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We're bringing the energy, the nostalgia, and the ultimate party vibes with a night of **live music, food, drinks, and dancing under the stars**. Local favorites **Weekend Rockstar** will kick off the night with a high-powered set, setting the stage for headliners **Fool House**, the nation's premier '90s dance party band! Expect your favorite throwback hits from **NSYNC** to **Nirvana**, **TLC** to **Third Eye Blind**, all performed with wild costumes, big energy, and nonstop fun.

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- **Weekend Rockstar** – high-energy local opener
- **Fool House** – ultimate '90s dance party experience
- **Food Trucks** – The Lookout, Wha' Jamaican, Rosa's Tacos, Mansetti's Pizza
- **Beverage Stations** – guests 21+ (ID required)

Parking & Shuttle Info:

- Free parking available at the **Champlin Ice Forum**
- Free shuttles from **Andrews Park, Brittany Park, and JRAC**
- Shuttle service operates from **5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.**

Schedule:

- Gates open at 5:00 p.m.
- Live music starts at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets:

- \$15.00 – Now through September 19
- \$20.00 – At the door

Online

Ticket Sales:

[ci.champlin.mn.us/
256/Shed-Fest](https://ci.champlin.mn.us/256/Shed-Fest)





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Website: www.ci.champlin.mn.us

The City Council and staff can be reached at the following email: email@ci.champlin.mn.us

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ice Forum: 763-421-3696

Parks & Public Works: 763-421-2820

Police Administration: 763-421-2971

Utility Billing: 763-923-7135

Water Concern: 763-421-0154, After Hours: 952-258-5321

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Mayor: Ryan Sabas

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Public Works Director: Chris Rachner

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council: 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month

EDA: 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month

ERC: 1st Monday of the Month

Park & Rec Commission: 1st Tuesday of the Month

Planning Commission: 3rd Monday of the Month

*Meeting dates are subject to change; call the City office to confirm dates and times or check website calendar for updates

EDITOR

Champlin Chronicle Editor: Ashley Wagner



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[Mayor's Corner]

Greetings, Neighbors!

By: Mayor Ryan Sabas

I want to begin by saying how incredibly fortunate we are to call Champlin home.

This community continues to show strength, compassion, and resilience in the face of both celebration and tragedy.

Over the past few months, I've received hundreds of messages from residents reaching out, not just to ask how I'm doing, but how the City is doing, following the horrific events of June 14, when our community was shaken by the assassination attempt on Senator John Hoffman and the tragic loss of Representative Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark. As both your Mayor and a fellow resident, I never imagined waking up to such devastating news, nor seeing our city on national headlines under these circumstances.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to our Champlin Police Department and surrounding cities for their swift and professional response. Their bravery undoubtedly prevented further loss of life. We are grateful that Senator Hoffman is recovering, and our hearts go out to the Hortman family during this unimaginable time.

Community safety is and always will be a top priority for the City Council. I have full confidence in our outstanding police force. We will continue to invest in resources, hold the line on crime, and send a clear message that Champlin is a safe and united community, and anyone who threatens that will be held accountable.

I also want to take a moment to welcome and recognize our new City Administrator, Jenny Max. She stepped into this leadership role just days before the June 14 incident and quickly proved herself to be a steady, capable, and compassionate leader. I have tremendous confidence in her ability to guide our organization forward, and the feedback from staff these past three months has been overwhelmingly positive. As Mayor, I couldn't be more confident in her leadership. We are truly fortunate to have her serving Champlin.

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Fall Pickleball!

FALL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

The City of Champlin is hosting its first Fall Pickleball Tournament on the weekend of **October 4-5!** Mark your calendar for a weekend of fun, friendly competition, and fall vibes.

ci.champlin.mn.us/223/Parks-Recreation



FALL PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

Join us for this fast-paced individual league! Players rotate partners throughout the evening and move up/down based on weekly performance. Must register with DUPR and download the SWISH app before the first session. Players should know the scoring and rules. No subs allowed.

