



Circle Pines

City News

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January 2020

2020 General Fund Budget



On December 10, 2019 the City Council approved the final property tax levy and City budget for 2020. The tax levy for next year is \$2,832,578. Of the 2020 levy increase, the majority represents levies for bonds issued for the street projects constructed since 2010 and some capital projects pertaining to parks and trails. The city's tax rate is being reduced by 6% to 52.64%. For the owner of a \$200,000 home with no change in value into next year, City taxes will total \$79 per month and represent a decrease of \$5.42 from 2019. The change in your 2020 City taxes is dependent upon the change in property value in 2020.

The 2020 budget provides for continued services and programs at their current levels. Funding for Centennial Fire District will increase 3% from the 2019 budget to pay for future capital expenses. Funding for Centennial Lakes Police Department will have an increase of 6% from the 2019 budget, mainly due to the tri-city police formula in regards to the increased calls in Circle Pines. If you would like additional information, the 2020 General Fund Budget is located on the city website at www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us.

Revenues	2019	2020
Taxes	\$2,175,781	2,309,743
Licenses & Permits	68,400	64,075
Local Government Aid	371,402	408,419
Other State Aid	9,402	5,560
Police Aid	50,000	50,000
Fines	10,500	12,000
Charges for Services	33,480	33,900
Other	73,950	74,000
Total	\$2,792,915	2,957,697
Expenditures		
Mayor & Council	\$53,616	58,659
City Administration	161,485	162,164
Elections	6,165	28,640
Cable TV	11,047	10,819
Finance	213,742	209,838
City Attorney	30,000	30,000
Planning & Zoning	15,667	3,045
Engineering	2,000	5,000
Other Gen Govt	43,930	48,863
Police	1,066,593	1,134,572
Fire	342,392	353,848
Bldg Inspection	32,085	33,285
Animal Control	1,200	1,200
Streets	257,682	280,293
Parks	384,075	412,283
Golden Lake	49,926	64,528
Shade Tree	61,004	71,685
Insurance	60,307	48,975
Contingency	0	0
Total	\$2,792,915	\$2,957,697

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January Public Meetings

City Council
01/14 & 01/28, 7 p.m.

Park Board
01/07, 6:30 p.m.

Utilities Commission
01/15, 5 p.m.

Planning Commission
01/27, 7 p.m.

Channel 16 televises live and rebroadcasts the most recent meeting of the Park Board/ Planning Commission/Utilities Commission at 1 p.m., 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. City Council rebroadcasts at 10 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 11 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. Click on City Council meeting video on demand.

Additional Recycling Opportunity

January 11, 2020

8 a.m.-Noon-*New Time*

Green Lights Recycling

1525-99th Lane NE, Blaine

Accepted for Free:

Laptops, Tablets, Cell Phones and Scrap Metal, Holiday Lights, Extension Cords and Cables
(\$7 charge if computer or laptop has a hard drive in it)

Accepted for a Fee:

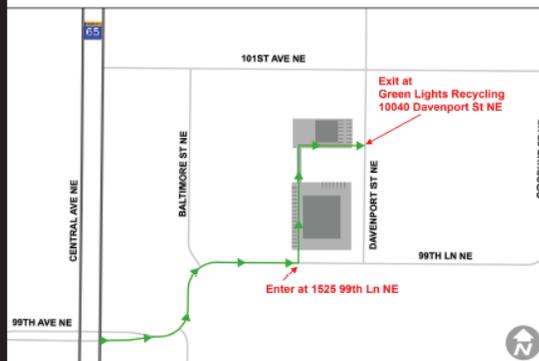
Fluorescent Bulbs and CFLs (\$.50-.95) H.I.D. Lamps (\$2.50)
DVD, VCRs, Radios, Speakers, etc. (\$6)
Residential Inkjet Printer (\$10), All-In-One Printer (\$35), Residential Laser Printer (\$35)
TVs and Monitors (\$20-50)
Console TV's and Rear Projection TV's (\$85)
Scanners & Fax Machines (\$10)
Appliances (\$11-25)
Mattresses & Boxsprings (\$20) King Size (\$25)
Tires (\$7-11.25)
Treadmill (\$40) Non Electric Exercise Equipment (\$25)
Carpet Rolls (6' sections) (\$6-18)
Carpet must be in rolls not to exceed 6 feet in width and must be tied with string, twine or duct tape. Carpet pad must be rolled separately.

