



NOVEMBER 7 IS ELECTION DAY IN BLOOMINGTON

City races on the ballot are Mayor, Council Member At-Large, Council Member At-Large (two-year term), and all four District Council Members, *see page 2*, and a school board race. There will also be three local sales tax questions, *see page 3*.

EARLY VOTING STARTS SEPTEMBER 22

Bloomington residents can vote early, in-person starting September 22. Voting hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. Additional hours will be offered Saturday, November 4, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Monday, November 6, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Starting October 20, in-person early voters are allowed to place their ballots through a ballot counter instead of sealing them into an envelope for later processing. This allows the voters to watch as their ballots are counted and to be made aware of any errors detected by the ballot counter.

VOTE BY MAIL

Hennepin County issues all mailed absentee ballots. To request a mailed ballot, visit hennepin.us/elections. Mailed ballots can be returned to Hennepin County through the mail or returned in-person at Civic Plaza. All mail-in ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 7.

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

On Election Day, you can cast your ballot at your polling place. Bloomington has 31 polling places located throughout the city. Where you live determines where you vote. To find your polling place location, *see page 4* or visit mnvotes.org.

VIEW YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT

See what is on your ballot before you vote. Sample ballots are available from mnvotes.org. You can also stop by Civic Plaza during voting hours to view or pick up a sample ballot.

REGISTER TO VOTE

In order to vote, you must be registered. You can register before or on Election Day. To be eligible to vote in Minnesota, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be at least 18 years old before Election Day.
- Be a Minnesota resident for at least 20 days on Election Day.
- Maintain residence at the address on the voter registration application.
- Not be currently incarcerated for a felony conviction.

You may need to re-register if you have:

- Moved to a different address (even if only the apartment number has changed).
- Changed your name.
- Have not voted once within the last four years.

PRE-REGISTRATION

You can register to vote before Election Day if you **apply by October 17**. After that date, you must register at your polling place on Election Day or while voting early in-person or by mail. Once you are registered, you will receive a postcard with your voting information, and your name will appear on the list of pre-registered voters at your polling place. To register, you can complete an online application at mnvotes.org or register in-person at the Bloomington Civic Plaza.

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

You can register to vote at your polling place on Election Day or when voting early by showing valid proof of residence and completing a voter registration application. Visit mnvotes.org for a complete list of acceptable proofs of residence.

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WHAT IS RANKED CHOICE VOTING?

Ranked choice voting allows you to rank multiple candidates in order of preference. This voting method combines the primary and general election into one event. Simply put, you have the chance to say “If my first-choice candidate is not elected, this is my second choice (or third choice) for who I would like to see elected.”

WHAT RACES ON THE BALLOT WILL USE RANKED CHOICE VOTING?

- Mayor
- City Council Member At-Large
- City Council Member At-Large (special election, two-year term)
- Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 Council Members

HOW MANY CANDIDATES CAN I RANK?

You will be allowed to rank up to three candidates in each race. The number of rankings on the ballot equals the number of candidates that have filed for office, with a maximum number of three rankings allowed.

HOW TO COMPLETE A RANKED CHOICE BALLOT

Council Member District III		Rank your first, second and third choices in the columns below. One to be elected.			
1	1st Choice, if any. Select One	2	2nd Choice, if any. Select One	3	3rd Choice, if any. Select One
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	STEP 1		STEP 2		STEP 3

STEP 1:

CHOOSE YOUR TOP CANDIDATE. THIS IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE CANDIDATE AND WILL BE THE VOTE THAT IS CONSIDERED FIRST.

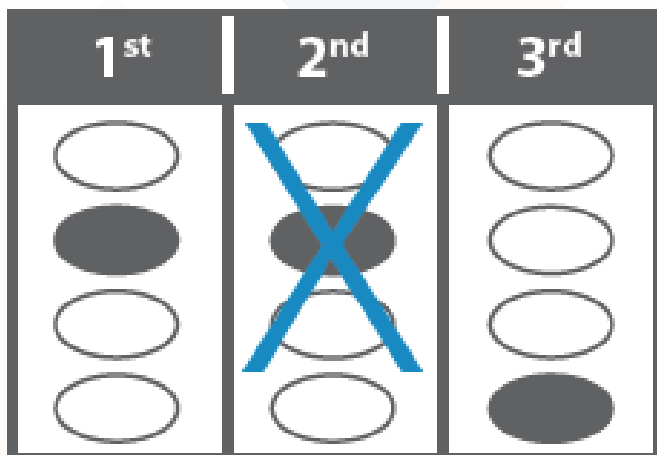
STEP 2:

IF YOU HAVE A SECOND CHOICE (NOT REQUIRED), YOU MAY SELECT ANOTHER CANDIDATE.

