

Spring/Summer 2020

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Have You Completed Your 2020 Census?



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If you did not receive a Census invitation or you have questions, please contact the U.S. Census Call Center at 800.865.6384.

For more information: 2020CENSUS.GOV

What's in it for me?

- Minnesota receives ~\$15 Billion annually that's ~\$28,000 per Minnesotan or ~\$112,000 for a family of 4 that we stand to lose if we don't get everyone counted.
- We must be sure to count every Moorhead resident because Minnesota is projected to lose one of its 8 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives (maybe even ours!).
- Responding fulfills your civic duty because it's mandated by the U.S. Constitution.
 - Census data gives community leaders vital information to make decisions about building community centers, opening businesses, and planning for the future.

Census Timeline:

- March 12-20: Initial invitations were sent via the U.S. Postal Service.
- March 16-24: Reminder letters sent.
- March 26-April 3: Reminder postcards sent to households that have not responded.
- April 8-16: Reminder letters and paper questionnaires sent to remaining households that have not responded.
- April 20-27: Final reminder postcards sent to households that have not yet responded.
- May 13-July 31: If a household does not respond to any of the invitations, a Census taker will follow up in person.

Make Moorhead Home Property Tax Rebate: Incentive for Building a New Home

New homes built in Moorhead expand the property tax base and benefit our whole community. To add to the excitement of owning a new home, the City of Moorhead has some "Moorhead Perks" for investing in a newly constructed home.

Make Moorhead Home Property Tax Rebate

The Make Moorhead Home Property Tax Rebate is a property tax break for the first two years after a new home is constructed as an incentive to grow the City. The rebate saves a new home buyer thousands of dollars. On a new \$300,000 home, the total value of the rebate may be as much as \$7,200. After the rebate period, the homeowners pay the same tax rates as other homeowners. You don't need to be a first-time home buyer. As long as you are building a new home or buying one that has not yet been occupied, you are eligible.

No application needed—when a building permit for a new home is issued, the property is automatically enrolled in the rebate program. The rebate of the eligible portion of the tax payments will be refunded

in December of each year of eligibility. If you have any questions on the program timing, just contact the City Assessor's Office at 218.299.5310. This program is available through December 31, 2020 unless extended.

Welcome Home Pass

The Welcome Home Pass is another special gift to buyers of newly constructed homes that allows Moorhead's newest neighbors to experience all that Moorhead Parks and Recreation has to offer. The pass offers the homeowner and everyone living in the immediate household access to golf (season pass) and swimming (family pass), and recreation programming (12 months) for both kids and grownups.

There are a number of new housing neighborhoods under development in Moorhead. For additional details about the Make Moorhead Home property tax rebate and the Welcome Home Pass, please visit makeMoorheadhome.com.

Help Improve Water Quality and Reduce Pollutants – Only Rain in the Storm Drain.



To protect our environment, please keep grass clippings, leaves, or other yard waste out of the street and gutter. Recycle yard waste at one of the City's drop off stations or start your own compost site. River Keepers host local workshops to make your own compost tumbler and make your own rain barrel. For more information on these workshops

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Benefits of a Rain Barrel

Rain barrels can divert stormwater from roofs, reducing strains on the storm sewer system. By conserving water you reduce the demand for treated tap water, and save money by lowering your monthly bill. A rain barrel can save over 1,000 gallons of water during peak summer months.

Be a part of the solution not the pollution. To report an illicit discharge contact 218.299.5387



Helpful Tips for Sump Pump Discharge

Where should your sump hose discharge? It depends upon the time of year:

Spring/Summer: April 1 to October 31

- Your sump hose must discharge outside during this timeframe, and should be directed out to the street, backyard or side yard (please be courteous to your neighbors when choosing where to discharge). Sump pump discharge to the sanitary sewer during this time period creates a risk of overloading the sanitary sewer system and basement back-up for you and your neighbors.
- Homeowners in subdivisions constructed after 2003 have drain tile behind the curb line. Nuisance conditions can be avoided by connecting to this drain tile. Please contact Levi Hockett in the City of Moorhead Engineering Department for additional information at 218-299-5396.

