

CITY NEWSLETTER

FALL 2022



It's going to be a busy autumn! Truck or Treat returns Oct 29. The Fire Dept Open House is Oct 15. Movies in the Park features Encanto Sept 16. And the General Election is Nov 8. More info inside!

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FALL MOVIE IN THE PARK EVENT ENCANTO, SEPT 16



Columbia Heights Presents: Movie at McKenna, Sept 16!

7:30 PM, FREE EVENT!
NO TICKET NEEDED

Bring your family and some lawn chairs or a blanket to McKenna Park, 4757 7th St, and enjoy the Disney film Encanto outdoors! Free popcorn while supplies last. In the story of Encanto, magic has blessed every child in the Madrigal family with a unique gift – every child except Mirabel. But Mirabel may soon be their last hope as she discovers the magic surrounding her family is in danger. The movie will begin promptly at 7:30 pm, Fri, Sept 16.



Fire Prevention Open House

The Columbia Heights Fire Department's Fire Prevention Open House is a family-friendly, fun and educational event featuring interactive fire safety demonstrations in recognition of National Fire Prevention Week. For more information, see page 9.

WHERE: Columbia Heights Public Safety Building

WHEN: Oct 15, 11 am–2 pm



Truck or Treat

The City's annual Truck or Treat event features dozens of vehicles, including fire trucks, police squads, snow plows, and construction equipment for attendees to observe and explore, free candy and other goodies, food trucks, Halloween decorations, hot beverages, and more! Free for all ages. More details on page 8.

WHERE: Huset Park East

WHEN: Oct 29, 1–4 pm



CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Submit Your Photography or Visual Art to be Considered for the Annual City Wall Calendar



ART OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS 2022 CONTEST

Calling all photographers and artists! The City is making a 2023 calendar with important date reminders relevant to Columbia Heights that features select photos and images relating to art in and of Columbia Heights. Three categories of submissions are eligible: 1.) Paintings, drawings, or graphic designs by Columbia Heights residents or of Columbia Heights landmarks, 2.) Photos of art, architecture, performances, artists, and other artistic things in Columbia Heights, 3.) Photos taken within Columbia Heights that are particularly artistic by themselves or edited in artistic ways (think collage, creative filtering, or mixed media). We only have space for a select number of photos, so we'll enlist the help of communications staff from other cities to offer an outside, non-biased eye in the selection process. Photographers and other artists whose work is chosen to be featured for any one of the 12 months of the year will receive recognition in the City Newsletter and two free copies of the calendar to keep. The submission deadline is Nov 1, 2022. Full submission guidelines at columbiaheightsmn.gov/photos. Images from any year are accepted. The City Calendar will be available for purchase beginning Dec 1 at City Hall.

Email images to photos@columbiaheightsmn.gov by Nov 1, 2022
Visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/photos for details. Call 763-706-3615 with questions.

Thank You to the Columbia Heights Library Summer Volunteer Teens!

Library staff would like to recognize the summer teen volunteers: Zaina Alamay, Natalie Blalock-Davies, Muna Hussein, Tsenat Mamo, Natasha Novitsky, and Layla Sedlak. Volun-'teens' assisted with library programs, prepared Story Strolls and storytime materials, created art, signed youth up for Summer Reading, and much more. Thank you!

Become a Youth Commissioner! Apply by Sept 9

Email applications to sion@columbiaheightsmn.gov. Or mail or deliver completed applications to City Hall, 590 40th Ave NE. Members must be 14-18 years old and residents of the City of Columbia Heights. Find applications at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/youth



The Columbia Heights Youth Commission will return for its second year in September. It will be the commissioners' first full year due to a shortened inaugural year. There

are currently 10 seated youth commissioners, with an additional 10 open seats. Applications are being accepted until Sept 9. The group will reconvene Sept 14 after summer break, and new members will join in October. Eligible applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 18 by the start of their term and residents of Columbia Heights. Commissioners serve two-year terms and may reapply for a second term if they haven't aged out of the eligibility requirements.

Visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/youth for an application, more details on how to apply, a mission statement, and time and participation expectations.

