



# Circle Pines City News

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September 2020

## General Election November 3, 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.

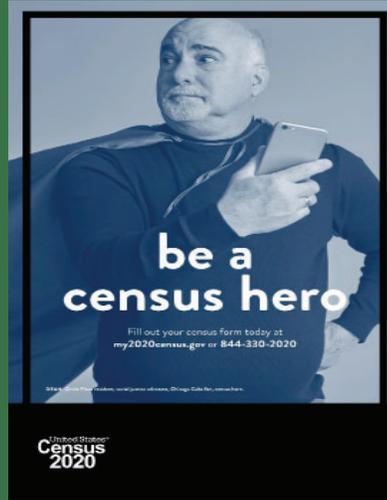
1. Go to [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org)
2. Click on Other Ways to Vote
3. Click on Vote Early by mail.

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 Begins Friday, September 18

If you would like to vote **absentee in person**, you will need to go to City Hall, Monday-Friday during office hours beginning Friday, September 18 (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. Please know, depending on the number of voters at one time you may need to wait outside.** Staff will be sanitizing after each voter and will be helping one voter at a time to maintain social distancing.



### Census

Mayor Dave recently was asked “What is the single most important thing the city of Circle Pines has learned from the 2020 Census?” Reflecting on many things the city has learned from working on the Census, Mayor Dave says the most significant thing we learned is also the most painful thing, that being what the city of Circle Pines and the state of Minnesota stands to lose from an undercount in

the 2020 Census.

Here’s why Mayor Dave is worried – about 14% of households in Circle Pines have not yet filled out the Census. If they do not fill it out by September 30:

- Circle Pines stands to lose approximately \$150,000 a year in state funds we use to maintain state aid roads.
- The city also stands to receive less Local Government Aid, which currently represents about 18% of our general operating fund revenue.
- This loss of these revenues will force Circle Pines to either raise taxes or cut services, neither of which is desirable.

On August 11, Census takers began knocking on the doors of people who have not yet filled out the 2020 Census. Census takers have been trained in social distancing, they will wear masks, and follow public health guidelines when they visit your home. If no one is home, the census taker will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail. They will also leave a paper questionnaire hanging on the front door in a plastic bag.

If you are one of the more than 260 households that have yet to be counted in the census please complete the 2020 Census today! The city of Circle Pines thanks you for doing your civic duty to help shape the future of your city, Centennial Schools, and the state of Minnesota!



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**September Public Meetings**

**City Council**

09/08 & 09/22, 7 p.m.

**Park Board**

09/01 6:30 p.m.

**Utilities Commission**

09/16 5 p.m.

**Planning Commission**

09/14, 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**

**September 12, 2020**

**8 a.m.-Noon**

**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.**

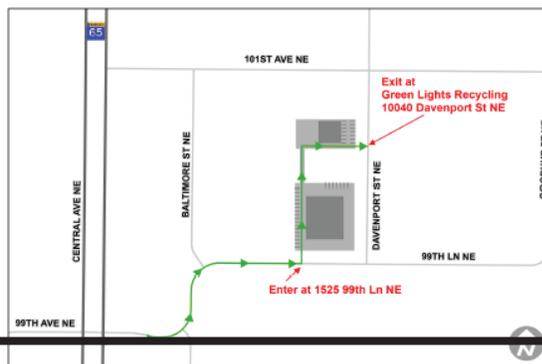
**WHEN VISITING GREEN LIGHTS,  
 PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE TO  
 ACCOMPLISH SOCIAL DISTANCING.**

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  
 September 12, 2020  
 8 a.m.-Noon  
 Green Lights  
 Recycling**

# Campus Fire Safety



- Use flameless candles for decorations.
- Never ignore fire alarms. Get out and stay out when they sound.
- Have a fire escape plan that includes two ways out.
- Make sure your exits and exit paths are free of clutter; make sure windows/doors open easily.
- Always stay in the kitchen when cooking; never cook while tired or under the influence.

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## Did you know?

Four out of five college fire fatalities happen in off-campus housing, according to Campus Firewatch.

The leading causes of campus fires include cooking, arson and careless smoking.

Campus fires are most common between 5 and 11 p.m. and on the weekends.



[www.centennialfire.org](http://www.centennialfire.org)  
2 East Road, Circle  
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## Library News Centennial Branch

Minnesota summer's go quickly, and as we head into September, our thoughts turn to fall. The library continues to offer a mix of virtual programs, as well as being open during the week. Currently, all Anoka County Library buildings, except the Mississippi Library, are open with limited hours and capacity; please see the following for more detailed information [anokacounty.us/3860/COVID-19-Coronavirus](http://anokacounty.us/3860/COVID-19-Coronavirus)

In September, the library will be closed Saturday, September 5-Monday, September 7 in honor of the Labor Day Holiday. In addition, the library will be closed Thursday, September 10 for staff development.

Current 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.



City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day Holiday.

Garbage pick up for the Labor Day Holiday week is on Saturday, September 12.

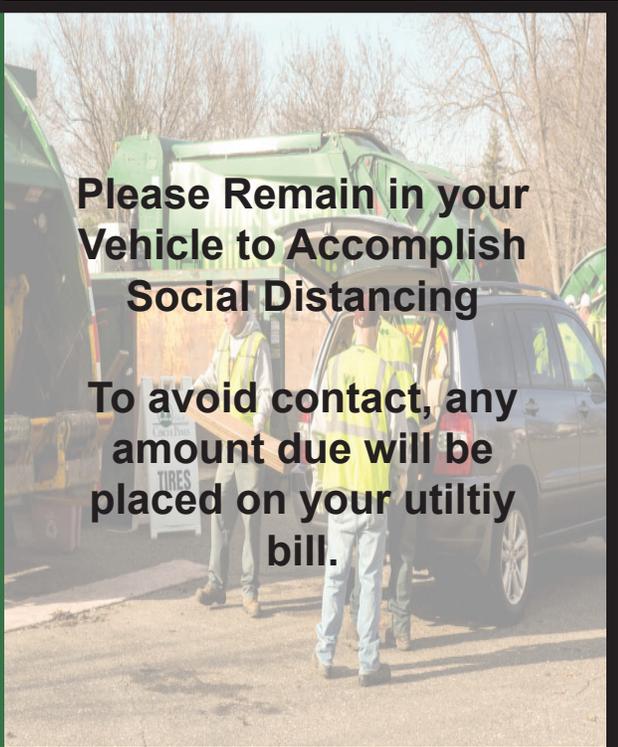
*Happy Labor Day!*



**City-Wide Fall  
Recycling/Clean Up Day**

**Saturday, September 19  
8:00 a.m. to Noon  
at the Public Works building located at  
760 Civic Heights Drive**

Residents of Circle Pines can bring all material that is disposed of on regular garbage days with the **exception of recyclables, hazardous waste and yard waste**. There is no charge for Circle Pines residents who bring four or fewer (32-gallon) bags to the site. There will be charges for other items such as appliances, electronics, etc. If you have questions, please call city hall at 763-784-5898.



**Please Remain in your  
Vehicle to Accomplish  
Social Distancing**

**To avoid contact, any  
amount due will be  
placed on your utility  
bill.**