Fall/Winter: November 1 to March 31

The outdoor procedure applies, unless you have a Sump Pump Seasonal Waiver on file with the Wastewater Department. The waiver (if approved) allows discharge into the sanitary sewer during the winter months only. Because the risk of significant rain events is lower during this time, the sanitary sewer system is capable of handling this extra water.

A \$30 annual fee applies and will be billed through your Moorhead Public Service bill in January or February of each year. It is a violation of City Policy to discharge your sump hose in to the sanitary sewer without a Seasonal Waiver.

If you have questions on the waiver application, comments, or feedback, please let us know. Wastewater Division 218.299.5386

D.A.R.E. Program Positively Impacting Student Choices



This year alone 1,100 students graduated from the DARE program. The DARE program uses activities, games, and demonstrations to build a partnership between police, students, schools, and families. This program focuses on educating students using age-specific lessons to include internet safety, bullying, role models, and more.

Our program relies completely on the generous contributions of both businesses and individuals. All donations are an investment in our youth and go directly to program materials, books, weekly school supplies, and graduation t-shirts.

For more information on the DARE program or to make a donation, please visit our website at www.moorheadpolice.com and click on "Youth & Family Services."

Cleanup Week May 4-8 Oakport Neighborhood Cleanup Day May 12

Attention residents of single-family homes! Furniture, household goods, and appliances will be collected at your curb on your scheduled garbage day beginning at 5 am at no additional cost. Excess garbage set out before Cleanup Week will be collected for a fee. More information at cleanupweek.com. Please note apartments and business are not eligible for the curbside Cleanup Week program, which is part of the residential rate structure.

Cleanup Week guidelines

- Separate tires, appliances, furniture, brush, household garbage, metal, etc. into piles -- separate trucks collect specific items
- Use disposable containers such as cardboard boxes (no loose garbage please)
- Do not set items out more than one day early
- Crews will not return to pick up garbage set out after your garbage day
- Remove refrigerator and freezer doors for safety
- Do not place food or waste inside appliances
- No commercial waste will be accepted
- Keep your garbage tote at least 4 feet away from other Cleanup Week items

Specialty items collected at no additional charge

- Two appliances per household
- Tires (no rims)
- Empty propane tanks (valves do not need to be removed)

Get a jump on clean up!

- Bring furniture, household goods, and excess garbage to the Solid Waste Transfer Station April 27 May 15 during normal Transfer Station hours, free of charge (also applies to apartments)
- Fees apply to demolition/construction materials
- Proof of Moorhead residency required (i.e. driver's license)

Options for noncollectible items

Crews will not collect the following items curbside – disposal info below.

TVs/computers/electronics (no fee)

Clay County Electronics Collection for Clay County residents only 1300 15 Ave N, Moorhead (behind the DMV)

- Saturday, May 2, 8:00 am noon
- Cleanup Week, May 4 8, noon 6:00 pm
- Tuesdays (year round), 4:00 6:00 pm
- Questions? 218.299.7329 or
 cleanupweek.com/claycounty.htm

Demolition/construction materials (fee applies)

Clay Demolition Debris Landfill, 4 miles east of Glyndon on Hwy 10 Moorhead Transfer Station, 2727 Hwy 10 E, Moorhead

- Lumber, concrete, sheet rock, fencing material, windows, doors, asphalt shingles, etc.
- Clay Demolition Debris Landfill: 218.498.2430 or claycountymn.gov
- Moorhead Transfer Station: 218.299.5465 or cityofmoorhead.com

Hazardous household materials waste (no fee)

- Clay County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 2729
 Hwy 10 E, Moorhead
- Questions? 218.299.5077 or cleanupweek.com/claycounty.htm



Weekly Curbside Yard Waste:

Pick-up begins May 4 on your regularly scheduled garbage day. Weekly Curbside Branch Pick-up: begins May 4 on your regularly scheduled garbage day. Guidelines for curbside pick-up:

cityofmoorhead.com/departments/public-works

Solid Waste Transfer Station

Year-round (except holidays) | Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:15 pm | Saturday, 8:00 am – 11:45 am (May 2 & 9, 2020 only)

Compost Site

May 4 – November 20 | Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:15 pm | Saturday, 8:00 am – 11:45 am

MATBUS



Get Your "Can" on MATBUS during Earth Week

During Earth Week (April 20-25), ride MATBUS fixed routes for FREE when you donate one empty aluminum can! Ridesharing helps to conserve our natural resources by reducing fossil

fuels from personal vehicles. So remember, reduce air pollution and conserve energy during Earth Week – get your "Can" on the bus! All proceeds from recycling the collected cans will be donated.

Unlimited 90-Day Youth Pass for kids K-12

For just \$26, youth in grades K-12 can get unlimited rides on all metro-area fixed routes. The passes are an excellent way to teach young adults to be more independent, or to introduce younger riders to public transportation during family outings. The 90-Day Youth Pass is sold at the Ground Transportation Center, 502 NP Avenue in Fargo.

Free Rides to the Library

MATBUS will be providing free rides to youth (grades K-12) going to and from the Fargo, Moorhead or West Fargo public libraries. Youth simply need to show the driver their library card from June 1 through August 31, 2020, and they will ride for free!

Take LinkFM to Fun Community Events!

Avoid the traffic! LinkFM will be providing fun, fast and free transportation to select large community events throughout the year. Just wait at one of the marked LinkFM stops to get your free ride. Events coming up soon: Scandinavian Hjemkomst and Midwest Viking Festival, Downtown Street Fair, Trollwood's "Cinderella" and more! Check out the MATBUS website for the full list, plus event times and bus stops for each event.



Try MATBUS Week October 21-26

MATBUS invites you to join those who took 2 million rides in 2019 and try MATBUS! During Try MATBUS Week, ride MATBUS fixed route vehicles for a half fare of 75 cents Monday-Friday, and enjoy free rides all day Saturday. There will also be customer and team appreciation activities held this week.

Calendar

May 25	Memorial Day – No Bus Service
June 21-22	Scandinavian Hjemkomst & Midwest Viking Festival – ride there free with LinkFM
July 4	Independence Day – No Bus Service
July 16-18	Downtown Street Fair – ride there free on LinkFM downtown, and a reduced rate on greater MATBUS system
September 7	Labor Day – No Bus Service

Contact MATBUS: call 701.232.7500 or visit MATBUS.com





Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County (HCSCC) Hjemkomst Center

CULTURAL 202 1 Ave N | Moorhead, MN | 218.299.5511 hcscconline.org

Moorhead Library 118 5 St S | Moorheal larl.org

118 5 St S | Moorhead, MN | 218.233.7594 larl.org

Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 9 pm Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm Sunday, closed

Minnesota Property Tax Refunds for Homeowners and Renters

Homeowner's Homestead Credit Refund: To qualify, you must have owned and lived in your home on January 2, 2020. The refund amount is based on household income, tax filing status, and property taxes paid on principal residence. The maximum refund is \$2,820.

Special Homeowner's Homestead Credit Refund: This refund is based on the increase of your property tax over the previous year regardless of household income. You must have owned and lived in your home on both January 2, 2019 and January 2, 2020, and your property taxes on your home increased by more than 12% and at least \$100 from 2019 to 2020, not due to improvements you made to the property. The maximum refund is \$1,000.

Renter's Property Tax Refund: Renters may also qualify for a Renter's Property Tax Refund. You will need your 2019 Certificate of Rent Paid. The maximum refund is \$2,190.

Filing instructions: Visit revenue.state.mn.us to find information on how to file. You will need information from your 2020 Clay County property tax statement (mailed in March/April 2020) and your 2019 federal income tax return to fill out Form M1PR.