Stories from the Road: Historian Returns With Tales of MN Travels

Back by popular demand! Doug Ohman is a true-blue Minnesota history enthusiast, and he can't help but spread the word wherever he goes. A historian, photographer, and storyteller all rolled into one, Doug has published 14 books all about Minnesota. His full-time job for two decades? Traveling all around the state sharing his historic, interactive presentations. This October, November, and December, he'll be at the Columbia Heights Library on the first Saturday of each month with lively presentations of "Minnesota from the Road!"

Registration strongly encouraged. Register online or call 763-706-3690.



Oct 1, 11 am: Lake Superior's Arrowhead & Iron Range Tour

Nov 5, 11 am: Heartland Lakes Tour

Dec 3, 11 am: Southern Prairie Tour

It's Not Just Books, You Can Now Check Out Park Passes

The Columbia Heights Public Library is participating in a DNR program allowing library patrons to check out a seven-day park pass just like checking out any other item with their library card. The library has three passes it can check out at any given time, one per patron. Checked-out passes become available again after seven days.

These passes allow for access at any Minnesota state park without having to pay a fee. Just make sure to display the pass on your dashboard in a visible location when you're at the park before the pass expires. No need to return expired passes.

The Columbia Heights Public Library is one of 117 participating libraries in this program, which is currently funded through 2025.

"This exciting new partnership with the DNR advances the library's mission," said Columbia Heights Library Director Renee Dougherty. "And being, playing, and learning outdoors has tremendous health and educational benefits."

Get daily updates on Columbia Heights happenings by following us on Facebook @Columbiaheightsmn, Twitter @heightsmn or Instagram @columbiaheightsmn

Visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/enews to subscribe to our monthly emailed newsletter. For questions or concerns about City publications, call 763-706-3615.



Library Program & Activity Highlights

Below is a sampling of upcoming activities at the library. For a full list or more details, visit <https://bit.ly/3kyG6vJ> or call 763-706-3690. Programs that require registration are indicated by *. Register online or by calling 763-706-3690. For at-home service, call 763-706-3681. For renewals, call 763-324-1590. Visit columbiaheightsmn.gov/library for additional info.

Adult Programs

Bike Fix-It Clinic

Sat, Sept 17, 10-noon, Outside Library

Traditions/Folk Arts of India * ***

Sat, Sept 17, 2 pm

Library Book Club

10 am, Wednesdays:

Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16

Resume Writing Workshop*

Tue, Sept 20, 6-7:30 pm OR Tue, Oct 18, 1-2:30 pm. Presented by CareerForce Minnesota

Birding in the Heights*

Two Parts: Mon, Sept 26, 5:30 pm, and Wed, Sept 28, 5:30 pm

Mental Health Awareness Talk

Mon, Oct 10, 5:30 pm

Registration encouraged.

Día de los Muertos*

Wed, Oct 19, 5:30 pm

Needle Felted Pumpkins* ***

Mon, Oct 24, 5:30 pm

Organize Important Documents*

Mon, Nov 21, 5:30 pm

Watercolor Greeting Cards* ***

Fri, Dec 2, 2 pm

Tiny Art Show*

October (artwork due), Nov-Dec (display)

Poems in the Parks

10 am-4 pm: Sept 16, Huset Park West; Oct 14, Sullivan Park

ESL Conversation Circle

Mondays, 5:30-6:30 pm, Thursdays, Sept 15-Nov 17, 2-3 pm

Consult With a Law Librarian

5-7 pm: Sept 22, Oct 27, Dec 22

Teen Programs

Spooky Terrariums* **

Tue, Oct 11, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Ages 12-18.

Tiny Art Show*

October-December

The library's second Tiny Art Show! Register to receive a mini art kit. Submit your creation by Oct 31. Art will be displayed November through December. For ages 13+.

Candle Making* **

Tue, Dec 13, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Ages 12-18.

* Registration required. Call 763-706-3690.

** This program is partially funded with a grant from the Minnesota Department of Education using federal funding, CFDA 84.287, Every Student Succeeds Act, Title IV B-21 Century Community Learning Centers. The content of this program does not necessarily represent the policy of the federal Department of Education or the Minnesota Department of Education

*** This program is funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Kids Programs

Family Storytime

Mondays, Sept 12-Nov 14, 10:30-11 am

Share books, songs, and rhymes at this storytime designed to promote school readiness for 2-to-5-year-olds.

