

WPCC 2019 COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT REPORT



This 19-page report, in mailboxes January 8th, will be discussed at the Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 5, --

In the summer of 2019, WPCC conducted an on-line community survey with 221 responses and a six-person door-knocking campaign with 150 responses to learn from residents about their wishes and concerns for the neighborhood, as well as their feedback about WPCC's efforts.

The community council's goal was to find out what kind of neighborhood our neighbors want to build together so that we can develop and/or support programs and services to support our neighbors' vision.

WPCC contracted with Scott Chazdon and Ella Weber, evaluation consultants' to analyze the assessment data and write this report.

Community Participation Program (CPP) funds from the City of Minneapolis paid the costs of this report.

Waite Park neighborhood has around \$230,000 available in Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) and Community Participation Program (CPP) funds. Approximately \$110,000 of the available NRP funds must be used for housing and housing-related programs.

WPCC's robust needs assessment community engagement process kicked off at last year's annual meeting.

WPCC 2020 ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Shake the cold and enjoy an evening with your neighbors.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6PM SOCIAL HOUR

7PM-8:30PM MEETING

Light snacks and beverages served while you meet with Waite Park neighbors. Learn about volunteer opportunities and how to become a board member, 2020 goals and a review of 2019.

- Waite Park 2019 Community Assessment Report.
- Elections for board of director seats.
- Elections for officers.
- Door prizes.

If you are 18 or older and live, work or own property in Waite Park Neighborhood, you are eligible to vote and/or join our board.

Childcare will be provided on-site (children must be toilet trained.)



@Waite Park Rec Center, Door #2
 1810 34th Avenue NE

We Count: City Clerk and NCR Director WPCC Board Meeting Thurs, Jan. 30 Waite Rec Center, 1810 34th Ave. NE.

7:05-7:30 p.m. We Count: City Clerk Casey Carl and Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Director David Rubedor

As you know, 2020 is critical in terms of representation for our community members and the allocation of federal funds. Casey Carl and David Rubedor intend to meet with every neighborhood organization in Minneapolis to talk about some important upcoming dates and share some ideas about how neighborhoods could help to reach traditionally underrepresented communities.

Nine days after the special District 60A primary, this meeting kicks off a very busy week: Community Connections Conference on Saturday, [Super Bowl Sunday], Special House District 60A election on Tuesday, and WPCC's Annual Meeting on Wednesday.

Then precinct caucuses February 25, one week before the Presidential Nomination Primary. And Census Day is April 1. We Count!

This meeting will start at 7 p.m. and end at 9:00.

Stormwater Management in Basements & Yards: First Ward City Council Member Kevin Reich WPCC Board Meeting 7 p.m. Thurs, Feb. 27 Waite Park Rec Center, 1810 34th Ave. NE.

Did you experience more moisture/wetness in your homes and/or yards in 2019? 2019 marked Minneapolis' **wettest water year on record**, and the extra 10+ inches of precipitation saturated our ground with moisture. Experts have published multiple reports that **we can expect a wetter future in Minnesota** which means this issue will continue to persist and could worsen. During the next century, spring rainfall and annual precipitation are likely to increase, and severe rainstorms are likely to intensify. Each of these factors will tend to further increase the risk of flooding.

Wetter futures won't only have an impact on our homes and places of business, more precipitation increases the chances of: more pollution through run off to our storm drains; harming the quality of water in our lakes and rivers; increased erosion to alleys and sidewalks; and wetter, spongier yards. Naturally, these issues will carry increased costs for residents and for the city.

We are interested in hearing from you about any significant water-related events you experienced in 2019: any damages you experienced, how often, and how you mitigated these issues.

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If you could email the Waite Park Community Council (waiteparkcc@gmail.com) by February 15, 2020 with a response as well as your cross streets in the Waite Park neighborhood, we would greatly appreciate it as a group of residents will be working with city officials in efforts to gain support into future urban planning decisions. Interested in telling us more in person?

We will be speaking to the issue with our Ward Minneapolis City Council Member Kevin Reich at the Waite Park Community Council February board meeting on Thursday, February 27 at 7 pm. come, share, and be an active part in mitigation efforts.
 Megan Aussen



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hi neighbors,

I hope many of you can join us on February 5th at the Waite Park rec center for our annual meeting. We will be covering the results of the survey that we conducted this last

year to hopefully get the community's response to the data we have collected. I'm not going to go into all the details here as a hard copy of the report should be on its way or already has been mailed to your home.

At our annual meeting in addition to adding any new members that want to join the WPCC we will also be holding leadership elections. My term as president of the Waite Park Community Council will end, and though I do intend to seek another term, I need to acknowledge the strain that adding a new child has had, making me very aware of the finite amount of time that I am able to commit to just about anything.

That's got me thinking of what participation looks like in our society. Our systems are designed to exclude so many; my wife and I work opposite schedules and thus alternate who is taking care of the kiddos. This is labeled as "a part of life" where children need more attention, and while this is true, I don't believe that it should come at the cost of someone having to sacrifice their involvement in the decision making process of society. I want the voices that are heard in the community to come from all sides of the community not just those that have the means and free time. We build a community by looking and acknowledging all that is around us finding our common problems and working to solve those.

What we need:

We are looking for people who are at least 18 years old, that live, work, or own property in Waite Park to come and join the community council. In addition to the open seats on the council we will also have elections for the executive board positions including.

President & Vice President: help take charge with events and meetings, and willing to help with whatever
Secretary: someone to help take notes during meetings and if able do some light graphic design for mailers and other neighborhood events.

Treasurer: someone who as an attention to detail and doesn't mind a little paperwork. Primary responsibilities are getting checks out, and filling out the corresponding paper work.

If you are interested please come out to the meeting and see what we are about. Volunteer community involvement is by in large a thankless task that moves slow most of the time, yet if we can make a small difference somewhere it might help others make a small difference somewhere else. In my view, that's part of what makes community. We can't go asking what can you do for me, it's what do I have the ability to do to help those around me, and what can be done to facilitate more of that.

Stay warm neighbors,
Ross

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings neighbors,

Unfortunately I must announce that I will be retiring from the WPCC Board when my term in February.

I have truly enjoyed my time helping out on the board, and will still plan to attend WPCC meetings as time allows. I have enjoyed working with various board members over the years, have forged some great relationships, and I believe we've made a positive impact in the neighborhood through National Night Out rebates, our annual Raingarden Program, and other council-sponsored activities (check out our WPCC website and Facebook page!).

I believe the WPCC and our board members are a valuable resource to the community. My only regret is that I have not had the time to invest into WPCC that I would've liked, and taking on more responsibility at work will further reduce my availability going forward.

I'd like to thank the WPCC board members and our wonderful neighbors, and I look forward to staying connected through our outstanding newsletter and revamped website.

Thank you, Mike

Waite Park Community Garden

Sharon Sweeny

During the dark winter months it seems like the gardening season is a long way off, but it's only two months until April. By then the soil will be workable and we can safely plant cold-weather-loving vegetables like carrots, radishes, lettuce and spring greens.

For those of us who already have a garden, we spend the winter months planning our garden beds and ordering seeds for the coming growing season. Soon we'll be starting seeds indoors under lights to get a jump on our much-too-short growing season.

For those who do not have a garden, now is the time to think about starting one. Don't wait until spring when the garden centers are bursting with seeds, garden plants, trees and shrubs.

