



News & Notes



See page 3 for voting information and the list of City of Cologne candidates for Mayor and City Council.

ELECTION DAY IS NOV. 5, 2024

CITY OF COLOGNE CANDIDATE FORUM OCT. 15, 2024

Election Day is Nov. 5, 2024. According to the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State, all voters will have these races on their general election ballot: U.S. President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Representative and Judicial seats.

Voters may also have one or more of these races on their ballot: City officers, School Board members, Township Officers or local ballot questions.

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CITY OF COLOGNE REMINDERS & UPDATES



New Lacrosse nets and basketball court at Village Park: Thanks to the efforts of two local families, residents can enjoy two new recreational amenities at Village Park, 2110 Naples Ave. Following a presentation by Jacksen and Maddex Nielsen, the Cologne City Council placed Lacrosse nets at the park.

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BENTON LAKE WATERSHED CONSERVANCY

TAKE AN AUDIO TOUR OF BENTON LAKE

Experience Benton Lake in Cologne and learn about restoration activities through an audio tour from the comfort of home. The 30-minute audio begins at the boat launch, with eight “stops” on the lake described via the tour. To access, use the QR code or visit <https://bentonlake.transistor.fm/>



COLOGNE COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING NEW HISTORICAL MURAL ON DISPLAY IN COLOGNE

Thanks to the collective efforts and contributions of many, the Cologne Communities of Belonging unveiled a new mural – celebrating Cologne’s rich history – during the Glad Days celebration in July. The mural is painted on the west side wall of the old “fire barn” in City Square Park (by the splashpad, 107 John Ave. N).



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Co-Sponsors:




Candidate Forum

Cologne Mayor & City Council

Tues Oct 15, 7 PM
Cologne Community Room
1211 Village Pkwy, Cologne, MN

Submit questions in advance!
lwvecc@lwvmn.org

Follow LWVECC on Facebook to view recordings!




The League of Women Voters Minnesota, a nonprofit 501(c)3 political organization, encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. LWV does not support or oppose candidates for public office or political parties.

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City of Cologne offices to be filled are Mayor – one seat, 2-year term; Council members: three seats. Two Council seats will be for the regular 4-year term and one seat for a 2-year term. Candidates for these open positions include:

- Mayor: Matt Lein and Elaine Dube
- City Council 4-year term (2 seats): Sarah Bruss, Jeri Bowers and Jayson Read
- City Council 2-year-term (1 seat): Maria Samuelson and Selmer Olson.

Cologne Candidate Forum on Oct. 15, 2024

To introduce the candidates for the Cologne Mayor and City Council positions, the League of Women Voters of Eastern Carver County and the Cologne Communities of Belonging are co-sponsoring a Candidate Forum on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. The forum will be held in the Cologne Community Room, 1211 Village Parkway. All City of Cologne residents are invited to attend and submit questions for the candidates in advance to lwvecc@lwvmn.org (see detail at left).

Polling Locations and Voter Registration

The Nov. 5, 2024, the General Election polling location for City of Cologne residents is at the Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway. Polls are open on Nov. 5 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Non-city residents – including local township residents – can find their polling locations on the Carver County website at www.carvercountymn.gov or at the State of Minnesota poll finder site at <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

If you are not registered to vote (including those new to the City of Cologne since the last election) or want to vote early (before Nov. 5) please visit <https://www.colognemn.com/residents/register-to-vote/>

You can also register at your polling location on Election Day with one proof of residence (ID with current name and address or Photo ID and a document with current name and address). For more details about voter registration, visit <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/>

**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND SAMPLE BALLOT
CITY OF COLOGNE, MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Municipal Election will be held in the City of Cologne, County of Carver, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Cologne Community Center Gymnasium, 1211 Village Parkway, Cologne, MN 55322. The Offices to be voted upon are: Mayor (Two-year term) – Vote for One; Council Member (Four-year term) – Vote for up to two; Council Member (Two-year term) – Vote for one. The official ballot for said Election will take the form set below, the names are listed in base rotation that was a random draw drawn on August 19, 2024. The ballot will also contain Federal, State, and County offices. The Board of Canvass will be held on November 12, 2024 at a Special Meeting of the Cologne City Council.

**OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT
CITY OFFICES
CITY OF COLOGNE**

**MAYOR
(Vote for One)**

- Matt Lein
- Elaine Dube

**COUNCIL MEMBER at Large
Four Year Term
(Vote for Up to Two)**

- Sarah Bruss
- Jayson Read
- Jeri Bowers
- Write-in, if any

**Special Election for COUNCIL MEMBER at Large
To fill vacancy in term expiring January 4, 2026
(Vote for One)**

- Selmer Olson
- Maria Samuelson
- Write-in, if any

Michelle Morrison
City Administrator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Ongoing:** **Cards for Seniors**, 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Cologne Community Center
- Oct. 7** **Fire Prevention Open House, 6 p.m.**, Cologne Fire Station, 110 Louis S.
- Oct. 15** **Cologne Candidate Forum, 7 p.m.** Cologne Community Room, 1211 Village Parkway, Cologne, MN
- Oct. 27** **Tricks and Treats on the Trails, 1:30-3 p.m.**; Cologne Lions Park or the Community Center (weather dependent); hosted by the Cologne Leos.
- Oct. 31** **Trick or Treating, 5-7 pm.**, Cologne Fire Station, 110 Louis St.
- Dec. 7** **Christmas in Cologne**; vendor markets at local businesses, family friendly activities throughout Cologne, pictures with Santa and more. NEW: Side-by-side light-up contest and cruise through neighborhoods, beginning at 5 p.m. To participate or sponsor, email pysick4@gmail.com or visit the Christmas in Cologne Facebook page.

