CANOSIA VOTERS!



November 3 Election Checklist: What you need to know!

BE PREPARED: IN-PERSON VOTING WILL BE DIFFERENT (& SLOWER!!)



Due to the pandemic, we must have one way traffic in and out of the town hall on Election Day.

The **ENTRANCE** will be through the side door on the south (parking lot) side of the building. The line will form out the door and snake into the parking lot. The entrance and line route will be clearly marked.

The **EXIT** will be through the front door on the west side of the town hall. However, if you or a companion are unable to use the exit stairs or need any ADA considerations, you are more than welcome to exit the same way you came in.



Voting on November 3 may be a chilly experience for many of you!

Since we live in Minnesota, you could be waiting outside in a blizzard on Election Day. Please dress accordingly!

We will do our best to keep the line moving and get you inside ASAP, but we can only allow a limited number of people in at a time. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Anyone in line at 8 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

DRESS WARM!



The upside of waiting in line? Every voter will be rewarded with a brand new Bic pen! Congrats!;-) For sanitary reasons, we are not reusing pens so please grab one from the table on the way in. You'll need it to sign in and fill out your ballot.

We'll be taking other safety precautions as well, including regular sanitizing of the voting booths and high-touch areas. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the town hall. Masks are required; we'll have extras if you forget yours.

If all this seems a bit daunting, consider voting early or "voting from home" (instructions on next page)



AVOID THE CROWDS WITH ABSENTEE OR EARLY VOTING

Any voter (including you!) can choose these options! To vote Absentee ("Vote from Home") follow these steps:

STEP 1. REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

If you're confident using your smartphone, tablet or computer (and have an email address), you can quickly and securely request an absentee ballot online through the Secretary of State's Office: **www.MNvotes.org.** You will need your MN driver's license # or the last four digits of your SS#. This takes about 3 minutes to do. Another option: call St. Louis County's Elections Division at 726-2385. They will mail you a form to fill out to request your ballot.

STEP 2. FILL OUT YOUR BALLOT & SEND IT BACK!

After your request has been processed, St. Louis County will send your ballot directly to your house or whatever address you choose. There will be instructions enclosed with your ballot, but the gist is this: Complete your ballot as you normally do and then seal it in the provided envelopes. Be sure to fill out and SIGN the white signature envelope! Then place everything back into the pre-addressed, postage-paid return envelope and pop it in the mail. (FYI: You can track your ballot's status on MNvotes.org)

The local Postmaster has ensured St. Louis County that ballots will take priority and will be delivered ASAP. If your run into a time-crunch or feel more comfortable doing so, you can also drop off your ballot at the designated dropbox outside the County Courthouse (100 N. 5th Ave. W, 2nd Street Entrance) or inside at the County Elections Office (2nd floor).

VOTING EARLY Voting early in-person is also an option from now until November 2 at the County Courthouse. They are open M-F 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you choose this option, you will fill out your ballot in a voting booth right at the courthouse. This may be a good option for those who are uncertain about the absentee/"Vote from Home" process, but don't want to venture to the town hall on Nov. 3. Questions about this option? Call 726-2385.

REGISTER TO VOTE ASAP! (OR ON ELECTION DAY)

You can pre-register to vote until **October 13th** (21 days before the election). To do so online, visit MNvotes.org. If you miss the pre-registration deadline, you can register in-person on Election Day. However, be prepared to spend longer at the polling place and please bring the following documentation:

OPTION 1

A valid driver's license, state ID, or Tribal ID with your current name & Canosia Address

OPTION 2

Approved Photo ID

(Passport, expired license, school ID, etc.)



Proof of Canosia Residence

- Examples: Utility or internet/TV bill, credit card statement, rental agreement. Property Tax statements will not work.
- Residential proof must be in your name, show your current address and be dated within 30 days of election.
 These can be paper or shown on your phone.

OPTION 3

A registered Canosia voter can accompany you to the polls and sign an oath vouching for your current Canosia address.

Visit canosiatownship.org for additional options.

CANOSIA TOWNSHIP IS HERE TO HELP!

If you have questions about any of this, or need to plan for extra accommodations at the polling place, please give me a call, even on Election Day. Clerk Susan Krasaway: 218-590-6746. My job is to make sure all voters have a safe & fair voting experience!