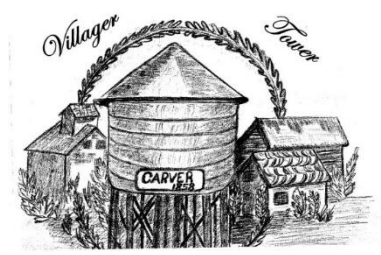


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United States Midterm Elections, 2018

2018 elections in the United States will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, except for certain special elections. All these races, regardless if it is for a federal, state, or local office, are being administered by the individual state and local governments instead of at the national or federal level. These midterm elections will take place in the middle of Republican President Donald Trump's first term. All 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives and 35 of the 100 seats in the United States Senate will be contested. In addition, 39 state and territorial governorships as well as numerous other state and local elections will also be contested.

What about ballot initiatives?

There are no statewide ballot questions this year, but the back of your ballot could include a number of local ballot questions, including local school levies, city charter amendments and more.

2018 Election Guide

In the State of Minnesota voters will be voting for candidates running for the following offices:

State of Minnesota

County of Carver

City of Carver

Dahlgren Township

Who are the candidates? Included in this special edition is also some interesting election facts.

Some sources available on the internet to get more information on elections, some candidates or facts, you can go to:

www.ballotready.org

www.ballotpedia.org

www.myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us

www.cityofcarver.com

www.uselectinos.com

www.sos.state.mn.us

www.sos.state.mn.us/elections

www.carver.mn.us

How do elections work?

Have you ever really wondered how the election process really works? Or how someone got onto the ballot in the first place? Or how political parties decide who will represent their party?

An individual is required to be nominated first of all. On the state level in MN there are two major political parties and five minor. The major parties are the Republican (GOP – Grand Old Party) and Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. The minor parties are Grassroots-legalize Cannabis Party, Green Party of MN, Independence Party of MN, Legal Marijuana Now Party and Libertarian Party of MN. There is a form for a group to request by petition for major political party.

Then the next step in the process is the precinct caucuses. This is to support the preferred candidates by participating in the candidate endorsement process leading up to the state party conventions. Basically, precinct caucuses are series of meetings held by political parties to endorse candidates, select delegates and set goals and values (platforms). To participate in caucuses, one must be eligible to vote and live in the precinct, as well as agree with party values. The primary election determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election.

The next step would be to file for office. "Candidates are placed on a ballot in Minnesota after they file for office. The most common way to file for office is to complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay a filing fee to the appropriate filing officer during the two-week filing period."

There is so much more to the process, reminder, this is only a mere summarization with generalities. There are rules, there are sources to find the entire process and all of the information at the state's website. (www.sos.state.mn.us) Information can be found under elections.

Election results can be found either at the state website or county website, and, of course, major newspapers and televised news.

Register to Vote

Obviously, a person is required to register to vote before you can actually vote. You may ask, who can vote in MN? One is required to be a US citizen, 18 years old on the day of election, a resident of the State of MN for twenty days, completed all parts of any felony sentence. You cannot vote if a judge revoked your right or it has been ruled that you are legally incompetent. How to register? You can register online. You will need your MN Driver's License or MN identification card number or the last four digits of your Social Security number. Register on paper with application. Or you can register on election day. You will need proof of residence to register. If you have questions or need any assistance, contact your county election office.

Other Ways to Vote

You can also vote in other ways than on the day of elections. There is voting early with an absentee ballot starting forty-six days prior to Election Day. You can vote early by mail with an absentee ballot. Be sure to check the state's election page on their website and read all the rules.

You can "have an agent pick up your ballot (agent delivery).

In special situations, you may ask an agent to pick up and return an absentee ballot for you. This is called 'agent delivery.' Read more about agent delivery

To qualify for agent delivery, you must live in a:

nursing home

assisted living facility

residential treatment center

group home

battered women's shelter

or, be hospitalized or unable to go to the polling place due to incapacitating health reasons or a disability.

Your agent must be at least 18 years old, have a pre-existing relationship with you and cannot be a candidate. An individual cannot be an agent of more than three voters in an election.

Give your agent a completed absentee ballot application and a request for agent delivery of absentee ballot form. Have your agent take both forms to the local election office to receive your ballot.

Your agent can pick up your ballot starting seven days before the election until 2 p.m. on Election Day. Your agent or someone else you designate must return your ballot by 3 p.m. on Election Day. You can also return your ballot by mail. Election officials must receive your ballot on or before Election Day."

Length of terms of state senators

The length of terms in state senates in the 50 American state senates is either two years or four years.

