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Message FROM THE MAYOR

Good day,

It is still early, but as I write this, the days are getting longer, and the temperatures are slowly getting warmer, all indicating that things are changing and we are just a few short weeks away from spring!

Thoughts of spring stir the City's focus to spring infrastructure projects. The usual array of seal coating and mill and overlay projects will be part of our ongoing pavement replacement plan. The Council also recently let the bids for the reconstruction of McKinley Ave, one of the few remaining streets in lower North in need of rehabilitation. We will be completely rebuilding this street and will be adding a sidewalk along the north side to provide better pedestrian access to Spring Lake Park. However, due to some of the unique housing setback challenges along the south side, the new sidewalk will only be located on the north side. We are also planning on rebuilding Lor Ray Dr. from White Oak Dr. north to the Reserve, converting that county lane into a city street complete with streetlights, a sidewalk on one side, and a trail along the other, much like what the City did last year with Countryside Dr. We also intend to finish paving the Mary Ln. trail to Spring Lake Park that was weather-delayed last fall. Adding these pedestrian/bicycle accommodations is in keeping with the City's complete streets policy on reconstructions, and will continue our efforts to connect all our parks and schools for improved student safety.

The City will also be completing the rehabilitation work at Caswell Softball Park. The remodeling and upgrading of the concession stand and restrooms have continued over the winter. However, due to excessively high bid prices, the City delayed the other work and rebid earlier this year. Thankfully, the rebids brought more favorable pricing, so we will proceed with installing new lights on fields 1 to 4, new fencing, expanding the dugouts, and adding additional covered bleachers. We will also update the scoreboards, enhance the Wi-Fi, and provide game streaming capabilities like what we have done at the Caswell North Soccer Park. Also, thanks to a generous matching donation of \$150,000 from the Ward family, we will be adding a 5500 square ft splash pad contiguous with the other abled Fallenstein playground that we hope to have open by midsummer. This long-sought community quality of life amenity will further enhance the Fallenstein playground as the best kids' facility in the Greater Mankato area.

Our City Council, staff, and lobbyists continue to seek legislative approval of our \$8.5 million bonding request to add our 110,000 ft 2 indoor recreation facility along Caswell Softball Park's western border, North of the Fallenstein playground. This facility will add six tennis courts/12 pickleball courts, and eight high school basketball courts/16 volleyball or youth basketball courts, providing needed indoor recreation space for our entire community. This has been a long process since I originally initiated this conversation in 2013 to stimulate additional economic development by converting Caswell Park to a year-round facility instead of only a 6-month park.

I would also like to announce the return of the North Mankato curbside spring pick-up for all those treasures you have been saving during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council is aware of the citizens' desire to restore the curbside event, and our staff believes it is now safe to do so. The City staff will be cruising lower North Mankato from April 18th to 22nd and upper North from April 25th to 29th. Therefore, now is the time to gather and polish up those treasures you are willing to part with and share with your neighbors. North Mankato is also looking forward to hosting a full slate of summertime festivities again. Bunnies on Belgrade will kick the season off on Saturday, April 9th. This is an adult fundraiser for the Boy Scouts sponsored by our Business on Belgrade association. Bookin' on Belgrade, our nearly 5k family fun run supporting the Taylor Library, is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st. The Art Splash, also supporting the library, will again be at South Central College on June 18th. Our premier event, North Mankato Fun Days, will be held on July 7th - 10th with all its usual features, including the Family Fun Show, rides, the North Mankato Fire Department's beer garden with bands, and the must-watch parade. Blues on Belgrade, our top-notch free outdoor music festival, will be held on Saturday, July 30th. The season will close with Bier on Belgrade on September 24th as North Mankato celebrates Oktoberfest! Movies in the Park return on June 17th in Spring Lake Park and August 5th in Benson Park. There will also be a variety of library, Spring Lake Park pool, and Music in the Park events sprinkled throughout the summer as well. With all these activities available to enjoy our community and socialize with your neighbors, it is important that you keep abreast of what's happening through our City enews, social media outlets, and/or through our Nixle alert system available on the City's website at

www.northmankato.com.

While this is a fairly comprehensive list of all the significant activities that are on the City's immediate horizon, I would be remiss if I failed to thank our competent and dedicated City staff for all they do to ensure that all this activity comes off seamlessly to benefit all our citizens. It takes the coordinated activity of our volunteers, police and fire departments, and every staff person in the office, Street, Water, and Library departments for all these events to come together. Please thank them as you see them out and about, as it is their excellent work that sustains North Mankato as a Darn Nice Area, one of the best small cities in MN and definitely a great place to live, work and raise your family.

