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Neighborhoods

Cleveland

Folwell

Jordan

Lind-Bohanon

McKinley

Shingle Creek

Victory

Webber-Camden

Willard Hay

Public Works Service Worker Jobs and Training Program

The Public Works Service Worker 1 Trainee Program is helping the department change the face of its workforce to better reflect the community it serves. Public Works is hiring for service worker 1 positions and for service worker 1 trainee positions. See the required qualifications and experience [here](#).

New trainee program begins soon

Public Works is accepting applications throughout October for the next trainee program. The program offers adults a chance at on-the-job training to meet the qualifications for the Public Works service worker 1 position. Trainees perform manual labor to support construction and maintenance work while also learning the fundamentals of the construction industry and how to drive and operate Public Works equipment. Through the course of the program, they earn their Class B commercial driver's licenses.

More information and apply online at www.minneapolismn.gov/jobs.



Nov. 7 Municipal Election

The City of Minneapolis is gearing up for the Nov. 7 municipal election, which will be the city's third election to use ranked-choice voting. Sample ballots are now available, and voters can go to the [elections webpages](#) to see how their ballots look.

As we get closer to the election, the City is working to remind folks how to use ranked-choice voting, and to make sure people know how to register to vote, how to find their polling places, and to answer any other questions about voting.

Sample ballots available now

You can see exactly what the ballot in your precinct will look like. Just go to vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ballot, and a link there will take you to a Minnesota Secretary of State webpage where you can get your sample ballot. It's a great way to make sure you're prepared for the voting booth, and you can bring it with you to the polls as a reference.

In the mayor's race, 16 candidates will appear on the ballot. All City Council offices will also be on the ballot. Each ballot across the city will also feature two other citywide contests: one for two at-large seats on the Board of Estimate and Taxation, and one for three at-large seats on the Park and Recreation Board. Every voter will also have a chance to select a representative for one of the six Park and Recreation Board districts.

Early voting is underway

Early voting has now begun, and any voter who wants to cast an early ballot can do so. This can be done in person at the Early Vote Center, [217 S. Third St.](#), at the corner of Third Ave. S. and Third St. S., one block from City Hall. Standard voting hours are, Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Weekend hours for the final two weekends before Election Day are:

- 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28
- Noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4
- Noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5

This election uses ranked-choice voting

Minneapolis voters will use ranked-choice voting this fall to elect a mayor and members of the City Council, Board of Estimate and Taxation, and Park and Recreation Board. Ranked-choice voting is a way of voting that eliminates the need for separate primary elections. Voters rank up to three candidates for each office. The ballot has three columns, and

choices are made from left to right in those columns. Ranked-choice voting is used only for municipal elections in Minneapolis.

More information on ranked-choice voting is available at vote.minneapolismn.gov/rcv.

Get elections info at vote.minneapolismn.gov

The City has an elections-focused website: vote.minneapolismn.gov. This website is a central place to go for accurate, timely information about this year's election and ranked-choice voting. The fresh, intuitive design is focused on the user, with content on the site arranged according to specific audiences including voters, candidates, volunteers and students.



Come Share Your Opinion on the City's Zero Waste Plan

Monday October 30, 2017
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (light dinner provided)
North Regional Library
1315 Lowry Ave N, Minneapolis

The draft zero waste plan includes strategies to prevent waste, reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost for:

- Residential homes
- Commercial, Multifamily and Industrial buildings
- City Operations
- Institutions (Public Housing, Parks, Hospitals)
- Public Spaces
- Construction and Demolition Debris

For more information and to read the plan visit: www.minneapolismn.gov/zerowaste

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Minneapolis Homes Info Session Nov. 8

The City of Minneapolis was awarded \$750,000 to help with the construction of 20 new homes in North Minneapolis. Council Member Blong Yang lead a long process to look at the way the city funds and supports single family home building on vacant lots in the city. The resulting "Minneapolis Homes" program is a new opportunity for the city to commit to repairing our Northside neighborhoods after the tornado and foreclosure crisis. The city received nearly 10 percent of all of the money the state housing authority distributed this year for single family home construction.