Senators in 31 states have a four-year term. Senators in 12 states have a two-year term. Senators in seven states (Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey and Texas) have terms that are sometimes two years and sometimes four years, depending on the proximity of the election to the legislative re-apportionments that occur every 10 years after a federal census. A system with senators who serve one two-year term and two four-year terms every ten years is considered a 2-4-4 term system.

In the 12 states where the length of the term is two years, all state senate seats are up for re-election every two years.

Arizona, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont

In the 38 states with either a four-year term or a 2-4-4 term, 27 states have staggered elections so that approximately half of state senate seats are up for re-election during the state's general elections that take place every two years.

Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

In the 11 other states where the term is either four years or a 2-4-4, all seats come up for re-election during the same year. In those states, there are general election years where no state senate seats are at stake.

Alabama, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Carolina, Virginia

Your Vote Counts

by Allan CF Goh

Like the tiny drops of water,
When split, remains a puny thing;
But when all gathered together,
Become the mighty ocean king.
Like the ocean of tiny drops; ~~~~~
Pushed hard, it forms a tsunami.
We, too, can create the same impact,
In this impending election,
Your 'lonely vote' really matters;
Together with like-minded folks,
And combined with other charters,

Can, too, bring forth a tsunami
All our 'insignificant' votes,
When massed, unified and counted,
Can ensure a victory of note.

Your vote is your voice. Elect to be heard. When united with all you, him, me, Your vote always counts. Not just in close elections. In every election.



Respect those whose beliefs differ from yours. The great thing about being an American is the ability to think and speak out about our beliefs. Democracy was built on our differences. You may learn something new if you listen and engage others in conversation.

Candidates on Ballot

The following candidates listed are their party affiliation, and their websites to check for more information on the individual running for political office. Amy Klobuchar has been in office since 2007. If you do not wish to vote for any of these candidates, you can also write in a name of someone you would feel is more qualified than the candidates running. This information was obtained from the sample ballot for Dahlgren Township and City of Carver. This is not guaranteed to be one hundred percent accurate, merely a guide from information searched.

United State Senators

Minnesota US Senators

Jim Newberger, Republican, www.jimforussenate.com

Amy Klobuchar, Incumbent, Democrat, www.amyklobuchar.com

Dennis Shuller, Legal Marijuana Now, www.ballotpedia.org or www.legalcannabisnow.org

Paula M Overby, Minnesota Green Party, paulaoverby.com

Minnesota US Senator Special Election

Tina Smith, Incumbent, Democrat, www.tinaforminnesota.com

Sarah Wellington, Legal Marijuana Now, legalcannabisnow.org or ballotpedia.org

Jerry Trooien, Unaffiliated, www.jerry2018.com

Minnesota US Representatives

Minnesota US Representative District # 6

Tom Emmer, Incumbent, Republican, www.emmerforcongress.com

Ian Todd, Democrat, www.iantoddforcongress.com

Minnesota US Representative District # 47A

Jim Nash, Incumbent, Republican, www.jimnashformn.com

Madalynn Gerold, Democrat, www.madalynngeroldformn.com

Minnesota Governor

Minnesota Governor and Lt Governor

Jeff Johnson and Donna Bergstrom, Republican, www.johnsonforgovernor.gov

Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan, Democrat, www.walzflanagan.org

Chris Wright and Judith Schwartzbacker, Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis, www.grassrootsparty.net or www.votewright.org

Josh Welter and Mary O'Connor, Libertarian, www.welterforgovernor.com

Secretary for State

John Howe, Republican, www.soshowe.com

Steve Simon, Democrat, www.stevesimonmn.com

William Denney, Independence, www.denney2018.com

State Auditor

Pam Myhra, Republican, www.pamforauditor.com

Julia Blaha, Democrat, www.blahaforauditor.org

Michael Ford, Legal Marijuana Now, www.fordformn.org

Chris Dock, Libertarian Party, www.chrisdockforauditor.org

Attorney General

Doug Wardlow, Republican, www.dougwardlowag.com

Keith Ellison, Democrat, www.keithellison.org

Noah M Johnson, Grassroots- Legalize Cannabis, www.grassrootsparty.net

Carver County

Carver County Commissioners

In the Dahlgren Township area and Carver there are no vacancies for the commissioner positions. However, in District 2 and 4 there are candidates running. District 2 involves areas of Chanhassen and Victoria and District 4 involves the northeastern edge of the county. So, after the election there will be either two different commissioners or two successful incumbents. James Ische is the commissioner representing the Dahlgren and Carver areas. The other commissioners for the county are Gayle Degler and Randy Maluchnick.