Finally, as I mentioned at the beginning of this update, we are entering a season of change. Therefore, it is with regret that we say farewell to City Administrator John Harrenstein and his family. John has done a terrific job of advancing the interests of North Mankato through his leadership these past nine years. He has done an excellent job executing the directives of the Council, from the remodeling of the Spring Lake Park pool and Caswell Park to the completion of several significant infrastructure projects. Mr. Harrenstein and the team he has developed have restored the City's financial health with solid financial policies, debt management strategies, and appropriate enterprise fund reserves. They have led technology improvements and communication efforts to improve our customer interface. Together with the Council, we have also positioned North Mankato for the future by adopting our strategic plan, comprehensive land-use plan, pavement replacement plan, park plan, and more. Thank you, Mr. Harrenstein, for moving North Mankato toward a brighter future. We wish you "Bon Chance" in your future endeavors.

Personally, I want to thank each of you again for your ongoing support of my efforts to advocate for the City of North Mankato. I continue to enjoy being Mayor, now in my 12th year. However, I will continue to do all I can to work for our citizens and City as we pursue the quality-of-life initiatives and infrastructure we need to attain the future we desire, no matter what my future role is.

Respectfully,

Dr. Mark D. Dehen
Mayor, City of North Mankato

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MAYOR/COUNCIL Member Requests

If there is an event you would like the North Mankato Mayor or a Council Member to attend, please contact April Van Genderen.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The City of North Mankato is constantly working to improve the quality of life for its citizens. This is accomplished through various planning initiatives undertaken by the Community Development Department and City Administration, often in conjunction with area planning partners. Planning initiatives are usually extensive, targeted over a specific growth location, area of commerce, or vital transportation corridor in our community, and can take several months to over a year to complete in some instances. Plans, studies, and other city planning initiatives require robust public involvement. City staff relies not only on area stakeholders (those property and/or business owners with potential for direct impacts) but all citizens for input to shape a vision for the future. This ensures community needs and desires are reflected in the vision.

Citizens help guide:

- City Growth Planning
- Parks and Recreation Planning
- Area Development and Redevelopment Planning
- City Ordinance Development
- Transportation Improvement Planning

This list is not exhaustive. All efforts aim to maximize the quality of life for North Mankato residents. The following table outlines current and upcoming planning initiatives underway in the city:

Planning Effort	Anticipated Completion*	Description
Highway 169 Corridor Study	March 2022	This has concluded, and a final presentation was delivered to the City Council at the March 7th regular meeting. The study makes recommendations for intersection improvements at the Webster Avenue/Highway 169 intersection and other improvements to the highway as it traverses through Mankato/North Mankato.
Highway 169 Corridor Study	Early- to Mid-2023	The city is currently updating its 2015 Comprehensive Plan to understand the state of the community and identify future planning needs.
Lookout Drive Corridor Study	November 2022	A complete study of Lookout Drive from Lee Boulevard to Somerset Lane will identify roadway and intersection improvements to accommodate future needs.
Lookout Drive Area Plan	November 2022	This plan will run concurrently with the Lookout Drive Corridor Study and will identify a vision for the land uses surrounding Lookout Drive.
Highway 14 Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Study	October 2021	This feasibility study has concluded, and a final presentation was delivered to the City Council at the March 7th regular meeting. The study shows three options and cost estimates for constructing a pedestrian bridge over Highway 14, connecting Commerce Drive to Caswell Park.
Greater Mankato Trail Systems Wayfinding Signage	2022	North Mankato will incorporate wayfinding signage providing new identification of the trail system in the city. This also includes collaboration with the City of Mankato on broader connections and shared system branding for the Greater Mankato Trail Systems to promote "cyclo-tourism" in the area.

*Dates are subject to change

If you have any questions about city planning initiatives, don't hesitate to contact Matt Lassonde, City Planner, at 507-514-6456 or matthewl@northmankato.com.

AUTOMATIC WATER METER

The City has installed 827 new meters since January 1, 2019, when the City transitioned to an automatic read meter as the new standard meter. Property owners can replace their current manual read meter with the automatic water meter if desired. If you are interested in a new automatic water meter, contact your plumber, but if you want City staff to install the meter, please visit www.northmankato.com to place your name on the waiting list or call 507-625-4141 to sign-up.



ROSS GULLICKSON

Chief of Police
City of North Mankato

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

May is National Safety Awareness Month. It's a time to call awareness to the dangers and vulnerabilities motorcycle riders face on our roadways and what drivers of cars and motorcycles can do to increase safety.

