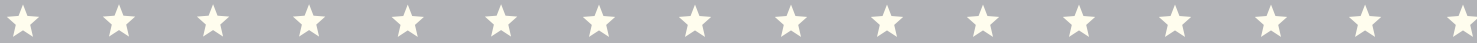


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Thank you for your service!

2018 Highlights

Over 1,700 election judges were assigned to work in the 2018 state primary and general elections in Ramsey County. Of the judges assigned, around 440 were students from our local high schools. We worked with teachers in all public schools in Ramsey County to recruit student judges, and we will continue our work in 2019 and 2020 with charter and private schools.

In 2018, we hosted early voting at 11 countywide locations for the primary and 12 for the general election. We also worked with one of our community partners, LeadMN, to place an early voting location at Saint Paul College for a day of early voting, a successful event that garnered great feedback from the community! In 2019, we will open eight countywide locations for a full week of early voting and three locations for a single day of early voting.

In March 2019, we created an annual report to highlight 2018 data in the areas of voter registration, absentee voting, voter outreach, and election judges: <https://opendata.ramseycounty.us/stories/s/7tdn-3jq8>. Thank you for contributing your time and efforts to a successful year that we are proud to showcase. We look forward to what we will accomplish together in 2019 and 2020!

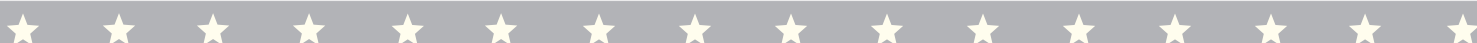
2019 & 2020: What you need to know

There is potential for an August primary for parts of Ramsey County in 2019: White Bear Lake city offices, I.S.D. 624, and a county special for County Commissioner District 1. The primary will not be confirmed until June after the candidate filing period closes.

Interest letters for the 2019 general election and the 2020 presidential primary will be sent out at the start of June. Assignment letters for the November municipal and school district election will not be sent out until July. Training will occur late September through October. See page two for information on the presidential primary.

2019-2020 Calendar

Start of June	Interest letters emailed
July	Primary assignment letters sent – sign up for training
August 13	Primary, polls open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
October	Election judge training
November 5	General election, polls open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
March 3, 2020	Presidential primary
August 11, 2020	State primary
November 3, 2020	State general election



Electronic pollbooks are coming to all precincts in 2019!

Streamlining our process to bring voting into the future

As of today, 36 counties in Minnesota are using electronic pollbooks, and we want to join them in 2019. The device is a searchable electronic roster which replaces the paper roster. Data is gathered and transmitted between devices on a secure, encrypted network. With electronic pollbooks, voter transactions are quicker and lines are reduced. Ramsey County has been piloting the devices in three Ramsey County precincts since 2013 with great success and feedback from judges. All judges who work in 2019 will be trained to use the Poll Pad (see images to the right). Additional training will be offered in February before the presidential primary.

Okay, so we have referred to the presidential primary a lot now...

What's the presidential primary?

In 2016, the Minnesota legislature passed legislation establishing a "presidential nomination primary" as the method to select nominees as major party presidential candidates. The Minnesota parties must abide by the results of the presidential primary and send delegates to represent each major party's elected nominee at each party's national convention. This event replaces a caucus only for the office of president. Parties will still hold precinct caucuses and local and state nominating conventions to conduct other party business.

The parties decided the date of the presidential primary will be March 3, 2020. We expect that turnout will be high for this event, so we want all hands on deck! This will be the first event of its kind in Minnesota since 1992, and we will be gracious for your help assisting voters as they navigate this new process.

Which brings us to...

We are recruiting!

We have begun our recruitment efforts for election judges to serve in 2019 and 2020. Please pass the word to your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, students, employees, and so on. We need bilingual judges! If you are currently an election judge and speak a second language, we may use your help as an interpreter on Election Day, too. Please contact our office if you are interested in this opportunity. To get more information and sign up to be an election judge, visit our website at rcelections.org.



What's on the ballot in November 2019?

City offices

- Falcon Heights
 - Mayor
 - Council Member (2)
- Saint Anthony
 - Mayor
 - Council Member (2)
- Saint Paul
 - Council Member (7)
- White Bear Lake
 - Council Member (3)

School board offices

- I.S.D. 282 - Saint Anthony-New Brighton Area
- I.S.D. 621 - Mounds View Area
- I.S.D. 623 - Roseville Area
- I.S.D. 624 - White Bear Lake Area
- I.S.D. 625 - Saint Paul