

Important Dates:

Absentee Voting:
Sept. 21-Nov. 5
General election: Nov. 6
Deadline to pre-register: Oct. 16

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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Primary 2018 – record turnout

Thanks to our dedicated group of election judges our 2018 Primary election was a success. You helped a record number of voters cast ballots at the polls on Election Day. We saw a 30% turnout of in-person voting that day, and an additional 6% turnout in absentee voting before Election Day.

Strong interest in serving as an election judge

We have received an amazing response to our new online election judge application system and many people are interested in working in November. Efforts to recruit new judges have shown a strong interest from our community. Thank you! We will begin selecting judges for the November general election in early September. Our decisions are based on several factors including availability, past experience and party balance, which we are required to maintain by Minnesota statute.

If you are appointed as an election judge you will receive a letter in the mail. If you are not appointed, we will reach out via email to let you know your status. We will try to appoint as many judges as possible. This will include appointing people as alternates, who we ask to keep Election Day open in case we have any unexpected changes to our rosters. Alternates will train with other judges, and may be called in to service.

Election judge training fall sessions

Fall election judge training sessions have been scheduled. These sessions are for those judges who are working at the general election in November. Please remember that election judges who have not yet attended training this year are *required* to attend two training sessions: Forms & Procedures *and* Equipment Training. **Please note that Equipment Training is held at the Municipal Service Center on Oxford Street.** If you worked the Primary election, you are not required to attend training again, but you are welcome if you want a refresher.

RSVP is required due to space limitations. Your appointment letter will include 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	Sept. 20, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers 5005 Minnetonka Blvd.
Forms and Procedures	Oct. 1, 9 – 11 a.m.	
Forms and Procedures	Oct. 3, 2 – 4 p.m.	
Forms and Procedures	Oct. 4, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	
Equipment Training	Sept. 26, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Municipal Service Center 7305 Oxford St.
Equipment Training	Sept. 28, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	
Equipment Training	Sept. 28, 2 – 4 p.m.	
Equipment Training	Oct. 3, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	

Absentee Voting

General Election

- Sept. 21 – Nov. 5

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

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

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,
5005 Minnetonka Blvd.

Phone or Email: 952.924.2503
elections@stlouispark.org

Ranked-choice voting Updates

We continue to prepare for Ranked Choice Voting in St. Louis Park beginning in 2019. The city council is making decisions on the rules that will determine how we conduct elections in the park.

Key decisions:

- to allow for at least three and not more than six rankings
- to set a three column ballot design
- to set our rules for tabulation

The completed ordinance is scheduled to be adopted in November.

Ranked-choice voting won't be used in 2018 and cannot be used to elect federal, state, county, or school district offices.

Once the final rules are set, we will begin an extensive voter outreach and education campaign that will include info sessions and 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 work together 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.

Healthcare facility voting assistance

Voting doesn't only happen in November. Did you know election judges assist with absentee voting at Health Care Facilities (HCF) for all elections? The City of St. Louis Park currently serves five residential healthcare facilities located at Shalom Home West, Texas Terrace Care Center, Estates at St. Louis Park and the Villa at St. Louis Park. To be eligible for this service, a facility must meet the definition of "residential facility" contained in Minnesota Statutes 201.061, subd. 3, para.(c). In October, our teams of judges will be assisting voters at these facilities. Thank you to everyone who helps provide this special service to our community!