

Minnesota individual income tax filing season opens Jan. 29

Nation-leading Child Tax Credit available to Minnesota families

The Minnesota Department of Revenue will open the state Individual Income Tax filing season on Monday, Jan. 29. This date matches the opening day for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The filing deadline to submit 2023 Minnesota income tax returns is Monday, April 15. This date matches the filing deadline for 2024 federal income tax returns.

Tax software providers and tax professionals may be accepting and preparing tax returns before January 29 and will submit those returns when the IRS and state systems open.

"With the passage of the Minnesota Child Tax Credit, this filing season will be vitally important for hundreds of thousands of Minnesota families," said Revenue Commissioner Paul Marquart. "The most convenient and secure way to claim the money from the Child Tax Credit and any other refund you may be entitled to is choosing direct deposit when you're filing your tax return. Filing electronically is still the most secure and accurate way to file your return."

Minnesota Child Tax Credit
Beginning with tax year 2023, you may qualify for a Child Tax Credit of \$1,750 per qualifying child, with no

limit on the number of children claimed. This is a refundable credit, meaning you can receive a refund even if you do not owe tax. You must file a 2023 individual income tax return in order to claim the credit. Learn more about income requirements and qualifications on the Child Tax Credit webpage.

Electronic Filing and Free Tax Help
When you file your taxes this year, choose electronic filing. Last year, over 92 percent of Minnesota taxpayers filed their taxes electronically. Using electronic software is easy, convenient, and secure. Electronic filing also ensures that you have the most up-to-date forms and instructions when you file.

Free electronic filing is available for Minnesotans who meet certain requirements. You may be eligible to file electronically for free if your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) is \$79,000 or less. To see if you are eligible for free electronic filing, see the Electronic Filing Software for Individuals page on the department's website.

You may qualify for free tax preparation help for your federal and Minnesota income tax returns. To qualify, you must meet one of these criteria: be age 60 or older, have a

disability, speak limited or no English, or have income less than \$64,000 per year. There are over 170 free tax preparation sites across Minnesota where you can get help from IRS-certified volunteers. Most sites are open late January - April 15 and you can visit our website to find free tax preparation sites near you by the end of January.

Direct Deposit
Direct deposit is an easy, convenient, and secure way to get your refund. You can include your banking information on your tax return and get your refund deposited into your bank account. Direct deposit is available whether you file your return electronically or by mail. For more information on choosing direct deposit, see the Direct Deposit page on the Revenue website.

Fraud Prevention
The department takes protecting your personal information and your tax refund very seriously. We review and verify information on all tax returns to make sure the right refund goes to the right person. The department may contact you via mail asking for more documentation or to verify your identity. Promptly responding to these requests will allow the department to continue processing your return in a timely fashion.

Xcel shares energy-saving tips

With temperatures forecasted to drop well below freezing in the coming days, Xcel Energy is offering tips to help customers save energy and stay safe through the colder weather.

Xcel Energy plans ahead to ensure it can provide customers with safe, reliable and affordable electricity and natural gas even on the coldest days, including maintaining a diverse energy mix of wind, solar, nuclear, natural gas and coal generation in the Upper Midwest. The company also prepares for winter storms by having additional field crews at the ready to quickly and safely restore power in the event of an outage.

While wholesale natural gas prices are significantly lower than last winter, winter heating can still account for about half of a typical customer's monthly energy costs. Customers can reduce the impact of colder weather on their energy bills through steps such as:

- Lowering their thermostat to between 65 and 70 degrees while they are home, and 58 degrees when away from home. A programmable or smart thermostat can automatically lower the temperature based on daily routines.
- Opening drapes and blinds to maximize heat from direct sunlight during the day, and then closing them to retain heat when it is dark.
- Running ceiling fans in a clockwise direction to push warm air down from the ceiling.
- Ensuring exterior doors and windows are fully closed and latched shut. Using window sealing kits can be a low-cost way to further prevent heat loss.
- Keeping interior doors open to help circulate air more freely and maintain consistent heating levels.
- Changing out dirty furnace filters to promote better airflow and reduce the energy the furnace uses. Replacing the filter once a month during the winter can reduce heating costs by 5 to 15%.
- Improving the insulation of walls, crawl spaces, floors and heating ducts can save up to 10% on a home's monthly energy bill.

