



Circle Pines City News

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January 2024

2024 General Fund Budget

On December 12, 2023, the City Council approved the final property tax levy and City budget for 2024. The tax levy for next year is \$3,049,945. Of the 2024 levy increase, the majority represents increased staff cost of living, capital equipment and improvement, and an additional parks staff member. Although the levy is increasing, the city's tax rate is decreasing 2.6 percent. Change to your property tax is dependent on two things--the city tax rate and the value of your property. For the owner of a \$250,000 home with no change in value into next year, City taxes will total \$84.00 per month, a reduction of \$2.33 each month. However, the median change in values in Circle Pines was a 4.47% increase. That same \$250,000 home with a 4.47% increase would pay \$88.33 each month, which is \$2.00 higher than last year.

The 2024 budget provides for continued services and programs at their current levels. Funding for Centennial Lakes Police Department will have an increase of \$128,496 from the 2023 budget, but all of that will be offset by Public Safety revenue from the state. The Centennial Fire District is receiving the same Public Safety influx, so the \$62,825 increase will not need to be levied for.

If you would like additional information, the 2024 General Fund Budget is located on the city's website at www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us.

2023 & 2024 Budget Comparison

Revenues	2023	2024
Taxes	2,602,866	2,649,945
Licenses & Permits	66,923	68,883
Local Government Aid	437,051	459,638
Other State Aid	5,560	5,548
Police Aid	55,000	60,000
Fines	10,000	11,000
Charges for Services	38,447	39,619
Other	66,404	65,844
Public Safety Reserves	0	193,796
Total	\$3,282,251	\$3,577,891

Expenditures	2023	2024
Mayor & Council	61,807	66,837
City Administration	204,048	226,696
Elections	10,576	26,884
Cable TV	9,310	9,310
Finance	233,319	177,131
City Attorney	30,000	30,000
Planning & Zoning	3,400	3,400
Engineering	5,000	5,000
Other Gen Govt	53,103	57,566
Police	1,199,528	1,328,024
Fire	367,795	430,620
Bldg Inspection	35,050	35,050
Animal Control	0	0
Streets	349,592	395,875
Parks	497,271	581,185
Golden Lake	69,155	71,669
Shade Tree	71,888	79,827
Insurance	81,409	52,817
Contingency	0	0
Total	\$3,282,251	\$3,172,628

**Christmas Tree
Curbside Pickup
Saturday, January 6 &
Friday, January 12**

Have your Christmas tree at the curb by 6 a.m. for pick-up. Be sure the tree is visible at the curb with the trunk end of the tree facing the street. Please remove all tinsel, decorations, stand and bags from the tree. Wreaths will not be picked up.





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January Public Meetings

City Council

01/09 & 01/23 7 p.m.

Park Board

01/02 6:30 p.m.

Utilities Commission

01/17 5 p.m.

Planning Commission

01/22 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. Click on City Council meeting video on demand.

Smart Salting Tips for Circle Pines: Protecting Our Water Quality

Winter is upon us, and as we prepare for snow and ice, let's be mindful of our salt use to protect the water in our lakes and rivers. Some easy ways we can reduce salt together are:

1. **Shovel First, Salt Second:** Clear snow before salting to reduce the need for excess salt.
2. **Use the Right Amount:** Follow MPCA guidelines for effective, efficient salt application. A 12-oz coffee cup of salt is enough to cover 10 sidewalk squares or a 20-foot driveway.
3. **Invest in the Right Equipment:** Calibrate spreaders for even salt distribution. Hand throwing and using other spreader devices can overapply salt.
4. **Sweep up Excess Salt:** Clean up leftover salt to prevent water pollution and use for later. Save money on using leftover salt instead of buying more.
5. **Be Mindful of Temperature:** Consider alternatives in extremely low temperatures. Salt is most effective at temperatures above 15°F (-9°C). Safety Tip: Use sand for traction when it's too cold.
6. **Support Community Initiatives:** Encourage neighbors to adopt smart salting practices. Attend MPCA Smart Salting Workshops or contact Rice Creek Watershed District for more information.