WHEN: Tuesdays, September 9 – October 14 | 6:30–8:30 p.m.

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FEE: \$25 (Resident) | \$32 (Non-Resident)



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Here’s how it works:

During the week of Halloween, our Boo Crew will visit participating homes and leave behind a festive yard sign and a small goodie bag filled with Halloween treats. It’s a surprise your child won’t forget — and a great way to spread spooky cheer across the neighborhood!

Register online:

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Deadline: October 22 or until full

Eligibility: Champlin residents only

When: October 27–31

Where: Registered homes in Champlin

Fee: \$15 per child/
per home



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How we care for our lawns, especially in fall, has a big impact on local water quality. Rain washes dead leaves from streets and yards into storm drains, sending nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen straight into our lakes and rivers. This fuels algae blooms, harms fish and lowers water quality. Leaf litter can also carry toxins and bacteria into our waterways. Help protect clean water this fall; rake, mulch, or compost your leaves.

Want to do more? Adopt a storm drain near you!

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Polling Place: Jackson Middle School, 6000 – 109th Ave. N.
Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16

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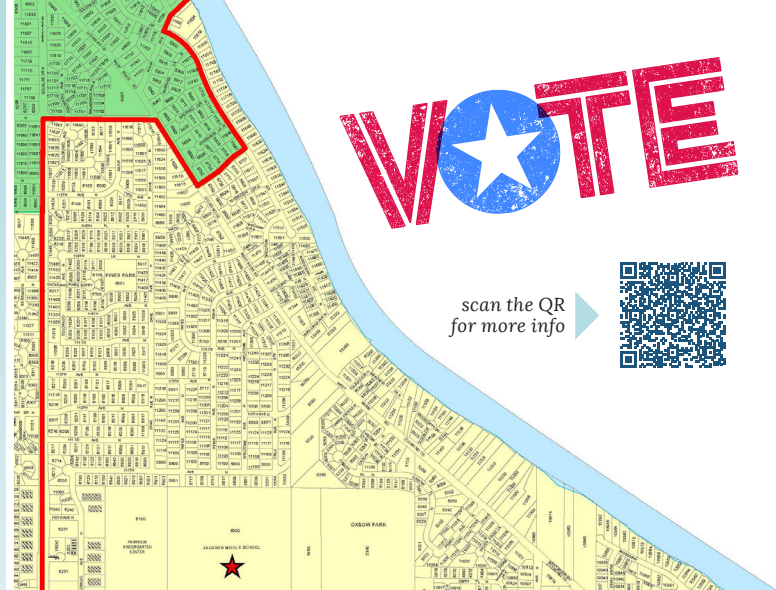
Starts Tuesday, September 2 at:

- Champlin City Hall (11955 Champlin Drive)
- Hennepin County Government Center, 300 S. 6th St., Skyway Level, Minneapolis

Request a ballot online: mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/abrequest/index

Champlin City Hall absentee hours:

- Monday–Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 13: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 15: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



VOTER REGISTRATION

- Pre-register by September 9 or register on Election Day
- To register, visit:
sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote
- On Election Day, bring a photo ID with current name and address. If not available, bring a photo ID plus a document with your current name and address.

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Register early:

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Deadline: November 17 (or until full)

WHEN: Friday, November 21

WHERE: Mississippi Crossings Event Center
307 East River Pkwy

TIME: Session #1: 5:15 – 7:00 p.m.
Session #2: 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.

FEE: \$8 per player (Champlin residents)
\$12 per player (Non-residents)



Understanding Right-of-Way and Easements in Champlin

Why It Matters for Your Property and City Projects

As Champlin and other utility owners continue to invest in infrastructure and street improvements, many residents are noticing activity near their yards and wondering, “Isn’t that my property?” Understanding public **right-of-way (ROW)** and **easements** can help clarify what’s happening and why.

What Is the Right-of-Way (ROW)?