**For additional pricing, please call
Green Lights at 763-785-0456**

Larger items may require more than 1 item of free.

Just a reminder...Additional Recycling Opportunities will be every other month in 2020 and the recycling coupon is for FOUR free items.

A Photo ID will be required.
Please enter at 99th Ln NE. Exit at Davenport St NE.
Cash or Checks are acceptable payment types.
If you would like to recycle two free items, be sure to bring the coupon.



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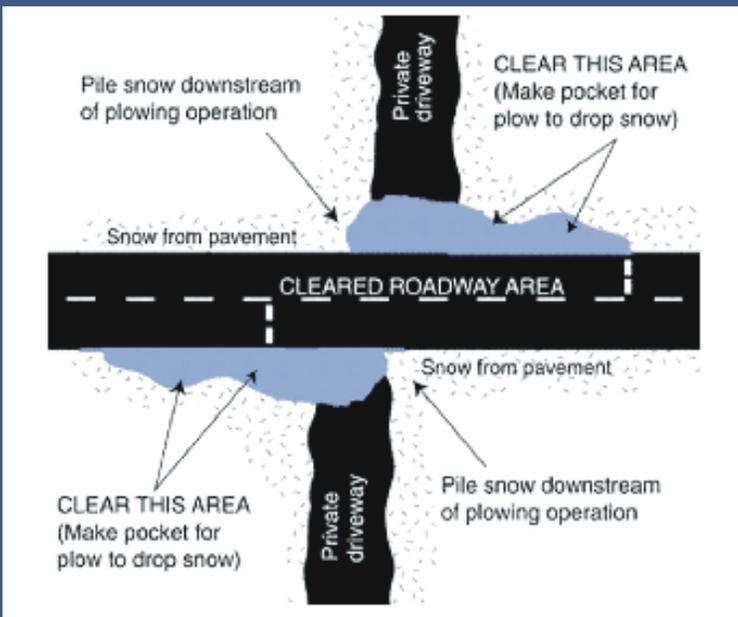
Recycle
4 items for Free
Coupon valid only on
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Green Lights
Recycling

Snow Removal

Residents also play a part in the snow removal effort on your street. Remove as many obstructions from the street as possible so the snow plows can clear snow quickly. Make sure cars are not parked in the street and place solid waste containers on your driveway, rather than on the street, while snow removal operations are taking place. These simple steps will allow the Snow Removal Team to clear your street much faster and keep your street safe after the street is cleared. Snow crews are often called back to remove snow and ice piled around parked cars or other obstructions. These extra trips cost you, the taxpayer, for extra fuel, vehicle maintenance and possibly overtime pay.

To minimize the amount of snow deposited in front of your driveway by City snow removal operations, clear the snow from the front of your driveway and adjacent curb. Place this snow on the side of your driveway away from oncoming traffic. This will create an area for excess snow from the snow plow to be deposited in a way that will not block access to the driveway (see graphic).

Residents and contracted snow plow operators should be reminded that state law prohibits **pushing or placing snow back into or across the street**. This also makes it difficult for city crews to keep the streets clean.