The Waite Park Community Garden has plots available for new or experienced gardeners. We currently have over 20 plots available for newcomers this year. Plots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to apply for a garden plot for 2020, send an email with your name and contact information to: wpcngmember@gmail.com

All interested gardeners will be required to attend an orientation on a weekend morning in early May at a date and time that will be announced soon.

The next meeting for current members of the Waite Park Community Garden will be in March but the exact date and time has not yet been decided.

Check this space next issue for updates on scheduling for WPCG meetings, spring orientation and other news about gardening.

2 Rebates Ended 12/31/19
Forms Are Due Fri, Jan. 31

Waite Park Community Council's (WPCC) Block Club Rebate Program and Safety and Security Rebate Program expired at the end of 2019. Original receipts must be by December 31, 2019. Application forms will be accepted until Friday, January 31 unless the funds run out.

These two rebate programs are funded by Waite Park Neighborhood's NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program). WPCC's year-long robust community assessment process will and priority planning process will help determine the City funds in the future, including whether or not funds will be allocated (Continued on page 9)

Welcome Home.



Mission Statement:

The Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) serves as a forum to support the interests of the Waite Park neighborhood to maintain a high quality of life through community engagement.

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Neighborhoods 2020 Update

Last September, the City of Minneapolis contracted with the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) to assist the City's Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department with the final phase of Neighborhoods 2020. Neighborhoods 2020 will identify the next generation of neighborhood funding, programming and governance structure needed to better support community and neighborhood organizations in the future.

CURA convened meetings with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) residents and neighborhood organization members on the importance of neighborhood work, its funding and other topics impacting Neighborhoods 2020. CURA held a series of three neighborhood stakeholder meetings beginning in November. The December series for neighborhood stakeholders was "Visioning, commitments and accountability" and the January series was "Report back: Wrestling and creating a model for future resolution".

You can get all the latest information on Neighborhoods 2020 before the draft guidelines go out for a 45-day public comment period at a morning break-out session at the Community Connections Conference on February 1. The "Comment on Neighborhoods 2020" session is presented by CURA and NCR: "This workshop will focus on learning about the Racial Equity Analysis for neighborhood programming completed by CURA and its funding implications for the next generation of neighborhood programming. Data about NRP Phase I and II and the Community Participation Program will be presented. Participants will also discuss draft program guidelines to create a racial equity focus for the next program

Draft Program Guidelines will be released for a 45-day public comment period in February, shortly after the morning breakout session at the Community Connections Conference. Then, the draft would go before the City Council's Public Health, Environment, Civil Rights and Engagement Committee in late March and would go before the full City Council in early April.

To view the Neighborhoods 2020 Framework and the City Council directive that led to the current contract with CURA, please visit Minneapolismn.gov/neighborhoods2020.



Future neighborhood and community programming and racial equity analysis workshop

Sign up today to attend an interactive discussion at the Community Connections Conference on Feb. 1 on the future of City programming and funding for neighborhood and community organizations and an overview of a racial equity analysis of past and current practices from the University of Minnesota Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA).

In this morning workshop, CURA will focus on constructing guidelines for future programming that will benefit Minneapolis residents and their communities. Participants will discuss how this will advance racial equity and further the City's One Minneapolis goal to "eliminate disparities so that all Minneapolis can participate and prosper." Funding implications will also be discussed. Read more about this free public conference at Minneapolismn.gov/connectionsconf.



We Count: The Community Connections Conference Sat., Feb. 1, 2020

On Saturday, February 1, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., the City of Minneapolis will hold its annual free Community Connections Conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The 2020 conference theme is "We count." In 2019, 885 people attended.

The conference features important information, networking opportunities, panels, speakers, performances, free food and over 100 exhibitors.

Registration

Pre-registration is open now at the conference website: www.minneapolis-mn.gov/connectionsconfncr/conf. See the list of breakout sessions on pages 6 and 7 that you can register for. You can also register the day of the conference, but some sessions you want might be filled.

Conference theme and objectives

By using the theme "We count," the City is saying that all communities are welcome and valued in Minneapolis and calling on communities to get involved in decision-making in 2020. Residents can get involved by committing to get counted in the census, vote, join an advisory committee or neighborhood board [Waite Park Community Council!] learn about important local issues and City policies or volunteer with a community organization. The City hosts this conference so that:

- Residents, community groups, neighborhood organizations, City of Minneapolis departments and decision-makers **collaborate and connect** with each other to **address community issues**.
- All communities **feel welcome** to interact with or get involved in local decision-making.
- Residents **learn about** programs and policies that affect them.

Program

- Check-in, network, exhibit hall opens: 8 a.m.
- Opening ceremony, performances, 9-10 a.m.
- Morning breakout sessions: 10:30 a.m. Page 6
- Free lunch in exhibit hall: 12-1 p.m.
- Afternoon breakout sessions: 1:15 p.m. Page 7
- Closing session: 3-4 p.m. Finish the day with Mayor Jacob Frey and other elected officials in an interactive closing forum and call to action.
- Each of us has an important role to play to ensure that we all count.

To download a pass for a free ride to and from the conference, and to read more about the conference, visit Minneapolismn.gov/connectionsconf.

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Morning Breakout Sessions at the Community Connections Conference--See page 5"**Changes in immigration policies and processes**

Presented by City of Minneapolis Neighborhood & Community Relations Office of Immigrant & Refugee Affairs in English.

This session will be led by immigration attorneys who will explain federal immigration actions (including public charge, proposed USCIS filing fee increases, recent immigration court decisions) and their impact on immigrant and refugee communities. Presenters will highlight actions that we all can take to support our immigrant and refugee neighbors.

Comment on Neighborhoods 2020

Presented by CURA and the City of Minneapolis Neighborhood & Community Relations in English.

This workshop will focus on learning about the Racial Equity Analysis for neighborhood programming completed by the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) and its funding implications for the next generation of neighborhood programming. Data reflecting how NRP Phase I and II and the Community Participation Program will be presented. Participants will also discuss draft program guidelines to create a racial equity focus for the next program.

Community Investment: Building a 2020 Census Complete Count Committee (CCC) Through an Equity & Inclusion Lens

Presented by City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County in English

Learn how the City of St. Paul and Ramsey County established a Joint Count Committee that is diverse and representative of the community, using community grants and an impact assessment for the 2020 census.

Disability Awareness

Presented by Community Involvement Programs in English

This interactive session will bridge the topics of disability awareness, inclusion and diversity in a civic reflection, World Café format.

Exploring Self-Empowerment and Developing Leadership Through Creation and Understanding of Identities

Presented by Minnesota State University, Mankato in English

One of the most powerful tools you can possess is awareness of your strengths and an understanding of how to apply them. In this workshop you will use positive thinking, strategies to accomplish goals, and "grit" to begin your self-empowerment journey. We will discuss what this journey looks like and what it's like tap into your innate "superpower." We will demonstrate that self-empowerment is not a destination, but rather a continuous process. To lead, you must first understand the identities you hold already and create new ones that will benefit you further.

Game of Zones

Presented by Neighbors for More Neighbors in English

Neighbors for More Neighbors (#N4MN) invites you to be part of Minneapolis's housing solution. Game of Zones will teach you how to use your design and math skills to successfully navigate the City's land use zoning approval process. Once you've mastered "maximum floor area ratios," "density maximums," and "height restrictions," you'll never have trouble calculating the maximum number of homes allowed on a property. Your new analytical powers may not get you all the way to building housing units yourself, but they will make you a far more effective housing advocate. The more of us there are, the better we'll be at winning land use permits for those in need of homes.