The ROW includes streets, sidewalks, boulevards, and underground utilities and often extends 10–15 feet past the curb into what may look like your yard. While the City owns this area, **residents must mow and maintain boulevard grass** per City Code [Section 106-55 (b)].

Irrigation systems, fences, or landscaping installed in the ROW are at your own risk. These may be removed or damaged during maintenance or improvement projects such as street reconstructions and utility upgrades.



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Easements allow City or utility crews to access underground infrastructure (like storm sewers, water, or gas lines). These are typically 5-10 feet wide along front, side, or rear property lines and are recorded with your plat.

Even though you own this land:

- Permanent structures are not allowed
- Changes to grading or landscaping need City approval
- Access may occur without notice or compensation for damage to unauthorized features

What You Can Do:

- Review your property survey or plat to locate easements
- Keep ROW and easement areas clear of permanent structures or deep-rooted plantings
- Always call Gopher State One Call (811) before digging

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Embedded Social Worker Enhances Community Response at Champlin Police Department

During Night to Unite 2025, many residents were surprised to learn that the Police Department has an embedded social worker on staff. Our social worker was out in the community meeting residents and sharing the benefits of this innovative public safety approach. This program enhances the department's ability to respond to mental health crises, substance abuse cases, and social service needs with compassion and care.

By integrating a licensed social worker into daily operations, officers gain critical support in handling non-criminal calls more effectively. This collaborative model has helped reduce repeat calls

for service and build stronger trust between law enforcement and residents.

The embedded social worker primarily serves Champlin and works with neighboring agencies when needed. Responsibilities include conducting follow-up visits, performing crisis assessments, connecting individuals to mental health, housing, addiction, and domestic violence resources, and providing on-site support during police calls. The immediate access to services helps to de-escalate situations that might otherwise result in arrests or emergency room visits.

The success of this program reflects the value of a multidisciplinary approach to public safety. By combining law enforcement with social services, Champlin has created a more proactive, holistic model of community care. This position is a vital part of how we support residents in crisis and promote safer outcomes for everyone in the community.



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Night to Unite 2025

National Night Out in Champlin was a hit! From BBQs and yard games to friendly chats, our Police, Fire, City Council, staff, and officials had an incredible time connecting with residents. Thank you to every neighbor who hosted, gathered, and made the night shine with true Champlin spirit. Our residents are what makes this community so special!



New City Administrator Jenny Max joined our local police and fire out in the community.



Kid Create - Pajama Party!



Roll out of bed and come to camp in your jammies! Every kid is a little more creative in their slippers. We'll sculpt, collage, print, paint, and make a delightful mess while exploring basic art concepts.

WHEN: Thursday, October 17 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Parks & Public Works Building

WHO: Ages 3–7

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Learn More: ci.champlin.mn.us/442/Farmers-Market



Ice Skating Lessons

Fall Session #1:
October 6 – November 10

Fall Session #2:
November 17 – December 22

TIME: 5:30–7:45 p.m.

Visit the **Ice Forum website** for Open Skate and Stick & Puck schedules.



Mayor's Corner - continued from page 3

In other city updates, it's been another busy construction season. Goose Lake Parkway improvements are almost complete, and we're excited to reopen the newly reconstructed 109th Avenue later this fall. It will mark the end of phase one of a two-part project. Phase two, intersection improvements at Highway 169 and 109th, will begin in 2026.

Meanwhile, it's been an exciting third year at Mississippi Crossings. The 2025 MC Summer Series was our biggest yet, with growing crowds and great energy along the riverfront. Watching residents come together to enjoy live music on the river is exactly what we envisioned when we began redeveloping this area. Later this year, we'll celebrate another milestone as CharBlu Riverside opens its doors. This long-anticipated riverfront restaurant with an outdoor patio will be a fantastic addition to the Crossings experience.

Thank you for your continued support, resilience, and commitment to our city. Whether through challenges or celebrations, Champlin remains strong because of the people who live here, and I am proud to serve as your Mayor.