Timing: The filing deadline is August 15. You have one year from the due date to file and claim a prior year refund.



A Summer of Exploration and Adventure with the Moorhead Library

The Moorhead Public Library is getting ready to dig into a summer of exploration and adventure for all!

Summer Library Experience for Kids

Beginning June 1, youth are invited to stop by the Moorhead Public Library for a free book to begin their Summer Library Experience. Continue visiting the library throughout the summer to find great books, attend awesome "digging" events on the themes of archaeology, gardening, dinosaurs and more, and vote on an amazing end-of-summer party for everyone. Books available while supplies last. The Summer Library Experience will be offered from June 1-August 1.

Books About Exploration

This is also a great time for everyone to explore the many popular titles available in the library's collection, particularly eBooks and eAudiobooks available for free and easy download at larl.overdrive.com. To get in the spirit of exploration, try one of these adventure-themed eBooks available in the library's collection:

- "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson
- "Into Thin Air" by Jon Krakauer
- "The Year of Living Dangerously" by Christopher Koch
- "The Hobbit" by JRR Tolkien
- "Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert
- "Gulliver's Travels" by Jonathan Swift
- "On the Road" by Jack Kerouac
- "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed
- "American Gods" by Neil Gaiman

Plus many more! Visit **larl.overdrive.com** to get started downloading eBooks free-of-charge.

Get an Instant Digital Card

Do you know someone who doesn't have a library card and pays to download eBooks and eAudiobooks? They could get instant access to the library's free collection of eBooks and eAudiobooks even if they are not currently a library cardholder by signing up for an Instant Digital Card. Start downloading eBooks in seconds by visiting OverDrive and selecting "Sign up for an Instant Digital Card". This service is offered to those whose phone billing address is within the library's service area.

Library Updates

Beep Beep! Here comes the library's Book Truck. We are thrilled to introduce a new service which will bring the library to parks, community events, farmers markets, assisted living centers, neighborhoods and more, in and around Dilworth and Moorhead. The Book Truck will hit the road this summer. To learn more, visit larl.org/booktruck.

To better serve the residents of south Moorhead, a new book drop will be available at the Azool Hornbachers. Borrow books, movies and more from the library and conveniently return them at the new book drop beginning in Spring 2020.

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Events

Cullen Hockey Center Events 707 SE Main Ave

Open Pickleball: Monday-Thursday; April 20-August 28; 8:00 am-1:00 pm; \$3.00 Daily Fee

44th Annual Valley Vintage Car Club Car Show:

April 25, 9:00 am-8:00 pm; April 26, 9:00 am-4:00 pm Visit www. valleyvintage.net for more information

Spring Bounce Fling: May 2; 10:00 am-4:00 pm; Admission: \$10.00/wristband

Join Games to Go and Moorhead Parks and Recreation at the Spring Bounce Fling! Enjoy a variety of inflatable games, music, food trucks, and more!

56560 Rummage Sale: May 16; 7:00 am-1:00 pm; Admission: \$1.00, Kids 17 and under are free

Moorhead Parks and Recreation will host the inaugural 56560 Rummage Sale that is open to vendors selling rummage and garage sale items, clearance items, hand-crafted items, and more! Shuttle service will be provided from Moorhead High School and concessions will be available on-site.

iCan Bike: July 13-17;

iCan Shine's iCan Bike program hosted by the Anne Carlsen Center will teach individuals with disabilities how to ride a conventional bike and become a lifelong independent rider! To learn more visit: www. annecarlsen.org/bike

Moorhead Farmers Market Tuesdays, June 2-Sept 29, 3:30 pm-6:30 pm Moorhead Ace Parking Lot 20 6th St S



The Moorhead Farmers Market makes for a

great place to Get Fresh and Go Local. Open Tuesdays, June to September there are items such as vegetables, fruit, baked goods, honey, jams, jellies, pet products, and hand crafted items available for purchase

Moorhead RiverArts 5:30 pm-8:00 pm Memorial Park 111 8th Street N

On four Tuesdays in the summer we organize our Moorhead RiverArts. This is a family-friendly event that features carriage rides, kid-friendly art activities, inflatable games, yard games and more! Each night we bring in an entertainment act to perform for the crowd and businesses or organizations set up booths to participate in crafts or games. Come enjoy the fun!

