



The City Office will be closed on the following dates:
 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Dec. 24 & 25, 2019
 New Years Day 1/1/2020
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 1/20/2020

New Years eve dinner & Dance
Meat Raffle 4:30 -5:30 pm Dinner 5:30 – 6:30 pm Dance 6:30 -10 pm
Tuesday, December 31, 2019
TICKETS - \$20. ONLY 125 AVAILABLE!
Proceeds go toward VEC Equipment Fund
Sponsored by vergas lions club

2020 CENSUS. **BE INFORMED-It really matters.** Census data helps decision-makers plan roads, schools, hospitals, senior centers, and emergency services to best serve changing populations.

NEW
UTILITY
RATES
 Effective
JANUARY 1st
2020

Water – Base \$27
 Usage - \$3.00
 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer – Base \$27
 Usage - \$2.00
 per 1,000 gallons

December & January
Upcoming Events

DEC. 14. 2019
SANTA DAY
 2 - 4PM
 VERGAS EVENT CENTER

OLD FASHIONED
CHRISTMAS
 4 - 6:30 PM
EVENTS ALL AROUND TOWN!

Lions Blood Drive

January 8, 2019
 11:30 am – 6 pm
 Event Center

VISIT THE BOOKMOBILE!
 Vergas Municipal Parking Lot
 Dec. 12, 26 – Jan. 9, 23
 Reserve books online & pick up
 at the City Office or Liquor Store.

NEED A
GIFTIDEA? BUY A
BRICK!
 Call City Office 218-342-2091

PUBLIC HEARING

Assessments &
 Street Improvement
 NO. 2018-1 Project
 Mon. Dec. 9, 2019 6:30 pm
 Vergas Event Center



Holiday hours

tue. dec. 24
 9:00 am- 4:00pm
 wed. dec. 25
CLOSED
 tue. dec. 31
 9:00 am- 9:00pm
 WED. Jan. 1
 2:00 pm- 9:00pm
 PHONE 218-342-2091
 ON-THU 9am- 9pm FRI-SAT 9am-10p
 SUN 11am – 5pm

Thank you for your
loyalty to the Vergas
Liquor Store in 2019. In
2019 we were able to
save the taxpayers
\$40,000
due to liquor store
sales. Many people
asked how to lower
their taxes-the easiest
way is to shop local
and at your municipal
liquor store. Without
the sales at the liquor
store, the Vergas taxes
would have increased
14.91%.

Thank you for shopping
locally at the
Vergas Liquor Store...
Where all the profits,
profit Vergas!

CITY MEETINGS

Vergas FDA:

Tuesday – Jan. 7th
12:00 p.m. Noon
 Billy's Corner Bar
 (1st Tuesday of the month)

Vergas City Council
Meeting:

Tuesday – Jan. 14th
6:30 p.m.
 (2nd Tuesday of the month)
 Vergas Event Center
 (If you would like to be on the agenda
 please have information to City Clerk
 by the Wednesday before meeting)

Vergas Event Center

Advisory Board:
****Dec. meeting cancelled!**
5:30 p.m.

Vergas Event Center
 (4th Tuesday of the month)

Vergas Planning
Commission:

****Dec. meeting cancelled!**
6:00 p.m.
 Vergas Event Center
 (4th Wednesday of the
 month)

Vergas Trail Meeting:

Dec. & Jan. meetings
cancelled!
11:00 a.m.
 Vergas State Bank/Lower
 level
 (1st Wednesday of the
 month)
 Changes in our meetings to be posted
 on the City of Vergas website
www.cityofvergas.com

COMMUNITY
MEETINGS

Vergas Community
Club:

Monday – Jan. 6th

The March 3, 2020, Minnesota Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) online absentee application is available at MNVotes.org <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx>

Only Minnesota major political parties will participate in the March 3, 2020, Minnesota Presidential Nomination Primary. The Minnesota major political parties have until December 31st to provide their list of candidate names and finalize the candidate choice of "uncommitted" and/or the presence of a "write-in" choice on their ballot.

What is placed or not placed on each major party's ballot is the decision of each party's chair. If anyone has questions as to what a party has placed or not placed on their ballot, they will have to speak to the party. We cannot provide any information as to that decision. We cannot influence or change that decision.

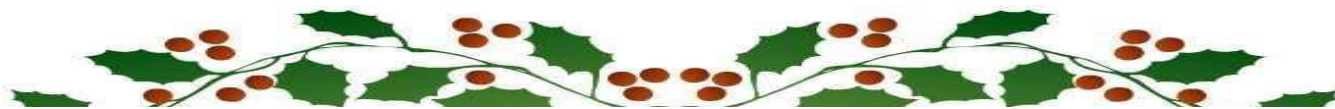
Will all 4 Minnesota Major Parties Participate?

A Minnesota major party may decide not to hold a national convention; therefore, may ultimately not participate in the PNP? The only indication we have had of this possibility is from one of the two "new" major parties. Nothing formal has been received as of this date.

The current Minnesota major political parties are (in alphabetical order):

Democratic-Farmer-Labor
Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis
Legalize Marijuana Now
Republican

If you have any questions, contact by e-mail at elections.dept@state.mn.us <elections.dept@state.mn.us>



CENSUS

Why It's Important

The data that will be collected by the 2020 Census are critical for states, counties, and communities. They will shape political representation, funding of government programs, the flow of business and commerce, and the planning and delivery of services to local communities. As the examples below show, the Census has far-reaching effects, holding relevance to many facets of our everyday life in Minnesota.

Representation

Census data determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the size of voting districts for state and local governments.

Minnesota is at risk of [losing a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives](#).

Funding

Census data guides approximately \$589 billion in federal spending allocated to local communities each year, including [more than \\$15 billion distributed to Minnesota communities](#).

Even one missed person could mean [forfeiting almost \\$28,000 in funding for the next ten years](#).

Planning

Census data helps decision-makers plan roads, schools, hospitals, senior centers, and emergency services to best serve changing populations.

With accurate [demographic data about Minnesota](#) we can understand shifting community needs and efficiently direct resources to address them.

Business

Census data assists businesses in locating factories and stores, recruiting employees, and conducting market research.

Chambers of Commerce and other business organizations across Minnesota gain valuable insights by [using census data](#).

You and your community benefit most when everyone is counted!