

Important dates:

- Election judge sign-up begins
- June 3 (check your email)
- Mock election @ Parktacular
- June 15
- Candidate Filing
- July 30 – August 13
- Citywide Mock Election
- September 17
- Early (Absentee) Voting
- Sep. 20 – Nov. 4
- General Election
- November 5

On the ballot in 2019:

City offices:

- Mayor
- Councilmember, At Large A
- Councilmember, At Large B

School board offices:

- ISD 283 St. Louis Park Schools
- ISD 273 Edina Schools
- ISD 270 Hopkins School Board

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Stay informed!

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Another year, another election

Are you ready for another election? This year city and school district offices will take center stage in November. Oh, and maybe you have heard, we are using ranked-choice voting for the first time too. Make sure you keep your eye out for information



from the elections team throughout the year. There will be plenty of ways for you to stay informed and get involved. Our team is preparing a ton of new programs and learning opportunities to bring more consistent elections information to the community. Our goal is to promote inclusion and civic engagement through outreach. One of the best examples of the services provided to the community is the great work done by our election judges. Thank you for all you do and for being part of our team!

New! Civic engagement and elections 101

This year your elections team is partnering with St. Louis Park Community Education to offer Civic Engagement and Elections 101 courses. The courses are free to attend and are geared towards community members who want to learn more about local government and how to get involved in elections. Participants will learn about ranked-choice voting, how elections happen in the city, community outreach best practices, and what happens behind the scenes before and on Election Day. This class will not include any political discussions and will focus on how the city provides free and fair elections to everyone. Know someone who is interested? Registration is open NOW! Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to sign up. All classes will be held at Lenox Community Center.

For more information or to register, visit www.slpcommunityed.com or call 952.928.6061.

Election judge training anyone?



We already know training is probably your favorite part of being an election judge, right? You may be wondering, “How can they possibly make it any better”? The good news is our training doesn’t have to be as dry as the material.

We used your feedback and are working on changes to make our training more interactive and applicable to the actual work you perform on Election Day. Although training will still be required, we will offer more options for you to personalize your training experiences. So, if you are used to attending training and taking a nice nap ☺ we have some big changes in store for you!

Here is what we need from you: When we send you information this summer about how to sign up to work, training requirements and options, please read it carefully!

More choices, more voices

Mock election FAQ

Q: How many mock elections will be held?

A: We will be holding three mock elections in 2019. Each will serve a specific purpose and provide opportunities to test different materials and procedures. They will also provide the community with a chance to learn about and use ranked-choice voting prior to the election in November.

Q: Are all of the mock elections open to the public?

A: No, the first mock election will be held in April at St. Louis Park High School. This is for students only and is NOT open to the public. The other two mock elections, planned for June and September, will be open to the public.

Q: Can I work as an election judge at a mock election?

A: We will need approximately 40-50 experienced judges to work at the mock election in September. *This will require attendance at a separate training.* We will provide you with information in June about how to sign up to work if you are interested.

Q: How many precincts will be open at the mock election in September?

A: A total of four (4) polling places will be open, one location to serve voters in each ward.

Q: Where can I find information on the upcoming mock elections?

A: www.stlouispark.org/vote ; *Park Perspective* (May issue); quarterly election judge newsletters; ask the elections team!

Ranked-choice voting spotlight: ballots

Every quarter we will spotlight one topic related to ranked-choice voting to increase your familiarity with the topics before you come to training this fall. Don't worry, this is not your only opportunity to learn about these topics. We will go over all of these concepts in greater detail at our training sessions. The good news is that once you learn the basic concepts, ranked-choice is a fairly easy system to understand. Here are some key concepts about ranked-choice ballots.

RANKED CHOICE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTERS

- Vote from left to right in each office. Your first choice is the candidate you would most like to see elected.
- You will be allowed to rank up to three (3) candidates for each office.
- Completely fill in the oval next to your choice(s), like this: ● Candidate Name

	1 st choice	2 nd choice	3 rd choice		1 st choice	2 nd choice	3 rd choice	
Fill in the oval(s) completely. →	●	○	○	No more than one oval in a column. →	●	○	○	
	○	○	●		X	○	○	○
	○	●	○			○	○	○
	○	○	○			○	○	○

*(Example ballot for demonstration purposes only)

- Ranking is only allowed for the offices of mayor and councilmember.
- Ranking is not required. To rank fewer than three candidates, leave column(s) blank.
- Voters should turn their ballot over to vote for school district races.

****Remember, for more information, visit www.stlouispark.org/vote**

Not too early to look ahead to 2020

You probably already know that 2020 is a presidential election year and it is anticipated to be even larger than what we experienced in 2016. There are other things happening in 2020 that are "firsts" not just for St. Louis Park, but for the whole state. The elections team is working with county and state officials to plan for these events, but here are some things for you to think about and be aware of as we look ahead to 2020. More details will be provided to you later this year.

- **February 25, 2020 – Precinct caucuses:** These will continue to be run by each political party, the city has no administrative role or authority with these events.
- **March 3, 2020 – Presidential Primary:** First ever in Minnesota. Registered voters will be able to vote at their polling place on March 3 or by absentee up to 46 days before (January 17, 2020).
- **August 11, 2020 – Primary Election**
- **November 3, 2020 – General Election**