How the Census helps to inform and influence public policy: the case of the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs / Cómo el Censo ayuda al de Asuntos Latinos de Minnesota (MCLA) a aconsejar e influir las políticas públicas.

Presented by Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs (MCLA) in English, Español

This session will share the importance of Census data, priorities in 2020 and how residents in Minneapolis can engage in the work of the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs (MCLA) and the policymaking process. / El Consejo de Asuntos Latinos de Minnesota (MCLA por sus siglas en inglés) presentará el trabajo del Consejo en beneficio de las comunidades Latinas, la importancia del Censo, prioridades en 2020, y cómo los residentes de Minneapolis pueden involucrarse en el trabajo del Consejo y del proceso de creación de políticas públicas.

How White Supremacy Perpetuates Homelessness

Presented by Metropolitan State University in English

Homelessness affects people of all races, but it disproportionately affects people of color. This is not an accident. There are two major reasons for this: 400 years of historical racist policies and current, well-meaning—and some not so well-meaning—racist policies. This workshop will investigate why this happens and what we can do to change it.

Making Your 2020 Voter Engagement Plan

Presented by City of Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services in English TBA.

Nonprofit Legal and Accounting Help

Presented by Birken Law Offices and Mike Wilson CPA in English

Jessica Birken (Birken law offices) and Michael Wilson (CPA) will present on how legal services and accounting coexist in nonprofit management. The presenters have over 30 years of experience working with neighborhood organizations, nonprofit organizations and businesses.

Opioids in Minneapolis

Presented by Minneapolis Health Department in English

This session will provide basic information about opioid addiction and response in Minneapolis. We will talk about the work the City is doing to address the opioid epidemic and resources that are available in the community.

Presidential Nomination Primary Election Processes & How to Vote

Presented by Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State in English

In 2020, Minnesota voters will vote to nominate presidential candidates in a primary election for the first time in 28 years. The Minnesota Presidential Nomination Primary will fall on March 3 (Super Tuesday). As with other state elections, the Presidential Nomination Primary will be held statewide, and voters will be able to cast a ballot before or on Election Day. This workshop will educate attendees about processes and procedures, the multiple ways of registering and voting, and common questions about the change to a primary.

Use Storytelling to Educate, Empower & Build Empathy Across Difference

Presented by Green Card Voices in English

It is more important than ever to confront individual bias and build empathy so all people can contribute and thrive. This skill is key particularly to building inclusive workplaces. First-person storytelling facilitates understanding and empathy more effectively than facts alone. In this session, you will learn about the innovative storytelling work of Green Card Voices, a nonprofit that records and shares the stories of immigrants. You will learn how effective storytelling educates and empowers both the teller and the audience, and will leave with resources and ideas to incorporate storytelling into your work.

Your Rights Count When Interacting With Police

Presented by Communities United Against Police Brutality in English

This session will educate you about your rights and how to interact safely with police. We will practice four sets of "magic words" you can use to exercise your rights.

Youth Engagement & Implementing Meetings for All Learning Styles

Presented by Green Garden Bakery in English

Green Garden Bakery youth leaders will facilitate an interactive workshop on how to recruit, engage, and retain youth in community organizing and decision-making. Youth leaders will facilitate a mock community meeting that incorporates elements for all learning styles that can be replicated for almost any group. Green Garden Bakery is a youth-founded, operated, and led social enterprise in Heritage Park, North Minneapolis. Green Garden Bakery grows vegetables in our community garden, bakes them into healthy vegetable-based desserts for every diet, and markets them using sustainable practices. We sell the desserts in a "pay-what-you-want" system and reinvest our proceeds into our community. We are a group of young entrepreneurs of color driven by a passion to change the world one healthy, delicious baked good at a time.

Afternoon Breakout Sessions at the Community Connections Conferenced--See page 5**2020 Census Logistics and Tools for a Complete Count in Your Community**

Presented by State of Minnesota, 2020 Census in English

Did you know the 2020 census will be offered online this year? Learn about the digitalization of the 2020 census and how the census will be conducted in Minnesota. Find out how you can help ensure that everyone counts and gets counted in your community.

Awesome Neighborhoods in 120 Seconds or Less

Presented by City of Minneapolis Neighborhood & Community Relations and participating neighborhood organizations in English

Join multiple neighborhood organizations from across Minneapolis for a series of fast-paced presentations on neighborhood projects and success stories. This engaging workshop will include time to interact and learn more about the great work being done in Minneapolis neighborhoods.

Behind the Scenes of an Election

Presented by City of Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services in English TBA.

Census Data, Occupations and Workforce Equity and Inclusion

Presented by Minnesota Department of Human Rights in English

We will discuss the role of the 2020 census in setting workforce goals for women and people of color in Minnesota businesses. The census not only informs workforce equity, but also has real world implications for compliance. Census data helps employers identify the underrepresentation of protected classes, e.g., women and people of color, in the workforce.

Diálogo comunitario en español

Presented by City of Minneapolis Regulatory Services, MPD and Labor Standards Enforcement in Spanish TBA.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Certification for Minority and Women Owned Small Businesses: Why and How to Apply

Presented by City of Minneapolis Civil Rights - Contract Compliance Division in English

Lots of small businesses can benefit from certification to get contracts or subcontracts from the City. In this session, the Contract Compliance Division will inform businesses, particularly women- and minority-owned small businesses, about how to bid on projects and what certifications are needed.

Identifying and Combating Human Trafficking

Presented by City of Minneapolis Senior Advisor for Human Trafficking Prevention in English

The City of Minneapolis is committed to fighting all forms of human trafficking. City leaders have broadened the scope of work to focus on labor trafficking and exploitation of adults in addition to the City's nationally recognized work in fighting juvenile sex trafficking. Community input is essential to building a successful response to human trafficking. In this session, Shunu Shrestha, the City's senior advisory for human trafficking prevention, and Madeline Lohman, senior researcher at The Advocates for Human Rights, will explore how human trafficking impacts our communities and then open the floor for a guided discussion. Participants will be able to contribute their experiences and expertise in shaping this important initiative.

Intersectionality: Bringing Your Full Self to Community

Presented by Reviving the Islamic Sisterhood for Empowerment in English

This workshop will help attendees explore their personal and public identities and use this understanding to fuel intentional interactions with families, coworkers and peers. This workshop will also focus on movement-building through identity work, using Reviving the Islamic Sisterhood or Empowerment as a case study. This session is meant to be interactive, so come prepared to have courageous conversations within your community!

Lessons from the Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act

Presented by City of Minneapolis Neighborhood & Community Relations Office of Immigrant & Refugee Affairs in English.

The year 2019 ended with the passage of a law called the Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act, which created a pathway for Liberians residing in the US to become US citizens. In this breakout session, we will discuss how this law was passed and how we replicate this success for other immigrant and refugee communities.

Listening Lessons From Listening Sessions

Presented by Family Tree Clinic in English

Join Family Tree Clinic in a discussion about our journey towards eliminating health disparities. Family Tree Clinic initiated a "listening session" project with the goal of increasing access to HIV education and testing for the most significantly affected communities, engaging black and LGBTQ communities about health access. If we want communities to engage with our health services, especially when trust has been broken in the past, we must first ask, how do you want to be served? How should we act on this feedback?

