



Circle Pines City News

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September 2023

Municipal Local Election November 7 7 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Precinct 1: If you live north of Lake Drive, you will vote at St. Mark Lutheran Church located at 1 North Road.

Precinct 2: If you live south of Lake Drive, you will vote at City Hall located at 200 Civic Heights Circle.

Early Voting In Person Begins Friday, September 22

If you would like to vote **early in person**, you will need to go to City Hall, Monday-Friday during office hours beginning Friday, September 22 (or on the Saturday before Election Day from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or until 5 p.m. on the Monday before Election day).

Mail-In Voting

Voting by mail is easy.

1. Go to 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.

Additional Recycling Opportunity Saturday, September 9, 2023 8 a.m.-Noon

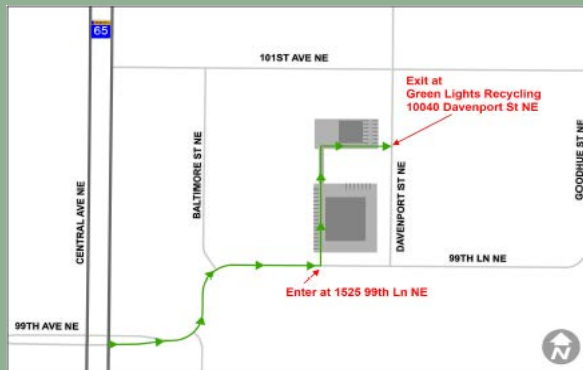
Recycle Technologies
1525-99th Lane NE, Blaine

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 (\$12-30)
Mattresses & Boxsprings (\$20) King Size (\$25)
Tires (\$7-11.25)
Treadmill (\$40) Non Electric Exercise Equipment (\$25)



*** Larger items may require more than 1 coupon item for free.***

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
(\$55 Maximum)

Coupon valid only on
September 9, 2023
8 a.m.-Noon
Recycling Technologies



City Hall

200 Civic Heights Circle
Circle Pines, MN 55014
763-784-5898
TDD:763-231-2617

www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us
cityhall@ci.circle-pines.mn.us

Non-Emergency

Police:763-784-2501
Fire:651-792-7900

In an emergency, please call 911.

City Officials

Mayor

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City Administrator

Patrick Antonen

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September Public Meetings

City Council

09/12 & 09/26 7 p.m.

Park Board

09/05 6:00 p.m.

Utilities Commission

09/20 5 p.m.

Planning Commission

09/18, 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.

Fall Rain Garden Maintenance Tips

by Rice Creek Watershed District

Below are some tips to do this fall season to prepare your rain garden for winter and the following spring season. Remember that a well-maintained rain garden not only benefits your property but also plays a vital role in protecting and improving our water bodies by managing stormwater runoff.

1. Trim and Prune

Plants: Trim and prune your plants such as shrubs. This not only keeps your garden looking neat but also encourages healthy growth during the next growing season. Trim back dead or diseased foliage to prevent potential disease spread.

2. Check Infiltration

Areas: Inspect your rain garden's infiltration areas to ensure they remain clear of sediment and debris. Clear away any obstructions that might stop water from entering the soil.

3. Plan for Spring

Planting: Fall is also a great time to plan for spring planting. Research native plants that thrive in Minnesota's climate and are suitable for rain gardens. Make a list of the plants you'd like to add in spring.

4. Monitor Design:

Assess how well your rain garden managed stormwater throughout the year. Were there areas that seemed overwhelmed during heavy rain? Consider making adjustments to your rain garden's design to better accommodate varying amounts of water.

5. Address Erosion:

If you notice any signs of erosion, consider reinforcing the edges with natural materials like rocks or logs. This will help maintain the garden's structure and prevent soil loss.

6. Collect Seeds:

If you have native plants that produce seeds, consider collecting some for future planting or sharing with fellow gardeners.

If you're interested in learning more about maintaining your current rain garden or if you're interested in installing a rain garden on your property, contact Kendra Sommerfeld, at ksommerfeld@ricecreek.org.

Rice Creek Watershed District has funds to cover the cost of rain gardens and other projects that help improve and protect water quality.

How does a rain garden work?



Library News Centennial Branch

September brings back school, fall colors, and the beginning of cooler weather. Fall is a beautiful time of year in our community, and we look forward to seeing you here at the library as we settle into this cozy season. In September, here are a few of the programs happening at your library:

Storytimes

Storytimes begins the week of September 11 and run through November 18. We have three options for you; please note that preregistration is required for Baby Storytime. You may register by phone, online, or by asking at the desk.

Baby Storytimes are Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.; this session is designed for children under 2.

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

Family Fun Night: Wednesday, September 27, 4:30-5:30 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 Bookclub for Adults. Monday, September 26, 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 *What's Mine and Yours* by Naima Coster. Because social distancing may be harder in program spaces, masks are strongly encouraged at library programs so all patrons can safely participate.

Everyone

The library will be closed Saturday, September 2nd through Monday, September 4th for the Labor Day Holiday.

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.
Thursday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Anoka County Compost Site Information

The compost site is open until
November 30
(weather permitting).

Rice Creek Chain of Lakes

7701 Main Street in Lino Lakes
Monday, Wednesday & Friday-Closed
Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
(or sunset, if earlier)
Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday Noon-5 p.m.

Closed Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day

Winter Hours:

**December-March
Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Acceptable materials: acorns, garden waste, grass clippings, leaves, pine cones and needles, sod, soft-bodied green plants and weeds.

Where to call for more information:

Contact the Rice Creek site directly at 651-429-3723 regarding compost availability, residential tree waste questions and commercial drop off of yard or tree waste.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day Holiday.

Garbage pick up for the Labor Day Holiday week is on Saturday, September 9.

School is Back in Session



It's that time of year again
and as a reminder...
Be aware of children
walking and riding to
school.
Also look out for children
getting on and off the
buses!



Recreational Fire Regulations

- √ The fire can be no larger than three (3) feet in diameter measured from the inside of the fire ring.
 - √ The height of the fire should be no more than three (3) feet.
 - √ The fire ring should be completely surrounded by noncombustible and non-smoke or odor producing material either of natural rock, cement, brick, tile, blocks or ferrous metal only.
 - √ The fire ring must be depressed below ground, on the ground or on a raised bed.
 - √ The fire cannot be within twenty-five (25) feet of any structure.
 - √ The fire must be attended by an adult at all times.
 - √ The fire should produce little detectable smoke, soot or odor beyond the property line.
 - √ Fires can only burn between **4 p.m. and 1 a.m.**, and no more than one recreational fire is allowed on any property at one time.
 - √ The fire must be extinguished completely when it is done being used and a device for doing so should be at the fire scene such as an extinguisher, sand or a hose.
- Please remember to be courteous of your neighbors when enjoying your recreational fire and to follow all burning bans. Also, please remember it is dangerous to burn a fire in high winds.