HERE ARE SOME SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER.

1. Look. And then look again. Most crashes occur when a driver fails to see a motorcyclist at intersections or in the vehicle's blind spots.
2. Motorcycle riders should also be mindful of these blind spots and not position themselves in areas that are hard to see.
3. All drivers should anticipate the flow of traffic. Looking as far forward as possible will afford all drivers more time to react. This is significantly increased when all drivers properly signal their turns of change of lane intentions.
4. Motorcycle riders should be especially aware of weather and road conditions. These factors can impact everyone's safety on the roadways but especially motorcycles.

NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

"Road construction season" is upon us, and although drivers should be mindful of work zones EVERY day of the week, April 11 - 15 highlights the need for drivers to be hyper-aware as they approach work zones. Those working along the roadways are dads, moms, brothers, sisters, husbands, and wives. They are doing their job, and we all need to ensure their

safety as they put themselves out into sometimes dangerous situations along busy roadways. Pay attention to the orange diamond-shaped signs or electronic signs. Stay alert and make sure you know all the surroundings, including people and equipment. Minimize distractions. Don't answer a call, and don't change your radio while traveling through a work zone. Drive slowly and carefully and always obey the posted speed limits.

PURGE YOUR PILLS!

Have a medicine chest collecting so many old prescriptions that you cannot find room for your toothbrush? North Mankato residents can bring their unused or expired medications to the prescription drop-off box located at the North Mankato Police Dept, 1001 Belgrade Ave. The drop-off box is available Mon-Fri from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Please be advised that sharps/needles/syringes are not accepted. These items present an exposure risk to our staff. Medications should be in the original container or prescription bottle, but any personal identifying information should be removed. The name of the medication should be left on the container. If necessary, use Ziploc bags or other transparent containers if dropping off multiple medications.

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9:00 a.m.
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Police Annex

Important information regarding property assessments. This may affect your 2023 property taxes. The Board of Appeal and Equalization of the City of North Mankato in Nicollet County, MN, will meet in the Police Annex at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st day of April 2022. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the City has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office at 507-934-7060 to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after conferring with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your county board of appeal and equalization.

THE fire SCENE by CHIEF JAMES ZWASCHKA

Greetings from the North Mankato Fire Department. I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to you as your community's Fire Chief. My name is James Zwaschka, and I've been a proud member of the department since 1999 and have lived in North Mankato since 1985. Our mission statement to the citizens of North Mankato confirms that we are committed to protecting the lives and property of the community through dedication to training, public education, and emergency preparedness. Our vision is to strive to be recognized as leaders in our profession and role models in our community. We work as a cohesive team in support of our mission.

Having witnessed this cohesive team work together to support our mission in incident responses, public education, and dedication to lives and property, I would like you to know your North Mankato Fire Department. Responding from Station #1 are Lt. Jacob Bobholz, Shane Bruning, Tom Eesley, Mark Penner, Tom Rauchman, Nate Ruch, Capt. Greg Schumacher, Tim Senne, Lloyd Starkson, Torrey Walrath, Asst. Chief Eric Van Eps, and Chief James Zwaschka.

Responding from Station #2 are Roger Barrett, Jordan Carver, Jake Cummiskey, Lt. Mike Fasnacht, Joel Faugstad, Jim Freitag, Dan Giefer, Jay Hewlett, Safety Officer Ed Hoffman, Rich Inman, Kevin Johnson, JR Slater, Capt. Cory Sletten, Training Officer Dan Stromquist, Mike Stuve, Lt. Greg Thate, TJ Tiesler, and Dave Vershelde.

Minnesota has an emphasis on making sure our 774 fire departments in the state have

the opportunity to find members. Go to www.mnfirehire.com where you will see testimonial videos and information about being a firefighter in Minnesota. Our department would like to add a few good people to our community. We are looking for our next group of new firefighters. If you or someone you know is interested in serving the community in an impactful and meaningful way, check us out online. An online application is available www.northmankato.com/fire or stop by city hall at 1001 Belgrade Avenue to pick up an application. Once you have completed and returned the application, we will contact you. An informal meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on April 19th at fire station #2, 1825 Howard Drive. Come join us with your questions. If you have other questions, contact me at nmfdchief@northmankato.com or leave a message at station 507-625-5378, and I will return your call.