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- What's Accepted: Food scraps, compostable paper, and certified compostable products. Full guide: ci.champlin.mn.us/552/Disposal-Guides
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For a complete list of eligible projects and detailed qualifications, visit our website or scan the QR Code to learn more: ●●●●●●▶



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Police Explorers

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Questions?

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Anoka-Champlin Fire Department



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1. **Buy Smart:** Only purchase products with safety certification marks like UL, ETL, or CSA.



2. **Charge Safely:** Use the charger that came with your device. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Always charge on a hard surface, avoid overcharging, and unplug once fully charged.



3. **Recycle Properly:** Never toss lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycle them at a certified battery recycling location — visit call2recycle.org to find one near you.

If a fire does start in your home, you'll have two to three minutes to get out. A working smoke alarm can buy you the precious seconds you and your family need to escape with your lives intact. So test your smoke alarms monthly and listen for the sound. Don't forget to change the batteries twice a year too, and establish a meeting place that's a safe distance away from your home where everyone can gather after escaping a fire.

Free Smoke Alarms and CO Alarm Safety

The Anoka-Champlin Fire Department, in partnership with the American Red Cross, offers free battery-operated smoke alarms to residents. Contact us to learn more.

Carbon monoxide detectors must be replaced every 10 years and should be located near sleeping areas.

Fire Department Open House

Join us on **Saturday, September 27** from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Anoka Public Safety Building (275 Harrison St, Anoka) for an open house! Fun demos, tours, and safety info for the whole family!



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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

CharBlu Riverside at Mississippi Crossings



Construction is steadily progressing on **CharBlu Riverside**, the new restaurant coming to Mississippi Crossings. The first layer of the parking lot is complete, and the interior floor has been poured. In the coming months, residents will see noticeable changes as window framing begins, sheetrock is installed, and exterior finishes are added. The restaurant will feature an outdoor patio overlooking the river. Construction began in late January 2025, with a grand opening anticipated before the end of the year. We're excited to welcome this new dining destination to the Crossings riverfront!

Lightbridge Academy



Lightbridge Academy, an 11,320 sq. ft. daycare center, is currently under construction east of Champlin Family Dental/TC Orthodontics and just south of Target. Part of a national childcare chain with over 140 locations, this will be Lightbridge's **first center in Minnesota**, a welcome addition to Business Park Blvd. Construction is expected to wrap up by late October, with a projected opening sometime between November and January, depending on final interior finishes and staff training.



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CHAMPLIN HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

Spread some holiday cheer and show off your decorating skills—the annual Holiday Lights Tour is back!

Whether you go all out with synchronized lights and music or prefer a classic, cozy look, we want your home on our map. Help us create a magical experience for families and neighbors to enjoy all season long.

Want to participate? Email your name and address to recreation@ci.champlin.mn.us

Map available December 5 on our website.

HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET

Vendor Applications Open in September!

Are you a maker, baker, or artisan? Showcase your handmade goods and holiday cheer at this vibrant “shop local” event!

Shopper Info:

Find one-of-a-kind gifts and support local artisans. It's a great way to kick off the holiday season.

WHERE: Mississippi Crossings Event Center
307 East River Pkwy.

WHEN: Saturday, November 22 &
Sunday, November 23

TIME: Market will run from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

CHAMPLIN BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

Thursday, October 23 | 7:30 a.m.

Mississippi Crossings Event Center
307 E. River Pkwy.

The Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Champlin invite local business owners to the Mississippi Crossings Event Center to connect over coffee. It will be a chance for local businesses to gain community updates and share about their business. Free to attend.



CHRISTMAS AT THE CROSSINGS

Friday, December 5 | 4:00-7:00 p.m.

We invite you to join us as we celebrate the season and light the Champlin Christmas tree at the Mississippi Crossings Event Center!

Highlights include:

- Carolers
- Santa visits starting at 4:00 p.m.
- Tree lighting countdown at 6:30 p.m.
- Walk-through light displays nightly through December (until 10:00 p.m.)

Follow the **City of Champlin Facebook page** for updates as the event gets closer.