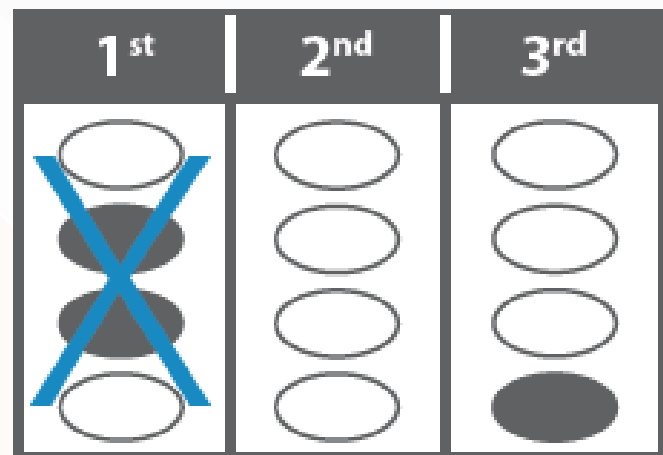
STEP 3:

IF YOU HAVE A THIRD CHOICE (NOT REQUIRED), YOU MAY SELECT ANOTHER CANDIDATE.

BALLOT ERRORS



VOTING FOR THE SAME CANDIDATE IN MORE THAN ONE RANKING HAS THE SAME EFFECT AS VOTING FOR THAT CANDIDATE ONCE.



DO NOT VOTE FOR MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE IN THE SAME RANKING.

The city races on the ballot will have up to three columns for each office, listing every candidate. You will complete the ballot from left to right and top to bottom, indicating your first choice for each race by filling in the oval next to the candidate’s name in the first-choice column. If you wish to rank second or third choice, you will select them in the corresponding columns on the ballot. Visit mnvotes.org to view your sample ballot.

HOW WILL MY VOTE BE COUNTED?

On election night, first-choice votes are counted. If no candidate has a majority of the votes (more than 50%), the candidate with the least number of first-choice votes is eliminated. Voters who picked the eliminated candidate as their first choice will have their second-choice vote counted instead. This process repeats until one candidate has a majority. Read more about ranked choice voting at blm.mn/vote.

WHERE CAN I FIND ELECTION RESULTS?

After polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, all first-choice votes will be reported on mnvotes.org and a list of races that will require tabulation rounds will be posted on blm.mn/vote. If a candidate receives a majority of first-choice votes, then that candidate is elected and no additional tabulation is required. Races in which a candidate does not receive a majority of first-choice votes require additional rounds of counting. Those counting rounds begin the Wednesday after Election Day. Results are reported on blm.mn/vote. All results are unofficial until certified by the Canvassing Board.



BLOOMINGTON Forward

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

BLOOMINGTON FORWARD: A COMMITMENT TO QUALITY LIVING

Voters will decide what the future of Bloomington looks like in the November election as they consider Bloomington Forward: A commitment to quality living. It is a long-term investment plan developed after two years of gathering community input.

The City of Bloomington will ask residents to consider a half-percent local option sales tax to finance the \$159-million-dollar Bloomington Forward plan. If approved, the sales tax would generate \$155 million dollars for the three investment projects over a 20-year period. The remaining four million dollars for the projects would be provided by the State of Minnesota.

The plan focuses on three major community projects that support health, wellness, athletics, recreation and improved natural areas:

BALLOT QUESTION 1: BUILD A NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

The single building would replace the outdated Bloomington Public Health and Creekside Community Center buildings. Amenities planned include: three gymnasiums, an indoor walking/jogging track, indoor playground, supervised child play area, exercise spaces and fitness studios, multi-purpose rooms for community events, spaces to support senior programming, a pool with family locker rooms, public health programming, exam and counseling rooms, a lobby and reception area, and Public Health and Parks and Recreation offices.

WHY NOW?

Due to age, the Public Health and Creekside Community Center buildings are no longer functional. They are also unable to support current and future demand—Bloomington’s population increased by more than 8% between 2010 and 2020.

WHY IT MATTERS

A new Center would provide access to recreational, fitness, health and wellness programs for our community, support community health initiatives and mobilize residents and partners to improve the health of all Bloomington residents.

COST

\$101.8 million

BALLOT QUESTION 2: RENOVATE BLOOMINGTON ICE GARDEN

Renovate the 50-year-old Bloomington Ice Garden with new refrigeration and mechanical systems, improved accessibility, a new roof and more to improve guest experience.

WHY NOW?

