

Important dates:

Primary election: Aug. 14

General election: Nov. 6

On the ballot in 2018:

Federal offices:

U.S. Senator

U.S. Senator, Special Election

U.S. Representative

State offices:

State Representative

Governor and Lt. Governor

Secretary of State

State Auditor

Attorney General

County offices:

Commissioner District 3

County Sheriff

County Attorney

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2018 – Another big year for elections

With so many offices on the ballot and engaged voters, the city is anticipating a high turnout at the general election in November. St. Louis Park voters will be helping to elect the governor, two United States Senators, a United States Representative and other state and county offices.

Now hiring election judges!

Each year, St. Louis Park needs hundreds of election judges to staff its polling places for the primary and general elections. This year will be especially busy with numerous races on the ballot. If you know of anyone who may be interested in serving, please encourage them to join our family of dedicated volunteers.

Election judge training summer sessions

Summer election judge training sessions have been scheduled. These sessions are for those judges who are working at the primary election in August. Additional training sessions will be offered in the fall prior to the general election. Please remember that election judges are *required* to attend two training sessions: forms and procedures and equipment training. If you are working at the primary election, please make plans to attend *one of each* training session. **RSVP is required due to space limitations.** Your appointment letter contains instructions on how to RSVP for training. Contact Mike Sund at 952.924.2122 with questions.

Training session type	Date and Time	Location
Forms and procedures	June 22, 10 a.m. – noon	City Hall, Council Chambers 5005 Minnetonka Blvd.
Forms and procedures	June 22, 1 – 3 p.m.	
Forms and procedures	June 27, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	
Equipment training	June 18, 2 – 4 p.m.	Municipal Service Center 7305 Oxford St.
Equipment training	June 19, 1 – 3 p.m.	
Equipment training	June 26, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	

Welcome new elections team members

This year you will see a couple of new faces on the city elections team. With the recent retirement of Kay Midura and the ongoing changes in elections administration, additional staff has been added to ensure continued outstanding service. Please welcome Robert Stokka and Mike Sund to the elections team! Both Robert and Mike are extremely passionate about elections and share the city's established value of providing the best service and experience to all St. Louis Park voters. You will meet both Mike and Robert at the summer and fall training sessions. Feel free to contact any of us with your elections questions or needs – we are all here to help!

Absentee voting

Primary election

- June 29 – Aug. 13

General election

- Sept. 21 – Nov. 5

Absentee voting is available on the dates listed above at St. Louis Park City Hall. The city clerk's office is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The city clerk's office will also be open extended hours for absentee voting on the Saturday before each election from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Voting isn't available on July 4 or on Labor Day.

You can obtain an absentee ballot application online, in-person, or by contacting the clerk's office.

Online:

www.stlouispark.org/elections

In-person:

St. Louis Park City Hall, 3rd
Floor 5005 Minnetonka Blvd.

Phone or email:

952.924.2503

elections@stlouispark.org

Ranked-choice voting coming to St. Louis Park

The St. Louis Park City Council recently approved a charter amendment that will allow for a new method of voting, called ranked-choice voting, to be used in municipal elections to elect the mayor and city council. This method of voting combines the primary and general elections into one event and allows a voter to rank the candidates for an office in order of their preference, a certain number of times. Ranked-choice voting won't be used in 2018 and cannot be used to elect federal, state, county or school district offices.

The next step in the implementation process is for the city council to write the rules for how to conduct ranked-choice voting in St. Louis Park. This includes important details such as how many rankings a voter will be allowed, how ballots will be counted and how ballots will be designed. This will be a phased process that will occur over the next six months.

Although ranked-choice voting won't be used this year, the elections team has already begun preparations and planning to ensure a smooth implementation of this new system. Part of the preparation and planning includes creating a communications plan that will address voter outreach and education needs, as well as specialized training for all of our dedicated election judges.

We understand and recognize this is a big change that will require all of us to educate and inform the people we serve. Please know that we will continue to update you on this process as we move forward and more details are known. We understand you have a ton of questions, and you are not alone! We are in this together, and we will all work to achieve the best possible outcome for St. Louis Park. Stay tuned for more information. We will bring you key updates as they happen. If you have questions about ranked-choice voting, please contact the St. Louis Park elections team, or visit the website at www.stlouispark.org/elections.

Precinct 14 name change

The city was recently notified that one of its polling places, Precinct 14, has changed the name of its facility from Park Assembly Church to **Park Harbor Church**.

The location of this polling place remains the same, at 1615 Texas Ave. S.

Staff has begun to update all materials, maps and precinct finders. The county will also be mailing a notice to all registered voters in the precinct prior to the general election to notify them of the name change and hopefully eliminate any confusion.

Please be aware of this change in your work as you may get questions from voters. If you have questions, please contact us.