Application forms and essays must be received at Centennial Utilities offices, 200 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines, MN 55014 by Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.**

For an application form and information on this scholarship offering, please visit [www.CentennialUtilities.com](http://www.CentennialUtilities.com) or contact Centennial Utilities at 763-784-6751.

### Granny’s Closet Collective Caring Drive

The City of Circle Pines is collecting new cleaning supplies for Granny’s Closet. Granny’s Closet serves the needs of seniors and adults with disabilities by partnering with Anoka/Sherburne agencies.

Drop off your donations at Circle Pines City Hall during office hours.