Minneapolis Food Action Plan Community Input Conversations

Presented by Homegrown Minneapolis, City of Minneapolis Sustainability Division in English

This session will open with an overview of the Minneapolis Food Action Plan, the 2030 roadmap for Minneapolis food systems, followed by small group activities and ending with a large group discussion. The Minneapolis Food Action Plan will build on previous engagement efforts, the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, and will incorporate data and community input from workshops such as this one.

No Decision About Us Without Us!

Presented by Minneapolis Youth Congress in English

Join the Youth Congress for this presentation about authentic youth voice and leadership in the City of Minneapolis.

Nonprofit board member? Ask these questions.

Presented by City of Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations in English TBA.

Somali Community Dialogue

Presented in Somali TBA.

Stand Up and Be Counted: Why the Census and Voting Matter

Presented by Black Votes Matter MN and The Black Census Table in English

We will go over the 2020 caucuses, primaries, the census, the presidential election, how they're related and why it matters to you. We'll discuss key community partners, happenings and opportunities to lead!

The Power of Story for Shaping Policy

Presented by City of Minneapolis Division of Race and Equity in English

Story telling can be a powerful tool to build empathy, deepen relationships, and promote large scale systems change. The City's Division of Race and Equity staff will share our work and highlight stories that we have collected from community residents to better understand their experience navigating systems like the City. We have collected these narratives to shape programs and influence decision-making processes in order to improve people's lives.

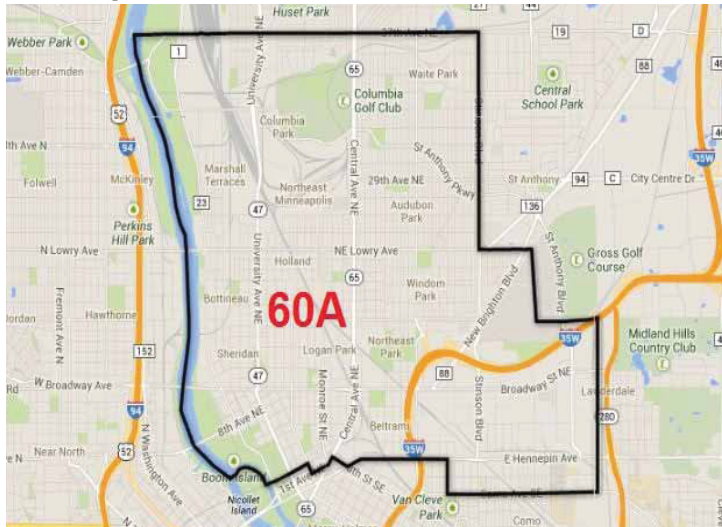
Turning Point's Community Conversation on the African American Community

Presented by Turning Point Inc. in English

Join Turning Point in this session to discuss ways to improve equity for African Americans in Minneapolis by addressing the disparities that affect our community.



Special Election for House District 60A



Special Election Tuesday, February 4

There will be a Special Election to fill a vacancy in Minnesota House District 60, which includes parts of Northeast Minneapolis, including Waite Park Neighborhood.

The vacancy was caused by the passing of Representative Diane Loeffler on November 16.

The Primary election was on Tuesday, January 21.

The General election will be held from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m on Tuesday, February 4.

Vote Early

Don't want to wait in line on election day? Vote early! All voters in Minnesota can choose to vote before Election Day by absentee ballot without providing a reason.

You can vote by mail, or you can vote early in-person.

Vote by Mail is available for the Special Election - visit vote.minneapolismn.gov for the application. Contact 311 with any election related questions.

Vote early in person at the Early Vote Center, conveniently located here on the eastside at Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, 980 E Hennepin Avenue.

Special General: 8:00am - 4:30pm on weekdays Tuesday, January 28, through Monday, February 3. The Early Vote Center is also open the Saturday before the election and until 5 p.m. the day before the election:

Saturday, February 1: Open 10:00am - 3:00pm

Monday, February 3: Last day of Early Voting 8:00am - 5:00pm

You can also vote early in person at the Hennepin County Government Center.



Presidential Nomination Primary Tues, March 3 -- Super Tuesday

Please see page 7 for information about the Minnesota Presidential Nomination Primary. Early voting began January 20.

All Minneapolis voters can vote at the Early Vote Center, 980 East Hennepin during normal business hours 8:00am - 4:30pm, Monday thru Friday. Minneapolis voters also have the option to vote early in-person at the Hennepin County Government Center.

Early Voting Dates in addition to normal business hours:

Presidential Nomination Primary

Saturday, February 1: Open 10:00am-3:00pm

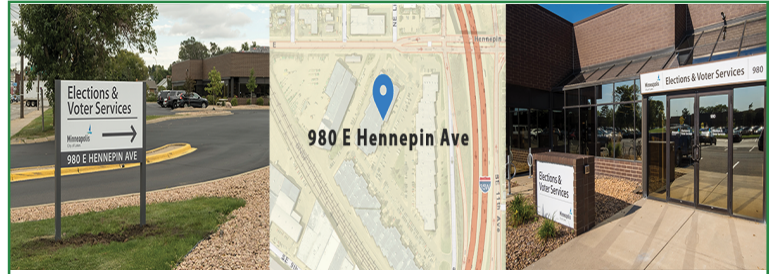
Monday, February 3: 8:00am-5:00pm

Monday, February 17: Presidents' Day - NO EARLY VOTING

Saturday, February 22: Open 9:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, February 29: Open 9:00am - 4:00pm

Monday, March 2: Last day of Early Voting 8:00am - 5:00pm



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Elections & Voter Services New Facility

Elections & Voter Services has moved from City Hall to 980 E Hennepin Ave. **Why did you move?**

The move brings all elections operations together under one roof for the first time. Early voting, warehouse, mail ballot processing, candidate filing, election judge training, and administration are all in the new building. We're thrilled to have all staff located together to better coordinate our services.

What are the parking and transit options?

The building is located just off I-35W on East Hennepin Ave. Nearby bus routes include the 61, 25, and 4. The building has free public parking, and bike racks are available in front of our entrance. A Nice Ride hub is located nearby as well.

Can I still vote early downtown?

Yes. In addition to the new site (roughly 2 miles from City Hall), you can vote early at the downtown Hennepin County Government Center. There are plans to open additional early voting sites around the city for general elections.

2020 Election Calendar

In 2020, Minneapolis residents will vote for President, Vice President, US Representative, State Senator, State Representative, Judicial seats, and School Board (even districts and one at-large).

Precinct Caucuses - see page 4

Precinct caucuses are organized by Minnesota's political parties to establish policy positions and other party business. The presidential primary on March 3 replaces the presidential straw poll that used to be held during the precinct caucus. More information about caucus activities can be obtained from the political party of your choosing, or via the [MN Secretary of State's Office](http://mn.gov). Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, a non-partisan administrator of elections, is not involved in the caucus process.

Presidential Nomination Primary - see page 5

In 2016 legislation was passed creating a presidential nomination primary. This will be Minnesota's first presidential primary since 1992. The Presidential Nomination Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Absentee ballots will be available starting Friday, January 17, 2020
Pre-registration deadline is Tuesday, February 11, 2020

State Primary

The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020
Absentee ballots will be available starting Friday, June 26, 2020
Pre-registration deadline is Tuesday, July 21, 2020

General Election

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020
Absentee ballots will be available starting Friday, Sept. 18, 2020
Pre-registration deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020*

* If you miss the pre-registration deadline, you can still register and vote at the polls on Election Day. [See Election Day registration](#) details for the required proofs of address and identity. Pre-registering saves time and the need to bring any additional documents to the polls.