Carver County - County Sheriff

Jessica Heger, NonPartisan, www.hegerforsheriff.com

Jason Kamerud, NonPartisan, www.votekamerud.com

Carver County - County Attorney

Mark Metz is running unopposed and was elected in 2010 and 2014

Carver County - Soil and Water Supervisor, District # 5

Jeffry Sons is running unopposed.

Eastern Carver County Schools - School Board Member Candidates

Four individuals need to be voted on for the District # 112 School Board. Cecilia Laube, Delane Wetterlin, and Jennifer Stone are candidates, The incumbent candidates are Lisa Anderson, Fred Berg, Tim Klein and Josie Colleran running for school board positions.

Dahlgren Township Supervisor - Seat B

The Supervisor Seat is a write in candidate, as no one filed for the position.

Dahlgren Township Town Clerk

Mary Olson is running unopposed.

City of Carver

Mayor - Kristy Mock, NonPartisan

Mayor - Courtney Johnson, NonPartisan, www.courtney4mayor.com

Council Member - Glen Henry

Council Member - Laurie Sayre

Council Member - Ryan Schultz

Supreme Court

Supreme Court - Chief Justice

Lorie Skjerven Gildea

Incumbent, appointed 2006, www.chiefjusticeloriegildea.com or www.patch.com

Associate Justice Supreme Court 1

Barry Anderson

Incumbent, appointed 2004, www.justicebarryanderson.com or www.patch.com

Associate Justice Supreme Court 2

Michelle MacDonald, www.macdonaldforjustice.com or www.mnbar.org

Incumbent, Margaret Chutich, appointed 2016, www.justicemargaretechutich.org

Associate Justice Supreme Court 5

Incumbent, appointed 2016, Anne Keig, www.mncourts.gov or www.justicemckeig.org

Judge Court of Appeals 2

Anthony Brown, www.mnbar.org

Lucinda Ellen Jesson, incumbent, appointed 2016, www.mnbar.org

Judge Court of Appeals 4

Tracy Smith, incumbent, appointed 2015, www.mnbar.org



Judge Court of Appeals 6

Renee L Worke, Incumbent, appointed 2005. Elected in 2006 and 2012, www.mncourts.gov

Judge Court of Appeals 7

Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks, Incumbent, appointed 1998, Elected in 2000, 2006 and 2012, www.mncourts.gov

Judge Court of Appeals 12

Diane Bratvold, incumbent, appointed 2016, www.mncourts.gov or www.judgebratvold.org

Judge Court of Appeals 14

James B. Florey, incumbent, appointed 2017, www.mncourts.gov

Judge - 1st District Court 2

Martin "Marty" Judge, www.judgeforjudge.com

Arlene M Asencio Perkkio, incumbent, appointed 2011, elected 2012, www.ballotpedida.org or www.arleneperkkioforjudge.com

Judge - 1st District Court 6

David L Knutson, Incumbent, appointed 2004, elected 2006 and 2012, www.mncourts.org or www.judgedavidknutson.org

Judge - 1st District Court 10

Paula Duggan Vraa, incumbent, appointed 2017, www.mncourts.gov

Judge - 1st District Court 14

Michael J Mayer, Incumbent, appointed 2004, elected 2006 and 2012, www.mncourts.gov

Judge - 1st District Court 20

Kathryn D Messerich, incumbent, appointed 2004, elected 2006 & 2012, www.mncourts.gov or www.judgekathrynmesserich.org

Judge - 1st District Court 24

Jamie Cork, Incumbent, appointed 2016, www.mncourts.gov

Judge - 1st District Court 26

Jodi L Winters, incumbent, appointed 2017, www.mncourts.gov

Judge - 1st District Court 29

Jessica J W Maher, Incumbent, appointed 2017, www.mncourts.gov

Judge - 1st District Court 30

Douglas C Bayley, incumbent, appointed 2016, www.mncourts.gov

Judge - 1st District Court 31

Richelle M Wahl, incumbent, appointed 2016, www.mncourts.gov or www.judgewall.org

Election Day Voting

Last, but not least, in case you don't already know. Voting is on Tuesday, November 6th at 7 AM until 8 PM. If you live in the City of Carver, the precinct location is at the St Nicholas Church Parish Center on 412 West Fourth Street in Carver. If you are a resident of Dahlgren Township, the precinct location is the East Union Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Be sure, if you need or want more information, go to the county's website, www.co.carver.mn.us or the City of Carver website, www.cityofcarver.com. If you have questions, call either governmental unit and ask.

DISCLAIMER: Information is only as accurate as researched on line at all suggested websites and Wikipedia.