Carver County Parks:

Visit bit.ly/CCPprograms or scan the QR code.

Fall programs include adult paddle programs, youth archery, disc golf, geocaching and more for children and adults.



Central Public Schools Events:

- Sept. 19** **Back to School Family Fun Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**, Central Elementary School playground; food, fun, entertainment for all Early Childhood and Elementary families.
- Oct. 7** **ECFE/Preschool Fall Fling, 5:30-7 p.m.**, Central Elementary School; all are welcome with a child ages 2-5

Visit isd108.ce.eleyo.com for programs, events, classes, sports options and more for children and adults.

WINTER OPEN GYM

Cologne Community Center

Starting Sunday Nov. 3rd, 2024-March 30th, 2025

Wednesdays
7:00-9:00pm
&
Sundays
3:00-7:00pm

\$1.00 per person

Check out our website calendar for any schedule changes
<https://www.colognemn.com/partners-2/community-events/>

Cologne Community Center BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGE

This includes our large gym space and serving kitchen for 3 hours of party time.
Tables, chairs, basketballs, volleyballs, pickleball, rock climbing wall.
Get out of the heat or rain, away from the bugs and don't worry about cleaning your house.

It's the perfect space for your children and all of their friends to celebrate and be active.

Call today to book your party: 952.466.2064

(\$100 for City residents, \$125 non-resident +taxes & refundable damage deposit: valid for children's party 17yrs and under)

Cologne Academy Events: 1221 S. Village Parkway

- Oct. 11-12** **Fall Play, "Dr. Experimentor and the League of Evil," 7 p.m.**
- Nov. 18** **Informational Night for Prospective Families, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Learn about Cologne Academy, program at 6:30 p.m. followed by building tour.

Zion Lutheran Church & School Events: 14735 Co. Road 153

- Oct. 25** **Trunk or Treat, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**
Trick (trunk) and treat around the parking lot. Concessions available until 8 p.m. for sale (hot dogs, hamburgers, hot chocolate, pop and chips).
- Nov. 4** **Annual Soup and Pie Supper, 3:30-7:30 p.m.**; homemade Chili, Chicken Dumpling soup and Clam Chowder, pies and desserts.

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If you use the Lacrosse nets, please fold them and lay them down near the basketball court so they are not damaged in inclement weather.

Thank you, also, to the Chad and Arlin Miller family who generously donated cement and labor to build a 60 x 80 ft. basketball court at Village Park. The Millers also donated their time to plan and coordinate the project.

New equipment at the Community Center

With increased use and demand, the City of Cologne recently purchased new volleyballs, a pickleball set, wiffleball set, a football as well as repaired volleyball nets. These items are all available for check out during open gym hours.

1211 Village Parkway
PO Box 120, Cologne, MN 55322



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**Interested in joining or learning more about the Cologne
Communities of Belonging?**

Email colognecommunitiesofbelonging@gmail.com



City of Cologne

1211 Village Parkway, PO Box 120, Cologne, MN 55322

Phone: 952-466-2064

Emergency/after-hours public works: 952-466-5601 and
leave a voice mail message.

Email: info@colognemn.com

Website: www.colognemn.com

City Office is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday

*City Hall holiday closures –Sept. 2, 2024 (Labor Day); Nov. 11
(Veteran’s Day); Nov. 28-29 (Thanksgiving and day after)*

City Administrator/Clerk: Michelle Morrison

Utility Billing Clerk: Jenna McInnis

Cologne City Council: Mayor Matt Lein, Sarah Bruss,
Maria Samuelson, Carol Szaroletta, Nathan Kells

The City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
*Citizens are welcome to attend meetings and learn about
City Council work.*

Planning Commission meets on the 1st Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Sign-up for announcements from the City of Cologne, including meeting notices, office closures and more at

<https://www.colognemn.com/residents/email-alerts/>

Bountiful Basket Cologne New Location | New Hours



New Address:

102 Lake Street in Cologne

New Hours:

Tuesdays: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursdays: 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Fridays: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Call for Appointment:
952.988.2802



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Creating a mural has long been discussed as an important initiative of the Communities of Belonging to celebrate Cologne’s past – and present – to inform residents and visitors of the city’s history, and to welcome all to Cologne.

The mural was made possible thanks to Lana Beck, the Cologne Communities of Belonging Arts Council members Janet Fahey & Lona Hendricks; the City of Cologne; the Cologne Fire Department Relief Association; the Cologne Lions Club; Cologne Academy volunteers; Modern Design; Vos Construction; and community volunteers.

The historic mural is just one of several initiatives being coordinated by the Communities of Belonging Arts Council work stream. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Lona Hendricks at lona.j.hendricks@gmail.com or Janet Fahey at janetfahey@embarqmail.com