A Minnesota major party may decide not to hold a national convention; therefore, may ultimately not participate in the PNP? The only indication we have had of this <u>possibility</u> is from one of the two "new" major parties. Nothing formal has been received as of this date.

The current Minnesota major political parties are (in alphabetical order):

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Legalize Marijuana Now Republican

Key Points to the March 3, 2020 election: As a voter, you will be required to request only one party's ballot when you vote absentee or in-person at the polling place. A record of which party's ballot you selected will be made available to the major political parties.

The other two elections will be the normal primary and general elections with the following dates:

August 11, 2020- Primary Election

November 3, 2020 General Election

Absentee voting is available for voters 46 days prior to each election.

For more information visit: www.sos.state.mn.us

### 2020 NEWSLETTER

#### CITY OF GARFIELD OFFICIALS

John Nienaber Jr., Mayor Ryan Holverson, Councilman Trent Ziegelman, Councilman Troy Mills, Councilman Jason Uhde, Councilman Mark Yochim, Maintenance Director Paulynn Terhark, City Clerk

#### \*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*

Garfield Residents: <u>Please</u> remember that all your complaints: nuisance due to loud music, barking/unleashed dogs, etc.; should come to the City Hall. First, we ask that you try to fix the nuisance/problem with the offending party, but if that does not resolve it, then contact the City Hall. If you feel threatened or in danger, contact the Sheriff. Thank You!

(we appreciate your cooperation) City Hall 320-834-2238

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**2020 Elections**- 2020 will be a unique year for Minnesota Voters. There will be 3 State Elections.

The first election is March 3, 2020- Presidential Nomination Primary.

For this election voters will need to declare their party in order to receive their ballot.

The March 3, 2020, Minnesota Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) online absentee application is available at **WWW.MNVotes.org** 

Only Minnesota <u>major</u> political parties will participate in the March 3, 2020, Minnesota Presidential Nomination Primary. The Minnesota major political parties have until December 31st to provide their list of candidate names and finalize the candidate choice of "uncommitted" and/or the presence of a "write-in" choice on their ballot.

What is placed or not placed on each major party's ballot is the decision of each party's chair. If anyone has questions as to what a party has placed or not placed on their ballot, you will have to speak to the party. We cannot provide any information as to that decision. We cannot influence or change that decision.

Will all 4 Minnesota Major Parties Participate?

2020 Elections—continued

# 2020 Census — April 1, 2020 Everyone Counts!

The census is important for many reasons, here's why:

- ♦ It is about fair representation— every 10 years the results are used to reapportion the House of Representatives. MN could lose a seat if not everyone in MN is counted.
- ♦ It is about \$675 billion! the distribution of more that \$675 billion in Federal funds, grants and support to states and our City is based on Census data.
- ♦ 2020 will be easier than ever and can be done online!
- ♦ Your data is confidential!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.2020CENSUS.GOV

### \*\*NOTICE\*\*

#### **UTILITY RATE INCREASE**

At the October 15, 2019 City Council meeting, Council passed an increase to the monthly water/sewer rates. The monthly base rate will increase from \$70.87 to \$72.00.

This change will take effect with the January 25th billing.

# January is...

- National Mentoring Month
- National Blood Donor Month

Wednesday, January 1st New Year's Day





Saturday, January 4th National Spaghetti Day

Thursday, January 9th Law Enforcement Appreciation Day





Saturday, January 11th National Milk Day

Sunday, January 19th Nation Popcorn Day





Monday, January 20th Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 21st National Hug Day



Friday, January 31st National Hot Chocolate Day



## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Did you know that as a resident of the City of Garfield, you can rent the Community Center for \$50 a day for your event plus a damage deposit.

The Community Center does book up fast, so reserve your date today by calling 320-834-2238.

#### **Snowplowing Policy**

<u>Tickets will be issued to offenders</u> for the following.

- Side walks are the responsibility of the owner or renter of each property to be clear of snow.
- Any sidewalks that are not cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall, the property owners will be assessed a fee of \$100 per a time for snow removal service. Property owners are to keep their sidewalks clear of garbage cans and any other obstructions.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> there is <u>no parking</u> on the streets from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. for snow removal. <u>Property owners are to remove their garbage cans and any other obstructions A.S.A.P.</u> from the streets.
- Glenn's Towing will be contacted for towing of vehicles and all fees for the service will be the owner's responsibility.
- There will be no dumping or plowing of snow on City Property or street easements. If this takes place, the removal of such will be at the owners expense.