The BIG building is in need of major upgrades. Along with aging mechanical systems, the ice rinks use R-22 refrigerant, which is being phased out due to its ozone-depleting properties. Currently, to remain operational BIG must use recovered, recycled or reclaimed R-22, which is increasingly expensive and harder to get.

WHY IT MATTERS

Bloomington Ice Garden is a destination for hockey and skating enthusiasts and draws many visitors to the city. The proposed upgrades will improve accessibility, bring the facility up to current building standards and enhance guest experiences.

COST

\$37.2 million

BALLOT QUESTION 3: NINE MILE CREEK CORRIDOR AND MOIR/CENTRAL PARK

Enhance and protect the Nine Mile Creek Corridor and Moir/Central Park with improved trails, restored riverbanks, habitat protections and new park amenities to support outdoor recreation. Planned improvements include 12,000 feet of stream restoration, 131 acres of woodland and wetland restoration, invasive species prevention, new outdoor gathering space with restrooms, new playground and shelter building, ADA accessibility improvements, trail widening, a new boardwalk connecting to Moir/Central Park, seven new trail bridges within Central Park and 12,400 feet of new trails.

WHY NOW?

To ensure the Nine Mile Creek Corridor and Moir/Central Park continue to connect residents to nature and outdoor activities, eroded riverbanks need to be restored, natural habitats must be protected and parks and trails should be improved for expanded for hiking and biking opportunities.

WHY IT MATTERS

The Nine Mile Creek Corridor is a very popular destination for residents and visitors alike. It also includes several acres of “remnant prairie” that predate human settlement and require careful upkeep to maintain their health.

