



# Circle Pines City News

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## 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.

### Vote In Person Absentee

June 26 through Monday, 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).

### Save time on Election Day and Preregister

If you have not voted before in the City of Circle Pines or moved within the city and would like to preregister for the Primary Election, you will need to have your Registration Form received at the County Office by 5 p.m. on July 21. The County website at [www.co.anoka.mn.us](http://www.co.anoka.mn.us).

## New Election Information for Election Day

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.



## Sprinkling Ban begins 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.



## YMCA Park Playdays at Golden Lake Park

YMCA is offering children ages 4 – 12 the opportunity to come, play and learn at the parks. There will be a variety of crafts, games and activities. Participating children will split into two age groups; ages 4 – 7 and ages 8 – 12.

Session One: June 8 – July 9 (no program July 3)

Session Two: July 13 – August 13

Hours: 1 – 4 p.m. (M, T, W and TH)

Contact YMCA at [ymcatwincities.org](http://ymcatwincities.org) or call 651-795-9622.



## COVID-19

Please check the city website for any potential changes to city services or schedule changes



## When should I trim my Oak tree?

With spring finally upon us many homeowners are venturing

out into their yards to begin an outdoor project. It is common for homeowners to want to trim their trees. **BEWARE**, the best time to trim most of your trees is late February through March which has already slipped past.

Many species of trees can suffer from disease if pruned in the months of April through October often leading to death. Some of the major diseases that benefit from trimming trees during this time are oak wilt, Dutch elm disease, stem cankers and fire blight. The trees that are affected by these diseases are oaks, elms, honeylocust, apples (including flowering crabs), hawthorn and mountain ash. There are some trees that will tolerate trimming in late spring or early summer after their leaves have fully matured which include walnut, maples, birch and ironwood.

Spruce trees could be pruned anytime but the ideal time is in the late February through March time period and pine trees respond best if pruned in late spring before their new growth fully matures. Some exceptions to these rules are early spring flowering trees such as magnolia, Juneberry and cherry. These trees flower on the previous season's growth so they need to be trimmed immediately after flowering to allow for flower buds to develop for the next year. Just remember the overall best time to trim a tree is in late February through March, this rule will help keep your trees disease free and healthy.

**DO NOT PRUNE YOUR OAKS IN APRIL, MAY AND JUNE.**

Happy trimming!

For more information on oak wilt go to [www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/oak-wilt/](http://www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/oak-wilt/)



## The 2020 Census is underway and to date, 84% of households in Circle Pines have completed the Census!

While that's great news, over 300 households have yet to be counted in the census which puts us below the 5,000 citizens we need to be counted in the

2020 Census to receive \$150,000 per year in state funds to maintain our 8 state aid roads. Counting everyone in Circle Pines increases the amount of Local Government Aid we receive from the state of Minnesota, which represents greater tax relief for 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 already done so, thank you for doing your civic duty! 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.



## Boy Scouts Troop 65 Bring Attention to Water Quality in Circle Pines

Boy Scouts of America Troop 65 volunteered to stencil stormdrains and promote Adopt-a-Drain this past summer. After getting the idea from his dad, Ashland and the other 20 members of the troop stenciled stormdrains with the message, “No Dumping: Drains to Lake.” They also handed out flyers about the stenciling project and the Adopt-a-Drain Program. Ashland recalls the experience being “one of the most enjoyable service projects our troop has done.”

Adopt-a-Drain focuses on water pollution from storm drains. Everything that enters a storm drain goes directly into our lakes, streams, and waterways. Leaves, grass clippings, fertilizer, and pet waste become pollution when they hit the water; this provides food for algae which can cause out of control algae blooms. Individuals are encouraged to “adopt” their local stormdrains and keep them clear of leaves, dirt, and trash.

Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) had the chance to work with Troop 65. RCWD provided them with all the flyers and materials needed to stencil the storm drains. The City of Circle Pines provided maps. Troop 65 stenciled 130 storm drains in two days and helped spread awareness about water pollution. You can continue their efforts by participating in Adopt-a-Drain! Adopt your local storm drain to keep it clean and reduce water pollution. Find more information at [www.adopt-a-drain.org](http://www.adopt-a-drain.org).

Thanks to Troop 65, RCWD, the people of Circle Pines, and other organizations that care about clean water, Golden Lake is seeing a steady improvement in water quality and meeting state standards!