Tinker Time*

Repujado***

Tue, Sept 20, 4-5:30 pm

Ocean Creature Diorama**

Tue, Oct 4, 4-5:30 pm

Slime**

Tue, Oct 18, 4:30-5:30 pm

Block Printing & Book Making**

Tue, Nov 1, 4:30-5:30 pm

Shrinky Dinks**

Tue, Nov 15, 4:30-5:30 pm

Clay Action Figures**

Tue, Nov 29, 4-5:30 pm

Sculpting Clay Pumpkin

Luminaries* ***

Sat, Oct 8 10:30-noon

Snow Globes* **

Fri, Dec 9, 2:30-3:30 pm

Lovely Luminations* ***

Sat, Dec 10, 10:30 am-noon

Snowflake Celebration* **

Thu, Dec 29, 2-3:30 pm

Story Strolls

Sept 16-19: LaBelle Park

Oct 7-10: Huset Park West

Large story pages placed throughout featured parks at 10 am the first day and removed at 4 pm the final day.

Library Hours

Mon-Thu, 10 am to 7 pm

Fri, 10 am to 4 pm

Sat, 10 am to 3 pm

Sun, closed

Library Closures

Sept 3-5 • Nov 11 • Nov 24-25 • Dec 23-26

3939 Central Ave NE • (763) 706-3690

At-home Service • (763) 706-3681

www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/library

www.anokacountymn.gov/4180/Libraries

Facebook: @chplibrary

Give Your Storefront a Face Lift! Fill Out an Application For Facade Improvement Grant Funding and Submit to City Hall



Lowell's Auto Repair, at 4457 University Ave NE, was a participant in the 2022 Façade Improvement Grant Program. The business, with assistance from the grant funding, replaced siding, painted the building, added an awning, and replaced windows. Above are before and after photos. The purpose of the grant program, funded by the Economic Development Authority in collaboration with the Police and Community Development departments, is to encourage businesses and commercial property owners within the City to revitalize, rehabilitate, and restore exterior storefronts. In an effort to reduce crime and enhance safety, the CHPD will also use the grant program to provide monitored surveillance adjacent to participating businesses.

The grant reimburses commercial property owners for eligible improvements up to 50 percent of the total project cost for a maximum reimbursement of \$5,000. If determined by the Police Department that an exterior surveillance system is warranted, the EDA will install surveillance equipment to monitor participating businesses and properties, as well as parks and open spaces. Applicants must be an owner of a commercial property, a commercial tenant with approval from the property owner(s), or a 501(c)(3) organization in the City of Columbia Heights, located along 37th Ave NE, 37th Place NE, 40th Ave NE, University Ave NE, or Central Ave NE. Applications can be found at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/facade, or at the Community Development office in City Hall during business hours.

Updated Timeline for City Hall, Apartment Complex Mixed-Use Development at Central and 40th

Construction continues on the mixed-use development project at the corner of 3989 Central Ave NE. It will include 266 apartments, a café space, and a new City Hall.

Construction began in November 2020 shortly after the former office building on the lot was demolished.

Due to supply chain material and permitting delays, the opening of the new City Hall has been pushed back from November 2022 to March 2023. City staff will continue to operate out of the existing building at 590 40th Ave NE until then. The new apartments are still on track to open this fall. The City Hall space in the new development is owned by the City, like a condo, and, along with the cafe, will take up nearly the entire first floor of the building.

For preliminary site plans, cost-comparisons, condition reports, history, a construction cam, and further details, visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/newcityhall.





Budget Update

The Columbia Heights City manager’s proposed 2023 budget is available for review online at www.columbia-heightsmn.gov. Click on “Finance” under “Departments” and then click on “Budget and Financial Reports.” The proposed budget and tax levy will be provided to the Columbia Heights City Council at its Aug 22 meeting, as required by the



City’s Charter. After a proposed 2023 budget is initially approved by the City Council in September, it will go through a series of reviews before a final budget is ratified by the council at a public hearing Dec 12. Prior to that public hearing, the Anoka County Auditor will mail each property owner a Truth-in-Taxation notice of the proposed 2023 property taxes for their specific property.

PAY ONLINE – Last year, the City of Columbia Heights launched a new utility billing website with pay online tools. Just visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/billing. The City of Columbia Heights bills quarterly for water, sewer, storm sewer, garbage, recycling, and yard waste. Water and sewer charges are a combination of fixed quarterly fees, plus a variable charge for the volume of water passing through the meter installed at your property.

