



- ◆ Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020, though early voting by mail is available now.
- ◆ You should check your voter registration even if you've voted before.
 - ◆ Check your registration now. And update it if needed.
- ◆ Your vote is private. No one else can see who you voted for.
 - ◆ Voting is a private act. It doesn't matter which method you choose to vote—in-person on Election Day, during early voting, or by mail—no one can see your choices unless you choose to share them.
 - ◆ When using a mail ballot, for example, voters' personal information—typically their name, address, and signature—is on the outer envelope. This information is validated, then the ballot is separated from its envelope and counted. So even if someone tried to find out how you voted, they wouldn't be able to.
- ◆ Election results may take longer than usual.
 - ◆ Americans are voting by mail in record numbers this year due to COVID-19. In 2016, roughly 23.6% of ballots were cast through the mail. In 2020, it's possible that the rate of mail voting could reach 50-70%.
 - ◆ Counting mail ballots takes additional time and resources. This may result in a gap between Election Day and the determination of a winner. This gap reflects a vote-counting process that is both thorough and secure.
 - ◆ Election officials will get the vote count right, and slower results reporting does not mean wrong or fraudulent results. All Americans need to give election officials the time to do their jobs right.

Source: [Bipartisan Policy Center](#)

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
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Garfield Residents: Please 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)

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Mark your calendars: November 3rd General Election 7am—8pm

If you are not registered to vote, or want to verify your registration, you can do so online at www.mnvotes.org by scrolling down to the **REGISTER TO VOTE** link. There you can check to see if you are registered and update your voter registration if needed. The deadline to register prior to the General Election is October 13th.

If you do not wish to vote in person at the polling place, you have the option vote by mail through the use of an absentee ballot. Apply on line at www.mnvotes.org, contact Douglas County Courthouse, or I can print a copy of the application for you.

Helpful Tips to limit exposure during Covid-19

- * To cut down on amount of time spent in the polling place, verify your voter registration at www.mnvotes.org by the deadline of 21 days prior to the election.
- * Consider the OPTION to vote early by applying for an absentee ballot online or at **Douglas County Courthouse in person**
- * Plan ahead if voting in-person and allow extra wait times
- * Wear a face covering—per the Governor's Executive Order 20-81



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

You have options to vote safely during COVID-19

Voters have options to cast their ballots in ways that keep them safe and comfortable.

Voting by mail is an option. This may be the best way to keep you and your loved ones safe. Many states that require an excuse for voting by mail have expanded this list of acceptable reasons to include concerns about COVID-19.

Voting by mail is safe and secure, but election administrators are working hard to expand the availability and safety of in-person voting as well.

If you plan to vote in person and you have the option of voting early, you're likely to experience fewer people and shorter lines. You'll also help reduce the risk of overwhelming the system on Election Day.

Congress put hundreds of millions of dollars toward voting during the pandemic. Much of this funding is being used for cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) for voting sites and poll workers.

You can do your part as well. If you plan to vote in person, wear a mask, consider bringing hand sanitizer, and practice social distancing by standing six feet apart from your fellow voters. Read more recommendations for voters at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)



Working together, we can help keep each other safe while voting in the election.

Source: [Bipartisan Policy Center](https://www.bipartisanpolicy.com)

October is...

* Breast Cancer Awareness Month



* Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Thursday, October 1st
International Coffee Day

Friday, October 2nd
World Smile Day



Monday, October 12th
Columbus Day
City Hall Closed

Wednesday, October 14th *Date change*
City Council Meeting 6pm



Friday, October 16th
Boss's Day

Monday, October 26th
National Pumpkin Day



Tuesday, October 27th
Black Cat Day



Saturday, October 31st
HALLOWEEN



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



State Street Café

FALL/WINTER HOURS

Start October 6th

Mondays: Closed

Tues-Sat: 7 am—1:30 pm

Sunday: 7am—1pm

320-834-2755



DOG LICENSE

Dog licenses are due yearly!

Please stop down to City Hall and pay the \$5.00 per dog to satisfy your responsibility as a pet owner and as part of the Garfield City community.

City of Garfield's Ordinance requires that your dog be licensed yearly and LEASHED AT ALL TIMES.



Thank you.

Don't forget that you can pay your monthly water/sewer bill without leaving your home



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