Remember, salt runoff harms our lakes and rivers and is a permanent pollutant. It increases salinity in our water. It can hurt aquatic life, impacting the survival and reproduction rates of species. Infiltration of salt into groundwater may affect drinking water quality, potentially posing health risks and altering taste and odor. Let's work together to reduce salt usage this winter and keep our waters healthy in the years to come.

SALT SMART PLEDGE



1. Shovel

Clear walkways before snow turns to ice. Apply salt only if needed.



3. Scatter

Use salt only where critical. Aim for 3 inches of space between salt granules.



2. Select

Salt doesn't melt ice below 15°F. Use sand for traction when it's too cold, or a different de-icer.



4. Sweep

Clean up leftover salt, sand, and de-icer to save and reuse as needed.

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Library News Centennial Branch

Happy 2024! We here at Centennial wish you all the best for this January and beyond. There is a lot to look forward to this year, so whether it's ideas on how to keep those New Year's Resolutions, some good winter reading, or a place to see your community, the library welcomes you.

Here's some of what's happening this first month of the year:

Storytimes

Storytimes start again the week of January 30 and 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

Read to a Dog: Monday, January 8, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Children are invited to practice their reading skills in 15-minute sessions with licensed, trained therapy dogs. Program geared towards grades K-3. Registration is required. Please call the Centennial Library at 763-324-1540 to register.

Family Fun Night: Literacy & STEM. Wednesday, January 24, 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 Maker Space: 3D Printing. Thursday, January 11, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Learn how to design a simple project using tinkercad.com; the item will be printed after class and ready for pick-up on a later date.

Centennial Bookclub for Adults. Monday, January 22, 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 *Until they Bring the Streetcars Back* by Stanley Gordon West.

Solving Geological Mysteries: Case Studies. Thursday, January 25, 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Get ready to become a genealogy detective alongside professional genealogist Mica L Anders in our interactive workshop, "Solving Genealogical Mysteries: Case Studies." In this workshop, we'll present captivating real-life genealogical mysteries that will help you hone your skills as a family history detective. Throughout this session, you'll learn and practice research strategies to crack these captivating cases.

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned researcher, this workshop promises an exciting exploration of the unknown within genealogy. Get ready to embrace your inner genealogy detective and uncover hidden stories.

This program is funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

Everyone

The library will be closed Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Day.

Current hours:

Centennial's hours of operation are:

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

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

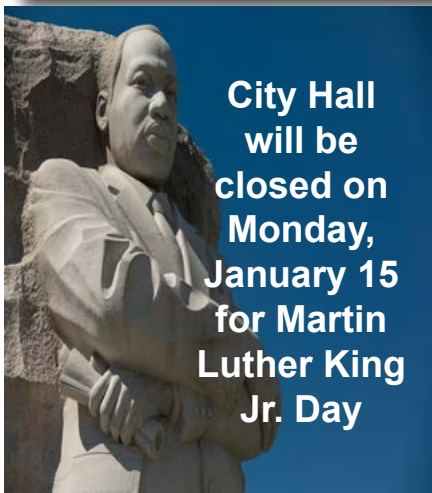
Wednesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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

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

Sunday: Closed





Centennial Fire District's

Santa's Fire Engine Parade 2023 Results

The Centennial Fire District would like to thank the residents of Circle Pines for their generosity during the Santa Parade this year. We were able to collect 2,040 pounds of food, \$160.00 in cash and several toys. All of the food and cash was donated to the Centennial Area Food Shelf. Toys were donated to the Centennial Lakes Police for their Toys for Joy Program.

Thank you Residents!



Board and Commission Openings

The City of Circle Pines City Council is looking for applicants for commission and advisory board positions. Volunteers play an important role in providing democratic government for Circle Pines. Serving on a commission or board is an excellent way to share citizen input and put individuals' talents to use. The following positions are due for appointment in January: One position on the Utilities Commission and two for the Park Board.

Applications are available at city hall or can be found on the city's website at www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us. Additional information on each board or commission can also be found at the city website as well. Applications must be received at Circle Pines city offices by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