COST

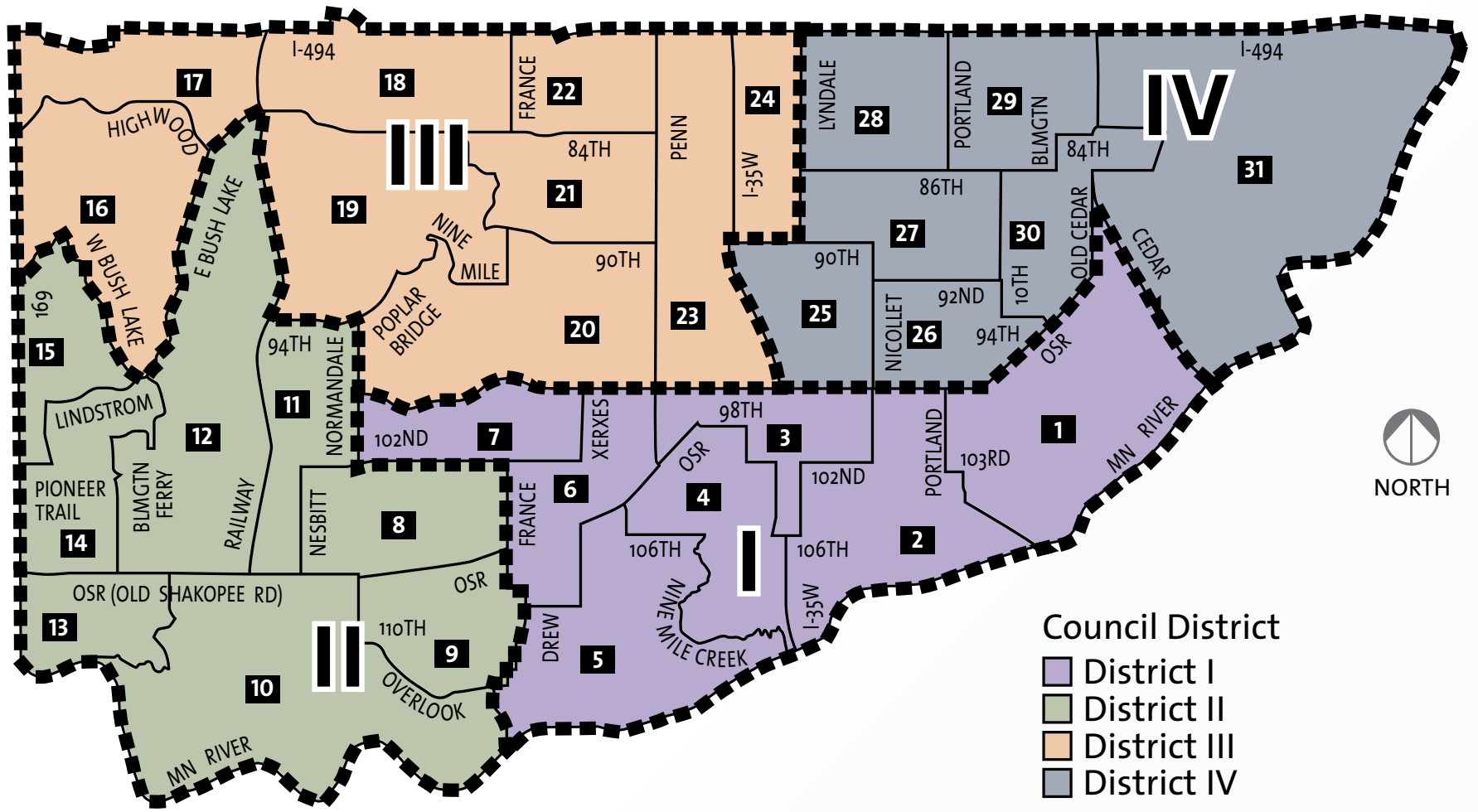
\$20 million

NEXT STEPS

This is an important community decision. On Tuesday, November 7, Bloomington voters will consider three separate ballot questions—one for each of the three projects in the Bloomington Forward plan. If voters approve any of the ballot questions, a half-percent citywide sales tax will be authorized to fund the projects. To learn more, visit bloomingtonforward.org.

2023 ELECTION GUIDE

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 7. ALL POLLING PLACES ARE ACCESSIBLE.



Precinct/Polling location	Entrance/Parking
1 Atonement Lutheran Church 601 East Old Shakopee Road	Southwest entrance South lot
2 Grace Covenant Church 10201 Nicollet Avenue South	Southeast entrance East lot
3 St. Luke's Lutheran Church 1701 West Old Shakopee Road	Northeast entrance North lot
4 Oak Grove Presbyterian Church 2200 West Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance Northeast lot
5 Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 10715 Zenith Avenue South	Main entrance North lot
6 Mount Hope Lutheran Church 3601 West Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance (S) South lot
7 Crosspoint Church 9801 France Avenue South	Main entrance (E) East lot
8 Bloomington Covenant Church 10150 Xerxes Avenue South	Main entrance (E) East and North lots
9 Transfiguration Lutheran Church 11000 France Avenue South	Main entrance (W) West lot
10 MN Masonic Heritage Center 11411 Masonic Home Drive	Main entrance (W) West lot
11 Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church 9920 Normandale Boulevard South	Northeast entrance (left doors) North lot
12 Community of the Cross Lutheran Church 10701 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (N) North lot
13 Bethany Church 6900 Auto Club Road	West entrance West and North lots
14 Bloomington Lutheran School 10600 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (S) South lot ADA: East side
15 Hyland Vistors Center 10145 Bush Lake Road	West entrance West lot
16 Peace Lutheran Church 8600 East Bush Lake Road	Main entrance North lot
17 Westwood Community Church 6301 Cecilia Circle	Main entrance (W) Main lot (W)

Precinct/Polling location	Entrance/Parking
18 St. Stephen Lutheran Church 8400 France Avenue South	Main entrance (W) West lot
19 The Church of St. Edward's 9401 Nesbitt Avenue South	Southwest entrance, upper lot Southwest lot
20 St. Michael's Lutheran Church 9201 Normandale Boulevard	Main entrance (E) East lot
21 St. Mark's United Church of Christ 8630 Xerxes Avenue South	South entrance Southwest lot
22 Southtown Baptist Church 2600 West 82nd Street	Main entrance (W) Northwest lot
23 Bloomington City Hall 1800 West Old Shakopee Road	West entrance West lot
24 Christ the King Lutheran Church 8600 Fremont Avenue South	Southwest entrance Southwest lot
25 Oxboro Evangelical Free Church 9431 Nicollet Avenue South	North entrance North lot
26 Bloomington Lutheran Church 9350 Portland Avenue South	Main entrance North lot
27 St. Bonaventure Catholic Church 901 East 90th Street (Social Hall)	Main entrance East lot
28 Unity South Church 7950 1st Avenue South	Main entrance South lot
29 Portland Avenue United Methodist Church 8000 Portland Avenue South	Main entrance West lot
30 Cedar Valley Church 8600 Bloomington Avenue South	Door 4 West entrance South lot ADA: Door 1 East entrance
31 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center 3815 American Boulevard East	West entrance Visitor lot (W)

THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST OR DENY THE BENEFITS OF ITS SERVICES, PROGRAMS, OR ACTIVITIES TO A QUALIFIED PERSON BECAUSE OF A DISABILITY. TO MAKE A REQUEST FOR A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION, ASK FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO FILE A COMPLAINT, CONTACT THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISION, CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, 1800 WEST OLD SHAKOPEE ROAD, BLOOMINGTON, MN 55431-3027; 952-563-8733, MN RELAY 711.

VOTING INFORMATION: CALL 952-563-8729 OR VISIT BLM.MN/VOTE.