IMPORTANT CITY CONTACTS

CITY OFFICES.....(763) 706-3600
Administration.....(763) 706-3610

Public Works..... (763) 706-3700
Garbage/Refuse Pick-up/
Recycling (Waste
Management).....(888) 960-0008
Utility Billing.....(763) 706-3640

Fire Dept. Administration & Information/
Emergency
Management..... (763) 706-8150
Fire Chief.....(763) 706-8152

Police(763) 706-8100

Library.....(763) 706-3690

Community
Development..... (763) 706-3670

Bldg. Permits/
Licenses.....(763) 706-3678

24-Hour Info. Line-Murzyn Hall info., Weather
Cancellations, Directions(763) 706-3737
Murzyn Hall Rental..... (763) 706-3734

Mayor Márquez Simula.....(763) 706-3607
Councilmember Buesgens..... (763) 788-5072
Councilmember Jacobs (612) 810-0512
Councilmember Novitsky.....(612) 760-4463
Councilmember Murzyn(763) 781-4983

City Newsletter editor (763) 706-3615

Emergency.....911

MORE INFO AT:
www.columbiaheightsmn.gov



Listen Online to the Award Winning CHPD Podcast Roll Call!

The CHPD launched a bi-monthly podcast titled Roll Call in 2021 to discuss law enforcement and public safety topics relevant to the community. Each episode of Roll Call features a different topic and special guests. In 2022, Roll Call was awarded first-place in the category of community engagement from the Minnesota Association of Government Communicators.

CHPD Officer Mohammed Farah and Investigator Tabitha Wood join Columbia Heights Communications Coordinator Ben Sandell as co-hosts. The first nine episodes are available to listen to now on multiple platforms, including Spotify and Apple Music, as well as the City's website.

To listen or find more details, visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/podcast.



Truck or Treat Community Event Returns Oct 29

Truck or Treat returns for its fifth year Sat, Oct 29, 1-4 pm, at Huset Park East! Kids and their parents can explore a variety of vehicles, including police cars, fire trucks, tow, dump, garbage and mail trucks, and a school bus. In addition to the organizations that provide their vehicles, Columbia Heights and its City departments will also collaborate with community partners such as SACA Food Shelf & Thrift Store, HeightsNEXT, the VFW, and the Columbia Heights Lions to help make the event possible. Each vehicle station will hand out candy for kids middle-school aged and younger. Recreation will host Puppet Wagon shows. Attendees are encouraged to come in costume. Pets, too! Food and beverages for sale, and free hot cider and coffee on site while supplies last. Find updates about this free event at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/events.

Sat, Oct 29, 1-4 pm, Huset Park East along Jefferson St NE



Fall and Winter Parking Reminder

As we approach the colder months, the CHPD would like to remind residents of the City's winter parking rules. From Nov 1 to March 31, vehicles cannot be parked on City streets from 2 am to 6 am, per City ordinance. This ensures streets can be plowed on short notice and guarantee enough space for emergency vehicles to pass through.

Don't Let Your Car Run Unattended

Leaving your car running unattended, even for a few seconds, is an open invitation to auto theft. The majority of stolen vehicles in the City involve vehicles that were left running with keys in the ignition. Leaving your vehicle running unattended is also an ordinance violation (remote start features exempt). Please help the CHPD combat auto theft. Take the keys out of your vehicle, lock your car, and remove any valuables from inside.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Columbia Heights Police Department office is open Mon-Fri, 8 am to 4:30 pm. The telephone number is (763) 706-8100. Call 911 in an emergency. The office is located in the Public Safety building, 825 41st Avenue NE. The police department offices are closed on weekends and holidays.

A telephone is located inside the entry doors that can be used after hours to request assistance.

For general information, activities, ordinances, and services, visit www.chpolice.com, find us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/chpolice, and follow us at [Twitter.com/colhgtspolice](https://twitter.com/colhgtspolice).



FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Sat, Oct 15 | 11 am to 2 pm | Public Safety Building, 825 41st Ave NE

The Columbia Heights Fire Department will host its annual Fire Prevention Open House Oct 15 as part of Fire Prevention Week, Oct 9-15. This year's FPW campaign "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape!" reminds everyone to establish or review escape routes from their home in the event of a fire. Knowing exactly where to go when the alarm sounds will help ensure your family makes it outside safely. This is the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week!