If your carbon monoxide detector is emitting short beeps or displaying an error message, it may signal an end of life to the unit. Typically, CO detectors have a 5-10 years lifespan, depending on the manufacturer. The meaning of the signals is written in fine print on the back, along with the date of manufacture.

One last item that you can assist the Fire Department, Police Department, and Ambulance with is making sure that your home is identified. Take a moment the next time you come home and look at the house numbers to see if they are visible and stand out from your surroundings, especially at night. If you call for assistance, please make sure

that you turn on a porch light or garage light to help us find your address.

If you have a fire-related question or want to know about becoming a member, leave a message at 507-625-5378, and we will return your call as soon as possible.

We hope to see you at upcoming events, open houses, parades, and public education.

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VOLUNTEER TO PLANT FLOWER BEDS

The City of North Mankato is looking for volunteers to help plant the City's flower beds. Each year the City plants flowers to beautify the City and needs assistance to complete the plantings. If you are interested in offering your services to plant these beautiful flower beds, don't hesitate to contact Parks Superintendent Duane Rader at 507-625-4141. Planting will be completed in May, and you will be contacted with planting dates.

THE EMERALD ASH BORER

WHAT IS IT?

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an exotic beetle that is metallic green, about ½ inch long and attacks and kills ash trees. The larvae feed on the inner bark of these trees, destroying the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients and killing the tree altogether.

HOW DID IT ARRIVE IN NICOLLET COUNTY?

- EAB was first discovered in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in the summer of 2002. It is believed that it arrived in the United States on solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes originating in its native Asia.
- EAB was found in Minnesota on May 13, 2009, in the city of Saint Paul and has since spread throughout Minnesota. There are now 30 counties in the state with EAB, and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has confirmed it has been found in Nicollet County.

WHAT ARE THE CITY'S NEXT STEPS?

- The Public Works Department continues to inspect public and private properties, both on request and during routine inspections.
- Suspect trees are carefully analyzed using sampling mechanisms consistent with MDA guidelines that include visually looking at all parts of the tree, branch removal, and bark shaving with a drawknife.
- The City has adopted a proactive "Structured Removal Plan" of ash trees to slow the spread of EAB by reducing host trees. Staff are removing those in decline and those requested to be removed in anticipation of the larger loss of the entire ash population.


WHAT SHOULD NORTH MANKATO RESIDENTS DO?

For additional information, visit northmankato.com/eab or call the North Mankato Parks Department at 507-625-4141.

- Monitor the health of the ash trees on your private property or about town.
- Look for woodpeckers around ash trees (they like to feed on the EAB larvae).
- Watch for bark cracks in ash trees. EAB larvae tunneling beneath the bark can cause the bark to split open.
- Look for S-shaped galleries under the

bark and for small, D-shaped exit holes in the crown of the tree.

- Dispose of ash tree debris at the North Mankato Compost Site located at 600 Webster Ave.
- Do not cut or trim ash trees during the EAB's active time of year: from May 1st through September 31st.
- Don't import or move firewood unless it's MDA Certified.



EFFICIENT LAWN WATERING PRACTICES

Summer lawn watering creates significant demands on the City's water utilities. Watering can also create a larger demand on a resident's pocketbook to pay for the increased water usage. Water customers can save money by using water more efficiently. These efficient lawn watering practices can help maintain a beautiful yard and conserve valuable water supplies.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Adjust sprinklers to water-only grass areas and not impervious surfaces such as streets, driveways, and walkways.

- Mow grass to a height of 2½ to 3 inches. Taller grass shades the roots and soil surface, which reduces the amount of water lost to evaporation.
- Use sprinklers that spray low large drops vs. high fine ones.
- Use handheld soakers for small trees, shrubs, and plants.
- Use shut-off nozzles on hoses and repair leaky hoses and fittings.
- Know your grass. Different grass types require different amounts of water.
- Speak with a lawn care professional to determine the amount of water your type needs.
- Know your soil.
 - Sandy soil absorbs water quickly: needs less water more frequently.
 - Loamy soil absorbs water evenly, without puddling or runoff.
 - Clay soil absorbs water

slowly; it can cause runoff when water is applied too quickly and holds moisture longer.

WHEN TO WATER

About one inch of water per week (including precipitation) is adequate for maintaining a healthy lawn. Use a can or rain gauge to determine the amount of water applied by the sprinkling system and supplied by rainfall.

- Don't use a fixed schedule for lawn watering.
- Apply water only when it is needed. Overwatering can promote diseases and affect the health of the lawn.
- A simple test for determining if the grass needs water is to walk on the lawn, and if you leave foot prints, it may be time to water the lawn.
- A good soaking once or twice a week is better than watering every day.
- Allowing the soil to dry between watering will allow the roots to grow to greater depths and help make turf more drought tolerant.

