

MCLEOD COUNTY

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COUNTY UPDATES

PUBLIC WORKS

Head to the McLeod County website or contact Public Works to learn more about the new County Policy on Mud and Debris Cleanup on County Roads.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Check out the McLeod County Free Product Reuse Room at the Household Hazardous Waste facility & Free-use Center! Drop off what you don't need. Pick up what you do. Our shelves are full of FREE household products.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Designed to serve low-income individuals of all ages or those without medical coverage, the immunization program provides immunizations by appointment Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please call (320) 864-3185 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

COUNTY OFFICE CLOSURES

February 17th, 2020, Presidents' Day
May 25th, 2020, Memorial Day

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

February 4th and 18th
March 3rd and 17th
April 7th and 21st

A graphic for a free needle disposal event. It features a white central box with text, surrounded by colorful circular icons of syringes and arrows. The text inside the box reads: 'FREE NEEDLE DISPOSAL', 'MAY 7, 2020', '2:30 - 5:30 P.M.', 'Glencoe Regional Health', 'North Parking Lot', '1805 Hennepin Ave. N.'

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RADON ACTION MONTH

January was National Radon Action Month. Radon is an odorless, colorless and tasteless radioactive gas that occurs naturally in Minnesota soils. It is the leading environmental cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

Fortunately, the risk is largely preventable by testing homes and fixing radon problems. About 2 in 5 Minnesota homes have dangerous levels of radon gas and state health officials say every home should be tested.

You can obtain a **free** radon test kit at McLeod County Public Health in Glencoe or at the Household Hazardous Waste facility in Hutchinson.

For more information on radon, visit the McLeod County website or www.health.state.mn.us/radon.

A MESSAGE FROM THE AUDITOR-TREASURER

March 3, 2020 will be Minnesota's fifth Presidential Nomination Primary. What does this election mean?

Minnesota Legislature has enacted a Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) for voters in 2020. The PNP is required to be administered similar to the state primary election in August, with certain exceptions. **A notable exception is that a voter's political party choice will be recorded and disclosed to the Chairs of each of the state's major political parties** and it will also become part of the voter's registration history. **A voter who refuses to indicate a major party or who refuses to sign the polling place roster will not be permitted to cast a PNP ballot.**

Law requires separate ballots to be prepared for each party participating in the primary. Voters will be required to indicate the name of the political party for which they wish to vote; that choice will be marked on the polling place roster. **The voter will only be provided the ballot of their political party choice.** Mail-in ballot precincts and the absentee ballot process will also follow the above laws in regards to indicating party choice and issue of only one PNP ballot for completion.

Law requires the **PNP results bind the election of delegates for each participating party.** The outcome of the PNP does not directly determine the candidate names that will appear on the state general election ballot.

The **PNP does not replace the precinct caucuses**, which is still an important part of each party's candidate endorsement for other offices on the ballot and required under separate law.

Please call the office of the Auditor-Treasurer with your election questions at (320) 864-1203.

NEW SECURITY SCREENING AT THE COURTHOUSE

McLeod County to join others in implementing a secured entrance to its Justice Center and Courthouse.

Beginning February, 2020, all visitors entering the McLeod County Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center are required to go through a weapons screening area before entering the secured building. Exceptions include all McLeod County and State of Minnesota employees possessing a valid McLeod County Picture ID Card or a photo ID card issued by the First Judicial District, Contract Workers displaying an official visitor pass or McLeod County Picture ID card, on-duty Peace Officers while on official business and displaying official identification, and Citizens entering the Courthouse after hours only if escorted by a McLeod County employee of the First Judicial District. All secure areas will have adequate signage and all who refuse screening will be denied entrance to secure areas. A list of prohibited items is also posted.

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FOR BENEFIT INFORMATION CONTACT:

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ATTENTION NAVY VETERANS WITH SERVICE IN VIETNAM

The US Department of Veterans Affairs has begun granting presumptive service connected disability status to those who served aboard ships within the 12 nautical mile territorial waters of the Republic of Vietnam for the 14 conditions recognized as being related to exposure to herbicide and defoliants (Agent Orange).

Contact McLeod County Veteran Services immediately at (320) 864-1268 to learn more and to receive assistance with submitting an application.