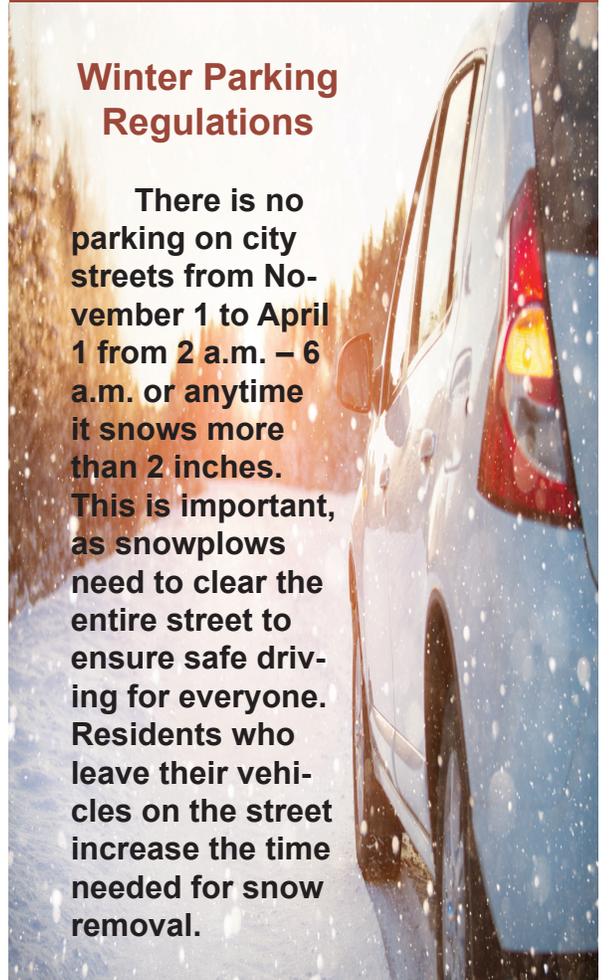


Snow Plowing

- In most cases plowing will begin after the snow has stopped falling.
- The City has a plowing crew to plow the City in an adequate amount of time, but does not have a back-up crew to re-plow.
- In the situation where equipment breakdown occurs, the route will be completed when other routes are completed and as equipment becomes available.
- In the case of overnight snowfall, plowing will typically begin at 4 a.m. with most streets being cleared by noon. Major snow events will take longer.
- Skating rinks, sidewalks and trails are second priority and will be cleared as time allows.

Winter Parking Regulations

There is no parking on city streets from November 1 to April 1 from 2 a.m. – 6 a.m. or anytime it snows more than 2 inches. This is important, as snowplows need to clear the entire street to ensure safe driving for everyone. Residents who leave their vehicles on the street increase the time needed for snow removal.



Save Your Bait, Save Our Lakes



As the weather gets colder, ice anglers are gearing up for the winter fishing action. While you are packing up all the equipment you will need for the fishing trip, don't forget your bait. While there are many types of bait on the market now, many anglers still prefer live bait over many others. The question is, what do you do with your bait after your fishing trip is over? Do you dump it in the trash, dump it in the lake, or let it freeze on the ice? There are many ways to dispose of live bait after the fishing trip is over. Some humane, some help others and some are illegal. Did you know it is illegal to release live bait into Minnesota waters? There is a hefty fine attached so instead of releasing live bait into the fishing hole, consider some other options: take bait home to reuse for a future trip, give it to another angler to use, or throw them away in the trash. By releasing live bait into Minnesota waters, you could be spreading aquatic invasive species into the environment. Invasive carp can often be confused for common fishing bait and can be spread by anglers when they release their minnows into the water. Crayfish is another fishing bait can also be invasive and cause problems with our lakes. There are a couple species of Crayfish that are invasive and causing fish habitat problems here in Minnesota. Join many others by helping save our lakes from invasive species by not releasing your live bait into our valued Minnesota waters.

2020 Elections Judges Needed

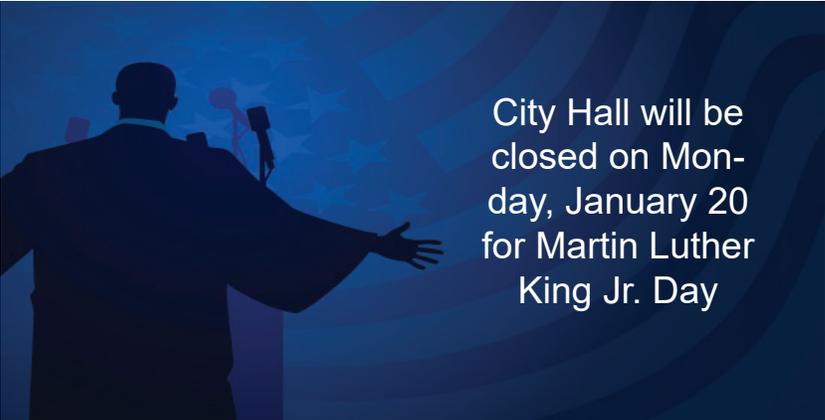
The 2020 election year is going to be a very busy one. There will be 4 scheduled elections and the city of Circle Pines is looking for election judges to help ensure that elections are administered in a fair manner. Judges are paid an hourly wage of \$13. Schedules- Full day (6 a.m.-approximately 9 p.m.) or part-time shifts (6 a.m.-1 p.m. or 1 p.m.-approximately 9 p.m.) are available. Elections for 2020 are **February 11, March 3, August 11 and November 3**. If you are interested in any or all of the elections, please fill out an election judge application at city hall or the city website at ci.circle-pines.mn.us.