BEST TIME FOR LAWN WATERING

- Water during the cool part of the day to minimize water lost to evaporation.
- Early morning hours (4 a.m. to 8 a.m.) are the best, and the peak water consumption hours (4 p.m. to 9 p.m.) should be avoided.
- Avoid watering during midday hours when it is hot and sunny to prevent scalding the turf.
- Watering at night is not recommended because the lawn stays wet for a long period, promoting diseases and affecting your lawn's health.

17th Annual

Art Splash

June 18th, 2022
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Kids Activities

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The City is now hiring summer seasonal workers!

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- Caswell Sports Officials for Summer Softball & Sand Volleyball Games
 - Caswell Parks Maintenance & Concessions Staff
- Caswell Sports Youth Recreation Coaches & Staff
 - Public Works Staff (Streets & Parks Departments)
- Swim Facility Attendants/Concession Workers & Lifeguards
 - Taylor Library Student Workers

INTERESTED IN APPLYING?

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CITY ANNOUNCEMENT

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

APRIL 4TH - 22ND


The North Mankato Water Department will be flushing water mains for both the valley and hilltop areas.

Flushing will occur for both the valley and the hilltop April 4th - 8th, 2022, and the hilltop will finish April 11th - 22nd, 2022.

Water main flushing is done twice a year to remove sediment and minerals that may have accumulated in the water mains. You may notice some discoloration of the water during the period we are working in your area. The water is safe to drink; however, we suggest that you refrain from laundering clothes for several hours until the water has had a chance to settle out, as the water may stain.

When the Water Department is actively flushing a hydrant, do not drive through the water. The water leaves the hydrant at a high rate of speed and can cause damage to your vehicle.

QUESTIONS? CALL 507-625-4141



SWIM FACILITY PASSES ON SALE!

Take advantage of early bird discounts and purchase your swim pass to the Swim Facility! Visit www.swimnorthmankato.com/admission to see 2022 pre-season pass pricing and to purchase passes and punch cards. Prices will increase April 15th so don't wait!



COMING TO CASWELL sports

Caswell Park will be completing improvements this Summer thanks to the Minnesota State Legislature's awarding of 2 million bonding dollars to the City of North Mankato. This summer, construction will be underway to make the following updates to Caswell Park:

- Replacement of field lighting, fencing, PA system, knee wall & backstop netting
- Upgraded concessions, restrooms, score boards and seating
- Installation of new gateway signage & entryway monuments

Keep watch for more construction updates and check out the new features as they are completed!

To learn more about these improvements, visit www.caswellsports.com/bondingrequest.

DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE HIGH WATER USAGE???

Culprits of unexplained high consumption

A running/leaky toilet | Water softener
Outdoor watering

Don't let your toilet waste water.

A silent leak in your toilet can waste several thousand gallons of high-quality water each year and place unnecessary demands on your sewer system or septic tank.

Follow these easy steps to discover if your toilet leaks.

1. Lift off the lid from your toilet tank.
2. Place 3 or 4 drops of ordinary food coloring into the toilet tank (note- do not use dye - it could stain).
3. Do not flush the toilet for 2 hours or longer.
4. If the color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak.

You can check for leaks by watching your water meter.

This can be done either overnight or during the day when you know there will be no water used.

1. Read your meter before going to bed or before leaving for the day.
2. Reread it when you first get up or get home.
3. There should be NO change. If there is, you have a leak.

You may need a plumber.



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NORTH MANKATO TAYLOR LIBRARY SUMMER READING 2022 PREVIEW

June
Saturday, June 4th
Summer Reading Kick-Off

Thursday, June 9th 10:00am
OZ Brothers

Friday, June 10th 6:35pm
North Mankato Taylor Library
Nonprofit Night
@ Mankato Moondogs game
*purchase your ticket
at the library!*

Thursday, June 16th
10:00am
Dollypops

Friday, June 17th @ dusk
Movies in the Park
@ Spring Lake Park

Saturday, June 18th 11-3pm
Art Splash @ SCC

Thursday, June 23rd 10am
Kenny Ahearn Comedy Show

Wednesday, June 29th 10am, 2pm, 6pm
ARTifact Pottery Workshop

July
Thursdays in July 5-7pm
Music in the Park @ Wheeler Park

Tuesday, July 19th 6:00pm
Be a Bookaneer with Toby Klauenberg

Monday, July 18th 6pm
Ice Cream Social

Friday, July 22nd 6-9pm
Adult Murder Mystery
@ North Mankato
Swim Facility

Thursday, July 28th
10:00am
Duke Otherwise Music Show

August
Tuesday, August 2nd
National Night Out @ Storybook Park

Friday, August 5th @ dusk
Movies in the Park @ Benson Park

RECURRING EVENTS:

Mondays @ 9:30am - Read & Play
Mondays @ 4pm - Bingo at the Pool
Tuesdays @ 9:30am - Storytime at the Pool
Wednesdays @ 10am - Kids Crafts
Monthly Tween/Teen DIY
Monthly Free Food Friday
Monthly Adult Craft Nights

MORE TO COME!

NORTH MANKATO
Taylor Library



NOW HIRING ELECTION JUDGES!



YOUR RIGHT. YOUR VOTE. SERVE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE. THE CITY IS NOW HIRING ELECTION JUDGES!

2022 Election Dates:

Primary Election - August 9, 2022

General Election - November 8, 2022

Election judges are essential to our democracy. They are the officials that serve the voters in the local polling places, administer election procedures, and ensure the rights of voters are protected on Election Day. Serving as an election judge provides the opportunity to learn about the election process and is an important service to our community. Help move democracy forward by becoming an Election Judge!

Qualifications to be an Election Judge:

- Eligible to vote in Minnesota
- Must be able to read, write, and speak English
- Complete training course
- Must not be a candidate on the ballot in the precinct
- Must not be related to, or living in the home of a candidate on the ballot in the precinct

Interested? Call April Van Genderen at 507-625-4141.



Coming Soon to North Mankato!

The City of North Mankato is excited to announce the installation of a Splash Pad in upper North Mankato. This Splash Pad is made possible by a generous donation from the Ward Family Foundation of \$150,000 to be matched with city funds. The City Council reviewed and approved the project proposal at their January 18th meeting and City staff are now finalizing design documents and logistics to prepare for installation. The Splash Pad will be located next to Fallenstein Playground at 1875 Howard Dr. and is anticipated to open in the summer of 2022. Stay tuned for more details and a date for the grand opening! Questions about the project? Call 507-625-4141.



Nicollet County Commissioner - District 3 2022 SPECIAL ELECTION

NICOLLET COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 SPECIAL ELECTION

Only for North Mankato Residents
in Precincts 1, 2 & 3

Tuesday, April 12th, 2022: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
This special election will be held on Tuesday, April 12th, for the purpose of electing an official for the office of Nicollet County Commissioner District 3. Absentee voting is open now through April 11th. To request a ballot, visit www.co.nicollet.mn.us/161/Election-Voter-Registration. To view sample ballots, review which precinct you reside in, and find out more information about the election, visit northmankato.com/elections.

QUESTIONS? CALL 507-625-4141

2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

BUNNIES ON BELGRADE

Saturday, April 9th, 2022
from 4:00 - 7:00pm.

Located on Belgrade Ave.

MAY

BOOKIN' ON BELGRADE

Saturday, May 21st, 2022 at 9:00am.

Located at the
North Mankato Taylor Library

JUNE

NORTH MANKATO FARMERS' MARKET

Mondays in June - October from
3:00 - 6:00pm. Located at South Central
College - 1920 Lee Blvd.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Friday, June 17th, 2022 at 8:00pm.

Located at Spring Lake Park.

ARTSPLASH

Saturday, June 18th, 2022
from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Located at
South Central College - 1920 Lee Blvd.

LET'S POLLINATE!

Saturday, June 25th, 2022 from
9:00am - noon.

Located at Benson Park.

JULY

NORTH MANKATO FUN DAYS CELEBRATION

July 6th - 10th, 2022.

Located at Wheeler Park.

BLUES ON BELGRADE

Saturday, July 30th, 2022

from noon - 11:00pm.

Located on Belgrade Ave.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Thursdays in July. (July 14th, 21st, 28th)
from 5:30 - 7:30pm.

Located at Wheeler Park.

AUGUST

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Friday, August 5th at 8:00pm.

Located at Benson Park.

SEPTEMBER

SYMPHONY ON THE PRAIRIE

Saturday, September 10th at 6:00pm.

Located at Benson Park.

BIER ON BELGRADE

Saturday, September 24th from
2:00 - 8:00pm. Located on Belgrade Ave.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

(Thursdays in September.)

September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th) from
5:30 - 7:30pm. Located at Wheeler Park.