June 9: Lars & Joe Pony Show and a Petting Zoo

June 23: Rick Adams and Barrel Car Rides

July 28: Mick & Cassie and a Fishing Clinic

August 11: Front Fenders and Carnival Games

Dive into Summer June 11, 6:30-8:30 pm Moorhead Municipal Pool 800 19 St S

Kick off the summer with a night of family fun at the pool! Enjoy free open swim and water games, hotdogs, chips, and pop (while supplies last), and enter for a chance to win prizes! Children 8 years of age and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Season pool passes will also be available for purchase.

Moorhead Police Department Sponsors: Bike Rodeo & Safety Fair Tuesday, June 16, 5-7 pm Law Enforcement Center 911 11 St. N.

Lots of free activities including bike rodeo (bring your helmet), face painting, make a phone # ID Bracelet and much more!

Tennis Carnival June 19, 9:00 am-11:00 am Moorhead High School Tennis Courts 2400 4th Ave S



Join us for a fun-filled day of tennis! Enjoy a variety of activities to test your skills and win prizes! This event is for youth of all ages and skills. Participants do not have to be in our tennis program to join in the fun. The event is free and open to all!

Special Edition: RiverArts at Woodlawn July 14, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Woodlawn Park 400 Woodlawn Dr

This special edition of RiverArts will take place at Woodlawn Park around the beautiful Heritage Garden and Amphitheater. This family-friendly event will feature art activities, inflatable games, yard games, a photobooth, and a performance by the Varying Degrees Trio!

Summer Splash July 16, 2-4 pm Moorhead Municipal Pool 800 19 St S

Jump in for an afternoon of fun with free inflatable games, a diving contest, and so much more to help you stay cool!

Doggy Dip August 17, 3:30-7:30 pm South Park Wading Pool 2101 14 St S



Let your dog cool their paws with our annual Doggy Dip! \$4.00 per dog, with all proceeds benefiting the Moorhead Dog Park. Dogs

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should have a collar, ID tags, be properly licensed, vaccinated, and in good health to swim!

Canoe and Kayak Rentals

May 26-September 1

\$10/hour, per vessel

Hjemkomst Landing, 202 1 Ave N, Moorhead

Tuesdays 6-8 pm, Saturday 1-6 pm, Sundays 1-6pm

Single and tandem kayaks and canoes are available on a first come, first served basis. Rental include paddles and personal floatation devices, which must be worn at all times.

Group rentals are available! To rent 5 or more vessels call 218.299.5296 at least 7 days in advance. Reservations are not available during regularly scheduled hours. Minimum of 2 hours or a \$100 minimum rental fee.

River Paddling Excursions

If you like to canoe or kayak, and would like to learn more about the Red River, join us this summer as Moorhead Parks and Recreation and River Keepers host River Paddling Excursions from 6-8 pm at the Hjemkomst Landing, 202 1st Ave N in Moorhead.

Take a relaxing downtown river tour as local guest speakers share their expertise on the following educational topics:

River Paddling Excursion – History of the Red River

May 20 – History of the Red River, hosted by Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County

Learn about the historic sites including the steamboat landing and remnants from the riverfront saloons.

River Paddling Excursion – Aviary Expedition

June 17 – Aviary Expedition, hosted by Fargo-Moorhead Audubon.

Learn about the different species of birds that live along the Red River and those that utilize it while migrating.

River Paddling Excursion – History of the Red River

July 15 – History of the Red River, hosted by Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County

Learn about the historic sites including the steamboat landing and remnants from the riverfront saloons.