To promote fire safety, Columbia Heights Fire would like to invite you to the Public Safety Building's fire station Oct 15. Kids, young and old, can spray a real fire hose, meet dalmatians, enjoy free ice cream, watch a fire demonstration, meet local firefighters, and more!



Free **Smoke Alarms** for Columbia Heights and Hilltop Homeowners

Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires by almost half. When smoke alarms fail, it's often because batteries were missing or disconnected. Test all alarms monthly, replace batteries once a year, and replace any alarm that's over 10 years old. Smoke alarms should be installed inside each



bedroom, outside bedrooms, and on every level of the home. The Columbia Heights Fire Department has partnered with the American Red Cross to offer FREE smoke alarms and alarm installation for Columbia Heights and Hilltop residents. Call 763-706-8168 or email ekosman@columbiaheightsmn.gov to take part. It just may save your life!

NOW HIRING!

Call 763-706-8150 for questions.

The Columbia Heights Fire Department is recruiting. Consider joining our team!
Visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/employment to download an application.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

825 41st Ave NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421
fire@columbiaheightsmn.gov

Be up to date on activities and regular safety reminders of the Columbia Heights Fire Department by liking us on Facebook [@columbiaheightsfire](https://www.facebook.com/columbiaheightsfire).



Non-Emergency: (763) 706-8150

Emergency: Call 911

Housing Maintenance Inspections: (763) 706-8156
fireinspections@columbiaheightsmn.gov



Just Two Months to Go

Help Columbia Heights Win the Adopt-A-Drain Challenge!

Columbia Heights is currently winning the Community Adopt-a-Drain Challenge! The challenge, now in its second year, is a competition from March to October among Andover, Blaine, Columbia Heights, and Fridley. The cities compete to see which one can get the most storm drain adoptions and drain cleaning reports submitted to mn.adopt-a-drain.org. Cities and individuals win prizes. Debris removal is especially important in September and October because of fallen leaves. Leaves contain nutrients that fuel destructive algal blooms the next summer. Removing leaves from drains keeps our waters healthy and prevents street flooding. **Adopt a drain at mn.adopt-a-drain.org.**

Above: Local artist Rebecca Krueger painted a mural outside City Hall to remind residents to keep storm drains clear of trash and debris. Mural designs were created by students at Metro Heights Academy and were voted on by residents.

Fall Street Sweeping Begins Soon, Refrain from Street Parking When Possible

The Street Department will begin street sweeping in late September and continue as long as weather permits. A reminder to all property owners: **it is against City ordinance to deposit litter, including leaves and other yard waste, and snow, into public streets.** Please avoid parking on streets if you can. Watch for "No Parking" signage.

Waste Management Update and Online Request Form

City Offers Temporary Alternative Options During Ongoing Service Delays

Early this summer, Waste Management informed the City that curbside bagged and bundled yard-waste service would be halted indefinitely due to driver shortage. This also affected St. Paul, Stillwater, Vadnais Heights, Little Canada, St. Anthony, and Robbinsdale. Compost carts should still be emptied as scheduled. For the time-being, the City arranged alternative curbside pick up of yard waste, allowing for weekly yard waste collections for properties that notify the City.



Residents must request the service at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/refusesupport, or call 763-706-3727 by noon on Mondays prior to the Tuesday or Wednesday pick ups. Additionally, a yard waste roll box at 3735 Madison St is available for residents to drop yard waste bags and bundles into for the next few weeks. These alternative options are temporary. This is an evolving situation and details may change on short notice. Please check the City's website frequently for updates or call WM at 1-888-960-0008. Concerns, complaints, or requests? Please fill out the online support form at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/refusesupport, adding any relevant details to the Additional Info box.

Eureka Recycling Facility Tour!

On Thu, Nov 3, join a tour of Eureka Recycling, one of only a handful of nonprofit recyclers in the United States, to see their Materials Recycling Facility and learn how they separate single sort recycling cart materials like plastic, paper, and metal. Get tips on how to recycle more and better. Eureka Recycling is a nonprofit zero-waste organization based in Minneapolis. Transportation provided. Max of 13 participants. Sign up by calling 763-528-4517. Or visit www.colheights.k12.mn.us/community

Fall Fix-It Clinics

Varying Times and Locations

Get help repairing clocks, vacuums, clothing, lamps, bikes, and more! To find Fix-It events, visit www.anokacountymn.gov/3432/Fix-It-Clinics



Recycling Tip:

The Recycle Center collects film/plastic bags and white packing Styrofoam, but the items must be delivered separately from other recyclables.