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is given that the City Council will meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 22, 2024 to consider an ordinance regarding the reduction of the size of the City Charter Commission. Such persons who desire to be heard with reference to the proposed ordinance may do so at this hearing.

Jeff Carpenter
City Administrator

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the Unincorporated Areas of Lyon County, Minnesota, and Case No. 22-05-2884P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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(Dates of Pub.: Wed., Jan. 3, 10, 2024)

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Certificate of Assumed Name Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

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NAMEHOLDERS:
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SIGNED BY: Morgan N. Fosdick
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Custer Township

Notice of Filing for Town Offices to be Elected

Notice is hereby given that a town election will be held in the Township of Custer, Lyon County, Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 2024.

The first day of filing affidavits of candidacy will be Tuesday, January 2, 2024. The last day will be Tuesday, the 16th of January, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Filings may be made with Clerk Jennifer Towne. You can either make an appointment by calling 507-828-5252 or emailing custertwshp@gmail.com. You may file without appointment by coming into our meeting place at Towne & Country Excavating Office at 1191 260th Ave. Garvin on Tuesday January 16th 2024 between the hours of 4:00 and 7:00 pm.

The following terms will be expiring:
Supervisor seat for a three-year term and Clerk seat for two year term. Filing fee is \$2.00.
December 27th, 2023
Jennifer Towne, Clerk

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LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Tuesday, December 19, 2023

A Summary of the Proceedings of the Lyon County Board
9:00 a.m. pursuant to notice the Lyon County Commissioners met with the following members present: Commissioners Anderson, Crowley, Graupmann, Draper and Andries. Also present: Administrator Stomberg and County Attorney Wikelius.

- MSP** to approve the agenda as amended.
 - MSP** to approve the consent agenda as presented.
 - MSP** to accept the \$10 donation to be placed in the DARE account, and send a thank you note.
 - MSP** to approve the resolution for peace officer, Benjamin Kelly.
 - MSP** to close account ending in 4186 and open a new account for jail canteen with Bremer Bank, and to authorize the County Administrator and Auditor/Treasurer to be signees.
 - MSP** to approve the fee schedule for 2024.
 - MSP** to approve the resolution to set meeting dates for the Lyon County Board of Commissioners on the first and third Tuesday of each month, as presented in the resolution.
 - MSP** to set Board salary at \$22,400 and leave per diems as presented for 2024.
 - MSP** to look at entering into the funding for the three-quarter time Extension Educator, at the cost of \$40,324 increase.
 - MSP** to approve the budget as presented and set the 2024 net levy at \$16,215,001, which is a 1.1% increase from 2023.
 - MSP** to join MN Rural Counties for a fee amount of \$2,500.
 - MSP** to enter into closed session.
 - MSP** to end closed session.
 - MSP** to set the 2024 salary for the Sheriff at \$133,000.
 - MSP** to set the 2024 salary for the County Attorney at \$130,000.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

A copy of these proceedings are available in the County Administrator Office of Lyon County and also available at www.lyonco.org.

If it's not in your newspaper, how will you know?



ZONING CHANGES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE PROPERTY TAXES? HOW DO PUBLIC OFFICIALS SPEND YOUR TAX DOLLARS? These are a few topics that affect your family and your local government officials are required to publish this information in the local newspaper. Your local newspaper fulfills an essential role in serving your right to know. After all, it shouldn't be your responsibility to know how to look...where to look...when to look...and even what to look for in order to be informed about public information. It is the government's responsibility to notify you of public information, and your local newspaper is the most accessible place to find it.

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