



# Circle Pines *City News*

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July 2020

## Primary Election August 11, 2020

***During this time of a pandemic, the CDC is encouraging voters to vote by mail.***

### Absentee Voting or Mail-In Voting

Voting by mail is easy.

1. Go to [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org)
2. Click on Other Ways to Vote
3. Click on Vote Early by mail.

There will be the information on how to vote by mail. Your first step is to fill out the application for absentee ballot.

Once you have cast a ballot by mail, you can track your ballot and confirm that it was received and counted.

Absentee ballots returned by mail that are postmarked on or before Election Day, but arrive on either Wednesday 8/12 or 8/13, will be accepted.

### Vote In Person Absentee Until August 10

If you would like to vote **absentee in person**, you will need to go to City Hall, Monday-Friday during office hours beginning Friday, June 26 (or on the Saturday before Election Day from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or until 5 p.m. on the Monday before Election day). Just note, voting in person will take longer than normal. Staff will be sanitizing after each voter and will be helping one voter at a time to maintain social distancing.



## New Election Day Information

Due to COVID-19 situation, City Council has approved Precinct 1 to move from Centennial Fire Station to St. Mark Lutheran Church

located at 1 North Road. The reason for the change is the Fire Station location may put First Responders at risk.



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

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July Public Meetings

**City Council**  
07/14 & 07/28, 7 p.m.

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

**Utilities Commission**  
07/15, 5 p.m.

**Planning Commission**  
07/20, 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](http://www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us). Click on City Council meeting video on demand.

**Additional Recycling Opportunity**

**July 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.**

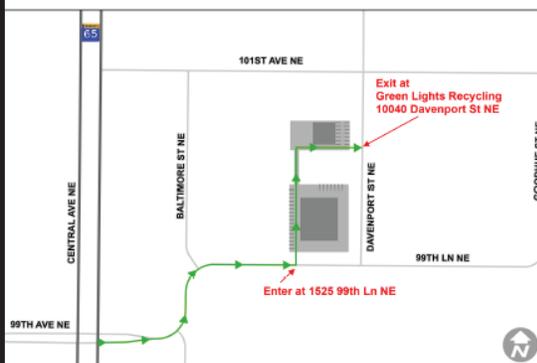
**WHEN VISITING GREEN LIGHTS,  
PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE TO  
ACCOMPLISH SOCIAL DISTANCING.**

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 four free items, be sure to bring the coupon.



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**Recycle**  
**4 items for Free**  
**Coupon valid only on**  
**July 11, 2020**  
**8 a.m.-Noon**  
**Green Lights**  
**Recycling**

## Lawns to Legumes in Your Front Yard

by Molly Nelson, Summer Intern at Rice Creek Watershed District

Here in Minnesota we are fortunate to support over 450 different native bee species including the federally endangered state bee, the Rusty Patched Bumblebee. Bees are pollinators just like butterflies, hummingbirds, moths, some beetles and flies. We need healthy pollinators to support the growth of Minnesota crops and native plants. A healthy pollinator needs a healthy habitat which can be hard to find for our pollinator friends. Lawns to Legumes is a great way that Minnesota residents can help pollinators thrive in our neighborhoods.

What is Lawns to Legumes? This program was designed by Blue Thumb, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR), and Minnesota residents to provide resources and information to any resident who wants to turn their lawn or a part of their lawn into a pollinator friendly habitat. Even small "pocket plantings" and little changes to your lawn can make a difference. Lawns to Legumes offers workshops, free planting guides, maintenance support, and cost-share funding for installing pollinator friendly of native plants.

Want to get involved? Great! Anytime is the best time to start thinking about starting a pollinator friendly yard. The Blue Thumb website ([www.bluethumb.org](http://www.bluethumb.org)) is a good place to learn more about the Lawns to Legumes program and find many free resources. Many plant sales have moved to the fall for 2020, so there's still time to get projects going this year. Let's support our local pollinators and Minnesota's native plants: your yard can BEE the change!

### Sources:

Lawns to Legumes: Your Yard can BEE the Change by BWSR  
<https://bwsr.state.mn.us/l2l>  
Lawns to Legumes- Blue Thumb  
<https://bluethumb.org/lawns-to-legumes/>



As of July 1, 85% of households in Circle Pines have completed the 2020 Census! While that's great news, 84% of Circle Pines households completed the census as of June 1.

If you are one of the approximately 280 households that have yet to be counted in the census, please know how important it is that you complete the 2020 Census!

Without your participation:

- The Census count of Circle Pines citizens will fall below the 5,000 citizens we need to receive \$150,000 per year in state funds to maintain Circle Pines 8 State Aid roads!
- We will receive less funds from the state of Minnesota in the form of Local Government Aid, which is a major source of revenue for Circle Pines and which provides tax relief to you!
- And we stand to lose \$28,000 per person per decade in federal funds for Centennial Schools, healthcare, roads, and other federal programs!

If you have yet to complete the Census, please do so today! You can respond online at [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov), by calling 844-344-2020, or by filling out the paper form which was sent to you in the mail in April. Thank you in advance for helping shape the future of Circle Pines, Centennial Schools, and the state of Minnesota!

## Arson Prevention

- Remove overgrown vegetation, brush and trash from your property.
- Pay attention to vehicles in disrepair on your property. Car fires can spread quickly.
- Continue to evaluate the space around your home and consider removing items that may burn.
- Get to know your neighbors and help each other keep an eye on the neighborhood.
- Call the arson hotline at 1-800-723-2020 with info about any suspicious fires.



[www.centennialfire.org](http://www.centennialfire.org)  
2 East Road  
Circle Pines, MN 55014  
651-792-7900

### Did you know?

- Incendiary describes any fire that is intentionally set. An arson fire is an example of an incendiary fire but not all incendiary fires are arson.
- Over the last five years there was an average of 1,137 incendiary fires in Minnesota.
- There were 170 residential incendiary fires in 2013 in Minnesota.

## Library News Centennial Branch

Anoka County Library buildings, except the Mississippi Library, reopened on June 24, 2020 with limited hours and capacity. We will continue to offer a number of virtual services, but curbside pickup will no longer be offered. Hours of service will be limited, please see the following for more detailed information.

[anokacounty.us/3860/COVID-19-Coronavirus](https://anokacounty.us/3860/COVID-19-Coronavirus)

As of June 24, the hours of operation are 1 p.m.-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Noon-6 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.

Summer Reading: Summer Adventures: June 1 to August 15. Complete challenges & track your adventures online. Download the free mobile app Beanstack Tracker on your advice or visit [anokacounty.beanstack.org](https://anokacounty.beanstack.org). Earn digital badges for:

- Hours of reading
- Writing book reviews
- Completing activities.

Kids earn a free book with 20 badges. Read Down Fines begins June 1. Please see [anokacountylibrary.org](https://anokacountylibrary.org) for more details. This year we have a goal as a county to read 50,000 hours; everyone can participate in this (Adults too!); visit the site or ask a librarian for more information.

The Library will be closed Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



## Sprinkling Ban began June 1

As part of the city's water conservation efforts, the city has adopted an ordinance that regulates daytime sprinkling of lawns June 1 through August 31. The watering hours were chosen because typical weather conditions are such that significant portions of water placed on lawns during the time of 10 a.m.-7 p.m. evaporate and are not effective in watering the lawn.

If you have an address that ends in an even-number, you are able to water your lawn on even numbered days before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m.

If you have an address that ends in an odd-number, you are able to water your lawn on odd-numbered days before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m.