

SLP Community TV FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does your department offer?

A: Answers about Cable TV, here in St. Louis Park; monthly training in video equipment operation, through Community Education; free equipment use to eligible people, which must result in a tv program to play on the community cable tv channel; public service announcements for eligible organizations, on our channels' videotext display; and video-audio equipment and production consulting and referrals.

Q: When are you open...where are you?

A: Monday through Friday 9am-5pm. Additional hours: Tue.Wed.Thursday 1pm-9pm. St. Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd., SLP, MN 55416. Enter the first floor by the double doors from the parking lot, left, down the hall. We're next to the Community Room. Voice.952.924.2528, fax.952.924.2175. jmchugh@stlouispark.org

We often have appointments out of the building. To assure good service, please call to confirm availability or make an appointment. Our home page is <http://parktv.org>

Q: What equipment and facilities are available?

A: D8mm, S-VHS/VHS camcorders and editing. Picture/object copystand. Tripods, lighting and audio equipment are also available to add to your camcorder. All at City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd.

We can use the SLP Senior High School TV Studio on Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday, 4-8pm if reserved in advance, after pre-planning your production. While the tv studio is available for Community TV use, the nature of a multi-camera taping requires a crew. Given enough lead time, members of your organization can be trained as a crew. Equipment/facility use, for eligible persons, is allowed after training or successful testing. Contact us, as above, for more information.

Q: I have a program (or series) to show. May I show it?

A: Eligible persons may produce or submit a properly formatted VHS tape or DVD. Contact us, as above, for more information. Community TV15/96 is seen only in St. Louis Park, MN, by 13,000+ cable tv homes. You can reach a wider audience on the Twin Cities Area Regional Cable Channel 6, Metropolitan Cable Network (MCN) @ 612.339.3221. Visit <http://mcn6.org> Our local live channels are streamed on the internet. Click a link at <http://parktv.org> A high-speed internet connection is necessary.

Q: We have a big event coming up. Can you video tape it?

A: Big events, suitable for multi-camera production, are planned in advance by ParkTV16. ParkTV16 is part of the City Hall Cable TV Office. We have a four-camera van and employees to produce programs. Sufficient advance notice is necessary. Call ParkTV16 @ 952-924-2631 and ask Leslie Ferrell for more information. While the van and the TV studio are available for Community TV use, the nature of a multi-camera taping requires a crew. Given enough lead time, members of your organization can be trained as a crew.

Q: How do I get to use your video equipment?

A: You must either take a Community Education video equipment class, or, if you have been trained elsewhere, pass a free proficiency test. A community education catalog is mailed to every home, three times each year. Information and registration also available at <http://slpcommunityed.com> Then, if you live, work or attend school in SLP, or want to produce a program for an SLP organization to which you belong, there is no charge for use of equipment. Multiple checkouts for a single program require a program production plan. A program must be completed and played, free of charge, on TV15/96.

Channel 17 is programmed by the **City of St. Louis Park**, and shares the City Hall TV Office with Community TV. Watch live and replayed City Council, E.D.A. and School Board meetings; live election returns and Candidates Forums; City-topic programs on Police, Fire, Recreation and other departments; public affairs programs on topics like recycling, chemical health awareness, senior interests or public health. When programming is not running, City bulletins are displayed. For more information call **Reg Dunlap at 952.924.2660**.

Channel 14 has programs from **St. Louis Park School District 283**, and features programming produced by schools. The channel is programmed by ParkTV. For more information call **952.924.2528**.

Channel 16 is programmed by **ParkTV16**, covering high school sports and a wide range of community events. ParkTV16 goes on location or tapes in a tv studio. If you have an interest in working as a tv production crew member, ParkTV16 trains volunteers. Call ParkTV16 @ 952-924-2631 and ask Leslie Ferrell for more information.