See their website for more [Elections & Voters Services events](#).

Precinct Caucuses

Precinct caucuses will be held February 25, 2020, one week before the Presidential Nomination Primary.

Never been to a caucus? Not sure how it works? Learn more about the process below!

We encourage Minnesotans to show support for their preferred candidates by participating in the candidate endorsement process that leads up to the state party conventions.

It all begins on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 with the precinct caucuses. Going to caucus is a great way to show support for a candidate, raise an issue that's important to you, influence who the party will endorse for many offices, and meet people in your community.

When and where will 2020 precinct caucuses be held?

The 2020 precinct caucuses will be held on Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. at locations set by the parties.

What is a precinct caucus?

Precinct caucuses are meetings run by Minnesota's political parties. They are the first in a series of meetings where parties may endorse candidates, select delegates, and set goals and values (called party platforms).

Who can participate in a caucus?

To participate, you must be eligible to vote in the November 2020 general election and live in the precinct. You also must generally agree with the principles of the political party hosting the caucus.

What happens at the caucus?

Each political party runs their caucus meetings a little differently. Check with your political party if you have specific questions. Generally, there are three main activities at a caucus:

1. Choose volunteers who will organize political activities in the precinct. This could include maintaining contact lists, holding political meetings, and helping with campaign efforts.
2. Discuss issues and ideas for the party to support. You can present an issue or idea for the party to support, called a resolution. If you convince other attendees to support your resolution, it will be taken to the next political convention. Eventually, your resolution could become part of the official party platform.
3. Choose delegates who will endorse candidates at future conventions. At future conventions, party delegates will endorse state and federal, including for Governor. Political parties have different ways of choosing delegates at the precinct level caucus—contact your party for more information.

If you have questions, concerns or a complaint about your precinct caucus, please contact the political party holding the caucus meeting. Unlike elections, which are run by local and state government election officials, precinct caucuses are run by political parties. Everything from site location to how the caucus is conducted is the responsibility of the party.

Right to time off work to attend caucuses

You have the right to take time off work to be at a precinct caucus or political party convention (if you're a delegate or alternate). You must give your employer ten days' written notice (See 202A.19, subd.2 and 202A.135).

Accessibility at caucuses

Major political parties must attempt to provide you an interpreter by request, if you are deaf, deafblind, or hard-of-hearing. If you are visually impaired, you also have the right to get written caucus materials ahead of time, by request (see 202A.155).

No Minnesota state college or university may schedule an event which will take place after 6:00 p.m. unless permission to do so has been received from the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

Presidential primary

In 2016 legislation was passed establishing a presidential nomination primary. The current election law specific to the presidential primary is in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 207A and Rules Chapter 8215. Common questions about the presidential primary are answered below.

When will the presidential nomination primary take place?
March 3, 2020.

Will all parties participate in the presidential nomination primary?

No, only major parties will participate. Two major parties, the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and the Republican Party, have submitted candidates for the ballot. Two other parties, the Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party and the Legal Marijuana Now Party, have notified this office that they will not be participating.

Will all parties be on the same ballot?

No, each participating major party will have a separate ballot.

Who decides which candidates will appear on a party's ballot?

The chair of each party will submit a list of candidates for the party's ballot no later than 63 days before the date of the presidential primary (December 31, 2019). The Republican candidate list was filed 10/25/19, and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor candidate list was filed 12/17/19.

What if a candidate drops out before the primary?

Once a party's list is submitted, changes will not be made to candidates that will appear on the ballot.

Will there be a place to write in a choice or vote for "uncommitted"?

Only if it is requested by the party chair. Party chairs will need to submit names of write-in candidates to be counted seven days before the primary.

Will any other offices be on the ballot?

No, only presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the presidential primary ballot. Other offices with a primary will be on the primary ballot in August.

How will I be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary?

Registered voters will be able to vote at their polling place on presidential primary day or by absentee ballot in the 46 days before presidential primary day (starting January 17, 2020). A voter must request the ballot of the party of their choice. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the **presidential nomination primary**.

Will other people know which party's ballot I request?

A voter's choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, a list of who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party each voter selected will be provided to the chair of each major political party. How a voter voted on the ballot will be secret.

Will parties have to abide by the primary results?

The presidential primary results must bind the election of delegates in each party.

Who will pay for the presidential nomination primary?

County and municipalities will be reimbursed by the state for the primary costs.

How much will the primary cost?

The Office of Secretary of State surveyed all 87 Minnesota Counties and, based on that survey, estimates that the cost to administer the Presidential Nomination Primary will be \$11.9 million. The Secretary of State has certified this estimate to the Commissioner of Management and Budget. Counties and municipalities will be reimbursed for their costs of administering the Presidential Nomination Primary following the election.

Will there still be precinct caucuses?

Yes, precinct caucuses and local and state nominating conventions will still take place to conduct other party business.



WAITE PARK & UPPER N.E. PARKS UPDATE

- Brian Hall, CPRP Recreation Supervisor

1810 34th Avenue Northeast
Direct Phone: 612-370-4770 Park Desk: 612-370-4959
Website: www.minneapolisparcs.org

Winter Sports – Basketball Program

Waite Wildcats basketball teams are underway with games. Make sure to cheer for our Wildcats across the Minneapolis parks. We have games all over from Bottineau, North Commons, Harrison, Kenwood, Folwell, Farview, Matthews, Northeast, Nokomis, Pearl, Van Cleve, Windom, Martin Luther King, East Phillips, Luxton and Creekview Parks.

Our 8u teams plays Friday nights at Bottineau park 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. 6u division are being run as a fundamental camp at Northeast Park starting mid-January on Tuesday nights and Sunday afternoons.

Our Waite Mini Hoopers 4-years and 5-years program begins Saturday Jan 11th. Lots of action on the court, come check them out! We would like to thank our volunteer coaches basketball season: Nate Taylor, Jon Morgan, Kacos Hadjiannis, Melissa Fly, Joe Tolle, Karissa Binder, Michael Binder, Andrew Rescorla, Ruben Valesano, Andrea Rosemeyer, Adrian Young, Todd Bennington, Chris Rath, Kenny Jones, and Jason Morin. These folks coach because they have the passion for the sport itself and the kids. There is no other feeling quite like helping young athletes further develop their natural persistence, determination, discipline, dedication, resiliency, work ethic, heart, leadership skills, connection with and respect for, others, not only in competition, but in life!

Winter Programming now, but think Summer!



Winter/Spring programs run January thru May 2020. Stop by any park in Northeast for a brochure or check out online at www.minneapolisparcs.org with the most up to date information.

Preparation for summer programs are ongoing and the program brochure is being developed. If you have a special skill or talent you want to share, we can create a program and offer it to all. Just let us know and we can figure out a program plan.

Registration for summer begins Wednesday, February 26th at 12 p.m.

Snack Program

Like the summer lunch program, we have partnered with the Mpls School Nutrition Center to provide a snack for kids 18 and under Monday thru Friday starting at 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The kids will receive a free snack at the front desk; stop on by!

Seniors on the GO!