River Paddling Excursion – Animals and Habitats

August 19 – Animals and Habitats, hosted by Nicole Lee

Learn about the many habitats of wildlife living along the river.

All skill levels are invited. Each session will begin at 6 pm with the basics of canoeing and kayaking. Please arrive at 5:30 pm. Vessels are available on a first come first serve basis.

Fees:

\$10/person if you own your own vessel

\$15/person for canoe/kayak rental

In the case of inclement weather, all programs will be rescheduled for the following Thursday of that week. Visit our website or Facebook page for weather updates.

Register now at moorheadparks.com. For more information, call 218.299.5340.

Night to Unite August 4

Plan a family-friendly neighborhood gathering to connect with your neighbors. Register events at cityofmoorhead.com [search Night to Unite] to receive a party planning kit. Contact the Community Policing Coordinator at 218.299.5143 for



more information. Close-knit neighborhoods are safe neighborhoods!

Citizens Police Academy September 10 – November 12 (Thursdays), 6 pm – 9 pm

The Academy will lead citizens to an understanding of what it is like to be a police officer. Experience K9 demonstrations, S.W.A.T., narcotics investigations, and much more! Applications at cityofmoorhead.com [search Citizens Police Academy] or call 218.299.5143. Class size is limited; apply for this free, hands-on class today!

Greater Moorhead Days September 10 – 19 Various Locations

moorheadparks.com

- 10 MBA Bridge Bash Welcome Back All College Students (FREE Event)
- 11 9/11 Commemoration
- 11 Greater Moorhead Days Parade
- 12 Wings & Wheels Air Fly In & Car Show
- 12 FM Flatlander Rotary Ride
- 14 17 Medallion Hunt
- 15 Midco Kids Fest

Fire Department Open House October 11, 1 pm – 4 pm 1120 1st Avenue North

Join us for tours, demos, and free food!

Haunted Mall October 31, 5 pm – 7 pm Moorhead Center Mall

Enjoy an evening of trick-or-treating in a safe, controlled environment for families on Halloween night. Activities include trick-or-treating throughout the mall, scary and not-so-scary spaces, pumpkin decorating, photo booth, a magic show, and a variety of crafts and hands-on activities for kids and families. Admission is free!



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cityofmoorhead.com click on e-Notification in the top menu

City Calendar

cityofmoorhead.com/calendar

May

- 21 MBA Annual Golf Tournament
- 25 Memorial Day | City offices closed | no garbage*

June

- 2 Farmers Market Opens (Tuesdays thru Sept 29)
- 9 RiverArts at Memorial Park
- 11 Dive Into Summer
- Bike Rodeo & Safety Fair 16
- 19 Tennis Carnival
- 23 RiverArts at Memorial Park

July

- 4 Independence Day| City offices closed | no garbage* MBA Moorhead Proud 5656OOH & AAH 4th of July 4
- fireworks celebration at MSUM 14 RiverArts at Woodlawn Park
- Summer Splash 16
- 28 RiverArts at Memorial Park

August

- 4 Night to Unite
- 11 RiverArts at Memorial Park
- 17 Doggy Dip

September

- 7 Labor Day | City offices closed | no garbage*
- 10-19 Greater Moorhead Days
- 10 MBA Bridge Bash - 10th Anniversary
- 29 Farmers Market Closes

October

11 Moorhead Fire Dept Open House

218.299.5166

31 Haunted Mall

*Garbage collection will begin at 4 am on the next business day following the holiday.



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City Council Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers, 1st Floor, City Hall. Visit our website for agendas and materials.

City Services

Administration (general information)	218.299.5166
Engineering	218.299.5390
Community Development	218.299.5434
Moorhead Public Library	218.233.7594
Police (non-emergency)	218.299.5120
Fire (non-emergency)	218.299.5298
Parks and Recreation	218.299.5340
Public Works	218.299.5422
Moorhead Public Service (MPS)	218.477.8000
Emergency	911



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