The Minneapolis Homes Buy-Build-Rehab program provides a range of opportunities to own a home in the City of Minneapolis. An information session on Nov. 8 will offer information for both homebuyers and developers including:

- An overview of City of Minneapolis and other homebuyer assistance programs.
- Steps for purchasing City-owned vacant land and vacant buildings.
- Introduction to a development assistance request for proposals currently open for applications.

Minneapolis Homes seeks to create healthy, mixed-income housing markets in the city by developing opportunities for homeownership and responsibly managing land.

Minneapolis Homes information session
6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8
Davis Center, [1250 W. Broadway Ave.](#)

MinneapolisHomes

BUY·BUILD·REHAB

BUY

a move-in
ready home



BUILD

a home on a
City-owned vacant lot

REHAB

a City-owned
vacant home



Creative City Challenge Seeks Creative Proposals for Interactive Public Art at The Commons

The City of Minneapolis [Creative City Challenge](#)'s sixth annual competition for Minnesota artists, architects and designers is open until Nov. 17 for proposals. The winning temporary, destination artwork will be sited at The Commons, the new 4.2 acre public green space and an anchor in the Downtown East area transformation.

The Creative City Challenge is conceived as a showcase for local creative talent: Minnesota-resident architects, landscape architects, urban designers, planners, engineers, scientists, artists, students and individuals of all backgrounds to create and install a temporary, destination artwork, which acts as a sociable and participatory platform for four months. Three finalists will receive \$2,500 to create full proposals. The winning Creative City Challenge proposal will receive a \$50,000 commission to execute the project.

In 2018, the Creative City Challenge takes its cue from the site of installation: The Commons. We are particularly interested in proposals that use the space of The Commons to encourage engagement, both individually and as a community.

The Creative City Challenge is presented by the [Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy Program](#) of the City of Minneapolis in partnership with [Northern Lights.mn](#) and [The Commons](#).

2017 Collection of Leaves and Brush Ends the Week of Nov. 13

Your garbage day in the week of Nov. 13 is the last 2017 collection for



leaves, brush and other yard trimmings. Yard waste must be in compostable bags – paper (Kraft) or compostable plastic – or unbagged in a reusable container at least 26 inches high with sturdy handles. Yard waste is not allowed in City-provided containers. Set all yard waste next to your garbage cart by 6 a.m.

Remember, it's against the law and bad for our lakes to rake leaves into the street.

If you have questions about leaf and brush pickup, call 673-2917 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Find more information [here](#).

Household and Outside Maintenance (HOME)

Helps Older Adults Stay in Their Home

Attention older adults, age 60+! Do you need help around the house? Senior Community Services HOME program offers an array of affordable services designed to help you stay in your home. Their handypersons can



help with that dripping faucet that's just getting worse or with those other repairs that you just haven't taken care of. Their homemakers can help with routine cleaning tasks and also run errands for you. This time of year, yard work might be on your mind as well. They provide mowing services and tackle small yard projects as well. Senior Community Services is a trusted non-profit that has been working with older adults since 1950 and they partner with cities in Hennepin County to offer affordable help so you can stay in the home of your choice. Call today at [952-746-4046](tel:952-746-4046) to get more info or visit seniorcommunity.org.

City Seeks Applicants for Northern Metals

Consent Decree Advisory Committee

The City is seeking applicants for the Northern Metals Consent Decree Advisory Committee which will provide recommendations on how the funds from the Northern Metals Decree will be spent in Minneapolis. Funds will be broken down into \$200,000 a year for three years within the impacted neighborhoods of Sheridan, Bottineau, McKinley and Hawthorne with the four items allowed in the consent decree:

- (1) Identify and educate at-risk residents on asthma triggers.
- (2) Enroll families with children suffering from poorly controlled asthma in a new asthma trigger mitigation program.
- (3) Implement community and block-by-block blood lead level screening events in cooperation with local clinics which will offer follow-up venous screening as needed.
- (4) Identify and connect affected individuals with resources to help reduce environmental exposure to lead.

Applications are due Monday, November 6, 2017. For more information and to apply click [here](#).

Minimum Wage Rules and FAQs Available,

Public Comment Period Open Through Nov. 17

The City of Minneapolis has drafted [minimum wage frequently asked questions](#) and [rules](#) documents to provide guidance on the general rights and responsibilities of employers and employees for the City's minimum wage ordinance. The FAQs and rules are now available for public review and comment through Nov. 17.