Monthly luncheons at Audubon park are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month! Want to get on a mailing list of activities? Give Brian a call at 612-370-4770 and leave your information.

FallProof!

Learn and Do balance workshops with Mia Bremer, Balance and Mobility Specialist Skills and self-confidence are the keys to staying "FallProof!" as you get older. This series is a fun and interactive way to get the latest research on balance and mobility training, along with hands-on practical skills. You leave with a solid balance foundation and the functional skills to stay upright. After four sessions you will leave with a balance playbook with handouts that outline creative and effective exercises that you can do at home. To register, leave a message at 370-4910 (Audubon) or 370-4770 (Waite Park).

4 Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at Audubon Park.

Inflammation: Friend or Foe?

Tuesday, January 28 from 10:00 to Noon. The foods we choose can make a big impact on our health and recent research concludes that food is strong medicine when it comes to chronic inflammation in the body. Acute inflammation is our friend in that it helps us heal for injury and infection, but when inflammation stays it causes problems and is a precursor to diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Join Mia for a discussion on inflammation in the body and foods that help and hurt. After that, we will make Anti-Inflammatory Buddha Bowls together!

Free At Audubon Park. To register, leave a message at 370-4910 (Audubon) or 370-4770 (Waite)

Preschool Program

Have a little one eager to learn and get in a social and learning environment? We have our preschool program which is flexible for parents with choosing days (unless full) two days to five days a week Monday thru Friday. We have two fabulous instructors Ellen and Andi who would love to meet your preschooler. For a tour or if you have specific questions, call the park or send an email to: waiteparkpreschool@gmail.com.

Class time is thru Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Must be at least 3 years old and toilet trained.

May join in at anytime; pro-rated fees can be applied. Fee assistance is available as well; inquire with park director Brian.

Summer Rec Plus Registration Opens Feb. 10

Does your child need somewhere to go this summer?

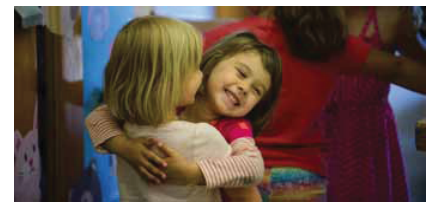
Do they like to run around with their friends, play games and do fun projects. We are a school-aged program that runs before/after school, on release days and over the summer.

Registration must be done at a Rec Center. Waite, Windom, Audubon and Northeast have Rec Plus programs. Current participants receive an earlier registration date.

Registration for new participants for Summer Rec Plus opens on Monday, February 10, with a open house at 5:30 p.m. to 7.

Public Open House and Registration for new participants for the 2020-2021 school year is at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020.

For enrollment forms and more information go to: www.minneapolisparcs.org



2020 MINNEAPOLIS EARTH DAY CLEAN UP Saturday, April 18, 2020 9:30 a.m. - Noon

EARTH DAY VOLUNTEER SITE COORDINATOR

We are looking for individuals who are active in their communities and are interested in keeping our parks and neighborhoods clean to help us coordinating a clean-up site in your neighborhood, please contact Erica Chua at (612) 230-6479 or echua@minneapolisparcs.org.

VOLUNTEER SITE COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION
The total time commitment for site coordinators is roughly 6 - 8 hours.

Responsibilities:

1. Pick up Earth Day supplies (gloves, bags, first aid kits, maps, environmental education materials) from MPRB Headquarters prior to the event. Supply pick up is the week leading up to the event, April 13 - 17, during business hours and then Wednesday, April 15 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm.
2. Set-up and oversee the volunteer registration table at the Earth Day event on Saturday, April 18 from 9:30-noon, pass out supplies, answer questions from volunteers and communicate any concerns or issues to MPRB throughout the event.
3. Return all left over supplies to MPRB Headquarters following the event.

The Minneapolis Earth Day Clean Up is a collaborative effort between the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the city of Minneapolis Department of Public Works. For more information about the event, contact Erica Chua at echua@minneapolisparcs.org or (612)230-6479.



Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

Nature Connections New program!

Nature Connections welcomes adults
55+ for FREE activities this winter

Join MPRB naturalists at
Northeast Athletic Field Park and Recreation Center



Nature Connections is a new MPRB program designed for adults 55 & up. Join friends, neighbors and others for outdoor activities at Northeast Athletic Field Park - or connect with nature indoors.

Activities include bird-watching, winter tree identification and flower arranging
Get insights from an MPRB naturalist

All sessions are for adults 55+ and are FREE

Meet at **Northeast Recreation Center, 1530 Johnson St. NE, Minneapolis**



Outdoor Walking Group

Tuesdays, 11am – 12pm

January 21: Birdwatching

January 28: Walking and Snowshoeing

February 4: Winter Tree ID

February 11: Walking and Snowshoeing

Indoor Sessions

Fridays, 2 – 3pm

January 24: Floral Arranging

January 31: Indoor Birdwatching

February 7: Growing Indoor Plants

February 14: Floral Arranging

Registration encouraged / Walk-ins welcome!

Go online: bit.ly/MPRBnatureconnections

Call Northeast Recreation Center: 612-370-4920

Questions? Email LBrethem@minneapolisparcs.org

Other Locations for Nature Connections

Loring Park (downtown) - meet at **Loring Community Arts Center, 1382 Willow St., Minneapolis** through February 13

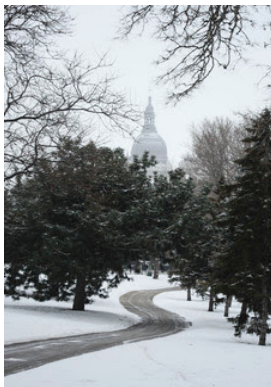
Indoors: Tuesdays, 2 - 3 pm

Outdoors: Thursdays, 2 - 3 pm

Matthews Park (Seward) - meet at **Matthews Recreation Center, 2318 S 29th Ave., Minneapolis** through February 14

Indoors: Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30am

Outdoors: Fridays, 10:30 - 11:30am



(rebate Program continued from page 2)

2 Waite Park Rebate Programs Ended 12/31/19 Application Forms Accepted Until Fri, Jan. 31

these rebate programs in the future. USPS delivered the Community Assessment Report to all Waite Park addresses on January 8; it will be discussed at the WPCC Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 5th: social hour at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. See page 1 for more information.

The Minneapolis Tree Sale will return March 16, 2020!



New for 2020

No Lottery-More Trees
IMPORTANT DATES
March 16 – March 22, 2020

2,000 trees* will be available to Minneapolis property owners in Greenzones AND landlords in any area of the City with a valid Rental License

(up to 10 different rental addresses)

March 23-April 15, 2020

Remaining trees will be available to Minneapolis property owners who have not purchased a tree through this program for the last 3 years

April 15-May 1, 2020

(or until sold out-whichever comes first)

Any remaining trees after April 15, 2020 will be available for all property owners to purchase regardless of historical participation. *Trees available will be smaller in size (#5 and #7 container trees) than those of previous years in order to make more trees available to more property owners!

Things to Consider:

Trees are \$25 each. One tree per address, up to 10 properties for aforementioned, permitted rental property owners.

Trees are ONLY available to Minneapolis property owners.

Trees planted through this program MUST be planted on private property not within the boulevard or MPRB Right of Way.

Trees will be available for pickup at the Minneapolis Impound Lot, 51 Colfax Avenue North. You (or someone on your behalf) must pick up your tree during this time-No Exceptions.