Did you know the U.S. Constitution mandates a headcount every 10 years, of everyone residing in the United States, including people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens, and noncitizens? This is done because the census determines the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and in 2020, Minnesota is at risk of losing a seat. Thus, making sure everyone in Minnesota is counted is vitally important. Learn more at www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us.

Video Operator

The City of Circle Pines is looking for a Video Operator to run video equipment to cablecast city and utility meetings. Meetings include City Council, Planning Commission, Utility Commission and Park Board meetings. The pay is \$12.00 per hour. Interested individuals should fill out an application at the city website at www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us or at Circle Pines City Hall at 200 Civic Heights Circle. Position is open until filled. If you have questions about the position, please email cpeterson@ci.circle-pines.mn.us or call Chandra Peterson at 763-784-5898.



City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Library News Centennial Branch

Happy New Year! Our resolution is to make our first full year in our new building the best it can be. Here are some of the programs and events the library is offering this month:

Storytimes

All Storytimes start the week of January 6th and run through the week of November 23. We have three options for you:

Baby Storytimes are Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. This session requires preregistration and is designed for children under 2. Register online or by phone.

Toddler Storytimes are Tuesdays at 11 a.m.; registration is not required, but seating is limited. This session is designed for children between ages 2-3.

Family Storytimes are Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.; registration is not required, but seating is limited. Any age is welcome to these sessions.

Families

Nasa Family Science: Monday, January 13, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The NASA Family Science program invites children and their families to come discover the wide variety of science and engineering in our everyday life. You will work with your family to explore various themes through fun, hands-on activities developed by the Astrophysics Education Team at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. This is a family class (at least 1 adult and 1 child aged 8-17) Adults must attend with their children. Each family member attending must be registered. Adults may attend with more than one child.

Family Fun Night: Tuesday, January 14, 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Each program includes a theme and a related craft in addition to other fun literacy or STEM-based activities that include songs, games, and photo ops! This program is targeted at school-aged children (4-10.) and their parents or caregivers. Each month will have a new theme!

Adults

Felted Diffuser. Saturday, January 11, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Perk up any room with a one-of-a-kind room diffuser. Pick out your favorite colors of loose wool and learn how to create wet felted balls that can hold essential oils. Hang them in your car or room to keep the space smelling light and fresh. This program is funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Registration required.

Sew Lab. Friday, January 17, 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Bring your own projects to work on. Centennial's sewing machines will be available to use or feel free to bring your own. Local seamstress Jan Wymore will be available to answer questions.

Open Maker Lab: Saturday, January 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Come to the library and work on a current project or try out the library's 3D printer, vinyl cutter and sewing machines. Bring your own supplies for the vinyl cutter and sewing machines. Geared for adults and youth ages 10 and older. No registration required but there are limited laptops for use.

Creative Oasis Wellness Workshop. Monday, January 27, Noon-2 p.m. When we take care of our whole selves—mind, body, and soul—our wellness creates a ripple effect and impacts our communities as well. Join Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts Writer in Residence Sarah Ratermann Beahan for Creative Oasis, a monthly workshop created to let your curious, imaginative self out to play with other likeminded folks. Activities will involve a mixture of writing or simple art prompts, mindfulness, play and a dose of reflection, all geared toward creating a healthier you and a healthier community. No experience or supplies required: just show up and allow yourself time for you. Registration required.

Adult Bookclub: Monday, January 27, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 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. The Book Club meets monthly on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. This month, we'll be discussing *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich.

Meet the Cameo. Wednesday, January 29, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Learn about and become familiar with the Silhouette Studio software that is used with our new Silhouette Cameo3® cutting machine. We will learn how to create basic designs, add text, load cutting mats, select the right paper and more. Class size is limited, registration required

Announcements

The Library will be closed Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day. The library will also be closed Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther Kings Day.

The Centennial Branch of the Anoka County Library system is open Monday and Wednesday Noon-8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday Noon-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and closed Sunday and holidays. The library can be reached at 763-324-1540 during open hours, or visit the website at anokacountylibrary.org.

Recreation Opportunities in the Community

Centennial Community Education
www.isd12.org/community-education
763-792-6100

YMCA
www.ymcatwincities.org
651-795-9622

Lino Lakes Recreation
www.ci.lino-lakes.mn.us
651-982-2440

Blaine Recreation
www.ci.blaine.mn.us
763-785-6151

Shoreview Recreation
www.ci.shoreview.mn.us
651-490-4700