Shredding Event Oct 15

The Lions will hold their fall paper shredding event Oct 15, 9 am-noon, at Murzyn Hall.

Refuse Holiday Schedule

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| • Labor Day, Sept 5
Service delayed all week | • Thanksgiving, Nov 24
Thursday and Friday
delayed one day |
| • Veterans Day, Nov 11
No delay | |

Recycle Center Address: 3801 Madison St. NE
Online Request Form: www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/refusesupport

Become a Recycling Ambassador

Recycling Ambassadors are trained by industry experts through a six-week course in the areas of waste reduction, recycling, composting, resource recovery, and disposal best practices. Join fellow waste reduction and recycling enthusiasts to become an advocate in your community! The fall class will be held virtually via Zoom. Visit <https://www.anokacountymn.gov/recycle> or call 763-324-3400 to register.

Leave Room for WM Truck Arm, Consider Refuse Pad

The mechanical arms on Waste Management trucks need space. Place your cart out where the arm can reach it and allow at least two feet of space on either side of the cart. Refuse pads are a convenient way to accomplish this and the City will add these, by request and at-cost, to the annual concrete work schedule. Contact publicworks@columbiaheightsmn.gov for specifications and pricing.

Waste Management

Customer Service Phone: 1-888-960-0008
www.wm.com/us/customer-support or email wmeservice@wm.com

City Refuse/Recycling Website

www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/refuseandrecycling or 763-706-3727
online request form: www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/refusesupport

Anoka County Recycling & Resource Solutions

(763) 324-3400
www.anokacountymn.gov/recycle

Refuse Service Levels and Rates

www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/refuserates

Important 2022 Election Dates

Aug 9: State Primary Was Held

Sept 19: Meet the Candidates Forum, 6 pm

Sept 23: General Election Absentee Voting Begins

Oct 18: Last Day to Preregister to Vote for the General (same-day registration still available)

Nov 5: Absentee Voting at City Hall, 10 am-3 pm

Nov 7: Last Day for City Hall Early Voting, 8 am-5 pm

Nov 8: General Election, Polls Open, 7 am-8 pm

Jan 2: Terms begin for Mayor and Council

Voting Locations

Precinct 1, John P. Murzyn Hall

530 Mill St NE

Precinct 2, Greater Life Tabernacle Church

4000 Quincy St NE

Precinct 3, Columbia Heights Library

3939 Central Ave NE

Precinct 4, Highland Elementary School

1500 49th Ave NE

Precinct 5, First Lutheran Church

1555 40th Ave NE

Precinct 6, Hylander Center

1400 49th Ave NE

Precinct 7, Valley View Elementary School

800 49th Ave NE

Precinct 8, ChristLife Church

4555 University Ave NE

To learn more about local elections or to apply to be an election judge, visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/elections or email sion@columbiaheightsmn.gov

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Two Candidates Running for Mayor, Four in the Race for Council Nov 8

For the Nov 8 General Election, two candidates are running for the open Columbia Heights mayoral seat, and four are running for the two at-large council openings. The mayoral term lasts two years and council terms last four years. Mayoral candidates are Cliff Johnson and Amáda Márquez Simula. The four candidates running for council are Rachel James, John Murzyn, Nick Novitsky, and Justice Spriggs. The top two vote getters in that race will fill the two at-large council positions. **A mayor and council candidate forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters, ABC, is scheduled for 6 pm, Sept 19. It will be broadcast live on channels 16 and 19, streamed online, and recorded for playback.** A recording will also be available on YouTube later that week. To learn more about local elections, submit questions for the forum, or to apply to be an election judge, visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/elections.

Sign Up Now for the City's Monthly E-Newsletter!

Columbia Heights has launched a monthly e-newsletter to keep its residents informed of upcoming events, deadlines, construction projects, and much more! The City of Columbia Heights e-newsletter debuted in 2021 and is emailed to hundreds of subscribers each month. You may choose to unsubscribe at any time.

Register Your Email Address Today!

Visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/enews or email wrottler@columbiaheightsmn.gov to sign up.