May 16: 8:00 am until 2:00 pm

May 17: 8:00 am until 2:00 pm

May 18: 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm

It's the law to contact **Gopher State One** Call (651-454-0002) at least three days before digging. They will mark buried utility lines for your safety.

Large shade trees should be planted at least 15 feet from power lines and/or buildings.

Did you know you can save money on energy by planting your trees on the east or west side of your home?

For more information, please contact Tree Trust's Community Forestry Team at 952.767.3886 or city_trees@treetrust.org.



Sandi McDonald, Community Education Coordinator
 Waite Park Cmty. School 668-1590 sandim@mpls.k12mn

Winter Adult Classes

Register online or call 668-1590

Home Buying: First time buying workshop

Discover the advantages and disadvantages of buying HUD homes, foreclosurers and short sales. Understand the current market so you can make a smart investment in today's market. We will go from start to finish through the process of the transaction and learn the importance of negotiations to get you the best deal possible.

Waite Park 1 Wednesday
 Mar 1 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Home Buying: First time in Spanish:

¿ Estas Pensando en Comprar Casa?

toda ia informacion necesaria para la compra de una casa. Incluyendo asiencia de enganche y ITIN (Numero Identificacion Tributaria)

Waite park 1 miercoles ene 22 6:30 pm-8pm gratis

Knit & Chat

Enjoy a relaxing mourning with coffee and fellow crafters. Start a new project or finish an old one. For beginners or experts, though students should plan to come to class with a project.

Waite Park 12 Wednesdays
 9:00am-11:00am
 Donation

Aerobics: low Impact

Join our low-impact a3robics class that has easto-follow choreography to raise your metabolism and burn fat. Work on abdomen and glutes with strength training for upper body and back support.

Waoite Park 8 Mondays
 Jan 27-Mar 16 5:45 pm- 6:45 pm
 \$45
 Waite Park 8 Wednesdays
 Jan 29- Mar 18 5:45 pm-6:45 pm
 \$45
 Waite Park 8 Saturdays
 Feb 1-Mar21 8:30 am - 9:30 am
 \$45

Fit * Strong!

This exercise and behavior change program includes physical activity and education to keep participants active and independent. Fit & Strong!is an evidenced-based program designed by the University of Illinois atChicago for older adults with lower extremity, joint pain or stiffness and especially osteoarthritis. Participation in the pre- and post-surveys is optional.

Instructor will hand out detailed schedule on at first day of class.

Waite Park 12 Mon & Wed
 Jan 27-Apr 22 10:00 am-11:00 am
 Free

Minne-soh-Yai Chi

Try out this easy and fun form of Tai Chi that borrows from Yang and Sun style movements, and most importantly, incorporates a Minnesota touch. Bring your own hot dish (metaphorically speaking). Includes Qjgong (breathing) exercise.

Waite Park 3 Tuesdays
 Feb 4-Feb 18 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
 \$20

Stretch and Balance

Gain flexibility, strength and better balance through low-impact conditioning and stretches. Individual attention is provided and is not for those needing private lessons or one-on-one therapy. Students must demonstrate an ability to follow directions, while working at their personal level within the struture of the class. This is a mixed level class and movements are done standing and on the floor. Please bring a floor/yoga mat.

Waite Park 8 Wednesdays
 Jan 29-Mar 18 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
 \$35

Pottery 1 Play with Clay

Introduction to pottery for one adult and one child. Work work side by side with your child to make clay projects. Supply fee included.

Waite Park 4 Saturdays
 Jan 25-Feb 15 10:30 am-12:00 pm
 \$65

Pottery 1

Master the methods of hand building, throwing pots on the wheel, glazing and firing. Limited wheel time. No open studio time.

Fee includes clay, three basic glazes, tools and firing

Waite Park 7 Mondays
 Jan 13-Feb 24 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
 \$85
 Waite Park 7 Tuesdays
 (age 3-5)
 Jan 14-Feb 25 12:30 pm-2:30 pm
 \$85

Book Club

Gather monthly for a new book that the group chooses. Call 612.668.1590 to find out book title.

Waite Park 3 Mondays
 Jan 27-Mar 16 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
 \$2 at Door

Armchair Travel

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church
 27th & Johnson Street NE
 (across the street from the fire station),
 Fellowship Hall, downstairs.
 Pre-register by calling 612.668.1590.

Travelogue: Scotland

Tour the major cities of Scotland and their castles. Highlights include pipers and dancers, a falcon demonstration, the birthplace of golf at St. Andrews, Holyrood Palace, an official residence of British Monarchy, Border Collie demonstrations, Ancient battelgrounds and Loch Ness!

1 Tuesday Feb 18
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm \$2 at Door

Travelogue: "They Remembered"

Take a trip back through time with short video interviews with old timers telling how it was. Presented by John Sweeney, himself over 90 years old.

1 Tuesday Feb 25
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm \$2 at Door

Travelogue: Nethwelands, Belgium Tulip Cruise

Tour Belgium and Netherlands at tulip time. Belgium highlights include: sites of the Olympic games, European Union headquarters, Atomium structure and the statue of a little boy who saved the city from fire! Netherlands includes Kinderdijk 17th century working windmills, a tulip farm, the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Delft porcelain factory, Keukenhof Gardens and the church in Rotterdam where the Pilgrims lived before they set out in the Mayflower to Plymouth Rock.

1 Tuesday Mar 17
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm \$2 at Door

Ongoing until Tu, 2/1/20 Registration for the Mpls. Community Connections Conference (see Sa, 2/1 below) Info: minneapolismn.gov/connectionsconf Pp. 3-5.

Ongoing until M, 3/2/20 Early voting for the Presidential Nominating Primary (T, 3/3/20--Super Tuesday) Early Vote Center, 980 E. Hennepin and Hennepin County Government Center Pp. 6 & 7.

Late January

M, 1/27/20 Most Minneapolis Community Education Winter Quarter classes begin this week. See p. 10.

M, 1/27/20 1-2:30pm Waite Park Book Club: After the Fire by Henning Mankel \$2 donation at door for Waite Park after school student scholarships.

Tu, 1/28/20 8am-4:30pm weekdays thru M, 2/3 Early Voting for House District 60A Special Election and Presidential Nomination Primary Minneapolis Early Vote Center, 980 E. Hennepin Pp. 6 & 7.

Tu, 1/28/20 10am-noon Inflammation: Friend or foe? Food Nutrition, led by Mia Bremer Call 370-4959 to register P. 8.

Tu, 1/28/20 1-2:30pm Cmty. Ed: Armchair Travel: Scandinavia Pre-register: 668-1590 Gustavus Adolphus, 1509 27th Ave. NE. P. 10

W, 1/29/20 6:30-7:30pm Pre-Session Town Hall with Senator Kari Dziedzic Bottineau Park, 2000 Northeast 2nd St.

h, 1/30/20 6-7pm Wildcat Boosters Meeting.

Th, 1/30/20 7pm Waite Park Community Council Board Meeting Agenda includes We Count Speakers: City Clerk Casey Carl and NCR Director David Rubidor--Page 1.

F, 1/31/20 Deadline for application forms for Waite Park Block Club Rebate and Safety & Security Rebate application forms Receipts must be dated on or before Dec. 31, 2019. P. 3.

February

Sa, 2/1/20 10am-3pm Early Voting for House 60A Special Election and Presidential Nomination Primary Early Vote Center, 980 East Hennepin.