The City's [Municipal Minimum Wage Ordinance](#) takes effect Jan. 1, 2018. There will be a tiered phase-in period for small and large businesses. Large businesses that employ more than 100 workers will be required to pay employees a minimum of \$10 an hour beginning Jan. 1, 2018. Small businesses with 100 or fewer employees will be required to pay workers at least \$10.25 beginning July 1, 2018. Large businesses have until July 1, 2022 to reach a minimum wage of \$15 an hour and small businesses have until July 1, 2024 to reach \$15 an hour.

Public comments about the clarity and substance of information in the FAQs and rules documents can be emailed to minwage@minneapolismn.gov through Nov. 17. Questions about the frequently asked questions should include "FAQs" in the subject line of the email. Questions about the rules should include "rules" in the subject line of the email. Feedback can also be submitted in person at [Minneapolis City Hall, Room 239, 350 S. Fifth St.](#)

People can find more information and resources at the City's new minimum wage website: minimumwage.minneapolismn.gov. Resources include a downloadable [poster](#) giving notice to employees about Minneapolis labor and employment rights. The poster must be displayed in workplaces across Minneapolis by Jan. 1.

City Launches #WeAreMpls Campaign

The City of Minneapolis has launched a new public awareness campaign called #WeAreMpls elevating unique voices in the city reflective of Minneapolis' rich diversity.

The City's #WeAreMpls campaign features compelling stories and photos of newcomers and longtime Minneapolis residents by Stephanie Glaros, a local photographer behind the popular blog "Humans of Minneapolis." The photos and stories can be found at www.minneapolismn.gov/WeAreMpls.

Through the personal lens of members of our community, the campaign lifts up individual stories of identity, reflecting Minneapolis' diversity of experiences. The campaign reaffirms the City of Minneapolis' commitment to be a welcoming place for all people, regardless of ethnicity, race, national origin, gender identity, religion or birthplace. If you live in Minneapolis and are interested in being featured in this campaign, share your photo and story on social media with the hashtag #WeAreMpls.



City Condemns Terrorist Attacks in Somalia

The City Council condemned the deadly Oct. 14 terrorist bombings in Mogadishu, Somalia, and supported the victims and families affected by that attack. The [resolution](#), which received unanimous approval Oct. 20, also called on the U.S. to increase its assistance to Somalia and lift a travel ban to that country.

At least 327 people were killed and nearly 400 were injured when a massive truck bomb exploded in a busy intersection in Mogadishu. The blast leveled a nearby hotel, trapping several people in debris. The bombing is the deadliest terrorist attack in Mogadishu's history.

With an estimated 35,000 people, Minnesota has the world's largest Somali population outside of Somalia. The highest concentration lives in Minneapolis. Many of these residents have strong ties to family, friends and business relationships in Somalia.

The bombing was condemned by the United Nations, along with the U.S. several other countries. Humanitarian aid is being provided by the U.S. as well, along with the United Kingdom, Turkey and others.



Minneapolis Signs on to Two More Community Solar Gardens

The Minneapolis City Council has approved two community solar garden subscription agreements to provide electricity for municipal operations. These subscriptions increase the amount of renewable energy in Xcel Energy's resource mix and save electricity costs for the City at the same time. The agreements with RenaSola and Renewable Energy Partners will save the City an anticipated \$28,000 a year for 25 years.

With these agreements, the City serves as an anchor subscriber, opening up cost savings for low-income households eligible to participate. The two developers, Renewable Energy Partners and RenaSola, propose gardens that could assist up to 800 low-income households each, with each household saving \$300-\$400 each year in electricity costs.

The agreement with **RenaSola** provides the City with a term of 25 years for up to 680,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity each year. With an electrical utility credit, the City expects to save \$5,500 the first year and \$550,000 over the 25-year term of the agreement. The agreement with **Renewable Energy Partners** is for a term of 25 years for up to 310,000 kilowatt hours of electricity each year. With an electrical utility credit, the City expects to save \$2,000 annually for a savings of \$142,000 over the 25-year term of the agreement.

The City of Minneapolis will participate in these chosen gardens at an initial subscription level of 20 percent of the gardens' output, equaling a total of up to 1 million kWh annually for municipal operations. This will bring the City's total community solar garden subscription level to 8.5 million kWh annually overall.



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