Sa, 2/1/20 8am-4pm Community Connections Conference Free, including lunch from multiple restaurants Info & register: minneapolismn.gov/ncr-conf Mpls. Convention Center, 1301 2nd Ave. S. Pages 3-5.

M, 2/3/20 8am-5pm Last day of early voting for House 60A Special Election Early Vote Center, 980 East Hennepin.

M, 2/3/20 City Council PECE Cmte Meeting: CURA Presentation on Racial Equity Analysis Pp. 3.

Tu, 2/4/20 7am-8pm SPECIAL HOUSE DISTRICT 60A ELECTION PAGE 3.

W, 2/5/20 6PM WPCC ANNUAL MEETING & WINTER WARM-UP Social starts at 6pm Food & Refreshments Annual Meeting starts at 7:00 Election of Board Members and Officers. Year-long robust community assessment process Page 1.

Th, 2/6/20 6:30-8pm Housing Town Hall with Senator Dziedzic and Representative Noor Brian Coyle Community Center, 420 S. 15th Ave.

F, 2/7/20 Mpls. Public Schools request cards are due Info: Visit www.mpls.k12.mn.us or call 668-1840.

Sa, 2/8/20 10am-noon Northeast Preschool Fair Refreshments and childcare P. 9.

Sa, 2/8/20 12-4pm Hennepin County Fix-It Clinic Brooklyn Park Cmty. Activity Center, 5600 85th Ave, Brooklyn Park.

Su, 2/9/20 12-2:30pm 2nd Annual NE. Flannel Fest Info/Sledding, snow forts, and fire-building, with lots of warm inside activities and treats, plus a dog adoption event. Info/Register: www.esns.org/FlannelFest.org or 781-6011 (ESNS) Columbia Park, 3300 Central.

M, 2/10/20 5:30-7pm Public Open House and Registration for new participants for Summer Rec Plus P. 8. Registration

M, 2/10/20 6-8pm 2PAC (2nd Pct. Advisory Council) & East Side Crime Watch Meeting Cmty. Rm, Monroe Village, 1900 Central.

M, 2/10/20 Release of proposed Neighborhoods 2020 guidelines: 45-day public comment begins P. 3.

Tu, 2/11/20 NE. Senior Luncheon \$7 at door Bingo follows RSVP: Brian: 370-4770 Audubon Park, 1320 29th Ave. NE.

W, 2/12/20 Last call for MSP Home Tour nominations/applications Info: Margo Ashmore, 867-4874 or www.MSPHomeTour.com.

Th, 2/13/20 10am Waite Park School Tour.

Th, 2/13/20 4-8pm Waite Park Community School Parent Teacher Conferences.

Th, 2/13/20 6-7:30pm Waite Park Community School PTA Meeting Childcare: over 2 and toilet trained

F, 2/14/20 6:30-8pm Waite Park Community School PTA Family Dance Party & Book Bonanza Free, including the books

Sa, 2/15/20 1-3pm Pre-Session Town Hall with Sen. Dziedzic and Rep. Noor They hope the new 60A Representative can join them. Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Ave. SE.

Sa, 2/15/20 Please email WPCC by today about any significant water-related events you experienced in 2019 in 2019 P. 1.

M, 2/17/20 President's Day NO IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING School Release Day: Waite Park Rec Center opens at noon Schools & City/County/State offices closed

M, 2/17/20 11am-9pm Dine Out for Waite Park Community School Parkway Pizza, 2851 Johnson Street.

Tu, 2/18/20 1-2:30pm Cmty. Ed.: Travelogue: Scotland \$2 at door Pre-register: 668-1590 Gustavus, 1509 27th Ave NE.

Tu, 2/18/20 No School Parent-Teacher Conference Day.

Sa, 2/22/20 9am-4pm Early voting for the Presidential Nomination Primary Early Vote Center, 980 E. Hennepin.

M, 2/24/20 1-2:30pm Waite Park Book Club: The Atomic City Girls by Janet Beard \$2 donation at door for Waite Park after-school student scholarships.

Tu, 2/25/20 10am-noon Food Nutrition, led by Mia Bremer Call 370-4959 to register P. 8.

Tu, 2/25/20 1-2:30pm Cmty. Ed. Armchair Travel: They Remembered Presented by John Sweeney \$2 at door Pre-register: 668-1590 Gustavus, 1509 27th Ave. NE.

Tu, 2/25/20 7pm POLITICAL PARTY PRECINCT CAUCUSES Info & locations: mnvotes.org. P. 7.

W, 2/26/20 noon MPRB Spring & Summer Program Registration begins See page 8.

Th, 2/27/20 6-7pm Wildcat Boosters Meeting.

Th, 2/27/20 7pm Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) Board Meeting Agenda includes Stormwater Management in basements and yards with City Council Member Kevin Reich P. 1.

Sa, 2/29/20 9am-4pm Early Voting for the Presidential Nomination Primary Early Vote Center, 980 East Hennepin.

Mark Your Calendar--We count: Voting & Census

Monday, March 2 8am-5pm Last day of Early voting for the Presidential Nomination Primary 980 E. Hennepin Pp 6 & 7.

Tuesday, March 3 7am-8pm MINNESOTA PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY ["SUPER TUESDAY"] Pct. 1-2 (North of 32nd Ave.): Waite Park Rec. Center, 1810 34th Ave. NE. Pct. 1-3 (South of 32nd Ave.): Northeast Middle School, 2955 Hayes St. NE. Pp. 6 & 7.

Wednesday, April 1 U.S. CENSUS DAY

The Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by the WPCC. Should you require child care or an accommodation in order to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at (612) 789-5104 at least three days before our event. You may contact us through Minnesota Relay Services at 1-800-627-3529.



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Sing, Play, Learn!

Saturdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Feb. 1-22

For children ages 1-5. Hands-on musical play activities led by early childhood music specialists will let your family experience music's impact on learning and reading readiness. Together you will sing, rhyme, read, move and create! **Note: Please register each child attending. A maximum of two caregivers per registered child may also attend.**

Collaborator: MacPhail Center for Music. Funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

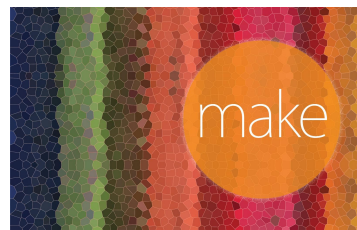
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Northeast Library Chinese Calligraphy

Saturday, February 1, 2:00 – 4 p.m.
 Learn how to write Chinese characters in this interactive calligraphy lesson. Try using authentic ink and brushes, while also discovering the history and principles behind Chinese writing. Partner: Minnesota Taiwanese Cultural Services Center. Funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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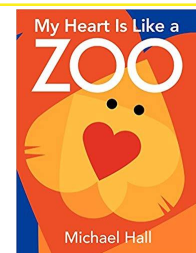
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Maker Monday

Mondays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 *No Maker Monday on MPS school release days

Grades 6-12. Have a snack and make something cool! It might be a building challenge, a piece of jewelry, a work of art, or something totally off-the-wall. Drop in to find out what we're making!

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Artsy Playdate: My Heart is Like a Zoo

Friday, Feb. 14, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
 For kids of all ages and a caregiver. Create (he)art projects together with the whole family! We'll start with a story, but feel free to drop in at any time. Materials provided.

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