



# THE CITY OF CROOKSTON

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## SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER

# THE CITY OF CROOKSTON

## Crookston City Hall:

124 N Broadway, Crookston, MN 56716  
Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm  
Phone: (218) 281-1232  
Crookston.mn.us

## Elected Officials:

### Mayor

Dale Stainbrook: (218) 275-3684

### City Council:

Kristie Jerde: 1st Ward / (218) 280-7578  
Henry Fischer: 2nd Ward / (218) 280-4093  
Clayton Briggs: 3rd Ward / (218) 289-4408  
Donald Cavalier: 4th Ward / (218) 289-1776  
Joe Kresl: 5th Ward / (218) 289-2045  
Dylane Klatt: 6th Ward / (701) 740-7009  
Morgan Hibma: At Large / (763) 913-1036  
Tim Menard: At Large / (206) 723-6974

### City Administrator

Charles (Corky) Reynolds: (218) 281-1232

### Important Phone Numbers

Building Inspections Department: (218) 281-5713  
City Clerk's Office: (218) 281-4503  
Charter Commission: (218) 281-1232  
Crookston Municipal Airport: (218) 281-2625  
Fire Department: (218) 281-4584  
Finance Department: (218) 281-4503  
Parks & Recreation: (218) 281-1242  
Police Department: (218) 281-3111  
Polk County Museum: (218) 281-2950  
Public Works: (218) 281-1232  
Water Department: (218) 281-5711



## City Board & Commissions Meetings:

Monthly meetings unless noted.

Dates and times are subject to change.

- City Council: 2nd & 4th Monday of each month – 5:30pm
- Park Board: 3rd Monday of each month – 4:45pm
- Planning Commission Meeting – Third Tuesday of each month – 7:00pm
- Ways & Means Committee Meeting: 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - following city council meetings unless stated otherwise
- Economic Development Association Meeting: Last Tuesday of each month – 7:00am
- Charter Commission - Annually

## City Council Meeting Viewing:

All City Council meetings are available for viewing on Channel 3 as well as livestreamed on the City of Crookston YouTube page. The City of Crookston YouTube page will also post the full recording of all City Council Meetings. All meetings are open to the public.

## City Offices Closed:

- Monday, May 27th – Memorial Day
- Wednesday, June 19th – Juneteenth
- July 4th – Independence Day
- September 2nd – Labor Day





## 2024 Election Information

### Affidavit of Candidacy

- o Affidavit of Candidacy forms are available on the City of Crookston webpage under the 2024 Election Information Tab
- o The Affidavit of Candidacy filing for Wards 1,3,5, and At-Large is July 30th through August 13th, 2024.
- o 8:00am - 4:30pm Monday-Friday (August 13th from 8:00am - 5:00pm)
- o There is a fee amount for the affidavit of candidacy in the amount of \$2.00
- o Applicants may email or drop off a copy of a completed, notarized form to the City Clerk, Ashley Rystad
  - arystad@crookston.mn.us
  - 124 North Broadway, Crookston, MN 56716

### Election Judge

- o Election Judge Interest forms can be found on the City of Crookston website under the 2024 Election Information Tab. Forms can be submitted to the City Clerk, Ashley Rystad.
  - arystad@crookston.mn.us

2024 Primary Election • Tuesday, August 13th

2024 General Election • Tuesday, November 5th

### Polling Times

- o Polls open at 7:00am and close at 8:00pm. Please check the Ward Map to ensure that you're visiting the correct polling location.

### Ward Polling Locations

- o Ward 1: St. Paul's Lutheran Church - 1214 University Avenue
- o Ward 2: St. Paul's Lutheran Church - 1214 University Avenue
- o Ward 3: First Presbyterian Church - 510 North Broadway
- o Ward 4: First Presbyterian Church - 510 North Broadway
- o Ward 5: First Presbyterian Church - 510 North Broadway
- o Ward 6: St. Paul's Lutheran Church - 1214 University Ave.

## Public Health Home Visiting NOW ACCEPTING NEW CLIENTS!

Family Home Visiting is a confidential, non-judgmental, and voluntary service at no cost for you and your family.



## YOU ARE NOT ALONE

*We're here to help!*





## Public Safety

### Crookston Police Department

The Crookston Police Department is looking forward to summer and the many events that follow. Our focus at the Crookston Police Department is to provide the best public safety services to our community. However, we cannot accomplish this alone, our success is largely based on community education and partnerships as detailed below.

### Community Outreach Upcoming Events: Safety Town (June 4th – June 7th)

- The purpose of Safety Town is to introduce the importance and methods of safety to preschool children.
- Some of the safety topics are:
  - 911 awareness
  - Pedestrian safety
  - Firearms safety
  - Passenger safety
  - Internet safety

### Night to Unite (August 6th)

- The purpose of Night to Unite is to promote police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie, and enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement.
- This will be the 21st year the Crookston Police Department has hosted Night to Unite.
- Night to Unite is the largest community outreach program that the Crookston Police Department hosts with approximately 2500 people in attendance.
- The success of Night to Unite is only made possible by the community support from local business and service groups.
- Night to Unite will be held at the beautiful University of Minnesota, Crookston campus.

### Crookston Ox Cart Days (August 12th – 18th)

- Ox Cart Days is a weeklong event packed full of events that provides the residents of Crookston and area residents the opportunity to meet, greet, and have fun.
- The Crookston Police Department oversees safety/security during the many events throughout the week, such as, walk/run marathons, concerts, street dances, street vendors, parades, and much more.



### Towards Zero Death

- The Crookston Police Department has participated in Towards Zero Deaths Enforcement for well over 20 years. The mission of Towards Zero Deaths is to move Minnesota toward zero deaths on our roads through education, engineering, enforcement, and emergency medical and trauma services.
- Some of the traffic enforcement waves the Crookston Police Department will be participating in throughout the summer are:
  - *Distracted driving*
  - *Seat belt and child restraints*
  - *DWI*
  - *Speed*
  - *Move over law*

### Active Intruder Preparedness Training

- The Crookston Police Department has been and will continue to provide Active Intruder Preparedness Training throughout the summer to local businesses and organizations.
- The purpose of the training is to provide classroom and practical exercises focusing on how to develop emergency action plans that may be implemented during an active intruder incident.

As in every community, the summer months bring an increase in pedestrian and vehicle traffic. The Crookston Police Department urges the public to take extra precautions when traveling throughout the City of Crookston. We invite the residents to contact the Crookston Police Department at 218-281-3111 with any comments or concerns they may have. Like us on Facebook!





## Crookston Fire Department

The Firefighters of the City of Crookston maintain the highest level of professionalism through a program that provides in-house and specialized training in both basic and advanced skills in firefighting, first responding, hazardous material response and rescue.

The Crookston Fire Department serves a population of approximately 12,000 people spread over an area of more than 500 square miles. The department serves the City of Crookston and a rural area consisting of fourteen townships. The City of Crookston is the county seat of Polk County. The Fire Department has the ability to call additional personnel and equipment from other fire departments in Polk County as well as some departments from neighboring counties through the use of mutual-aid agreements.

### Fire Department Open House

- o Come on out and enjoy all the fun at the Crookston Fire Department on Saturday, May 18th for their Open House!
- o Child registration with the Crookston Masons, spray a real fire hose, run through a firefighter obstacle course, watch a live demonstration on a kitchen fire (11:30am / 12:30pm), thermal imager demonstration, ladder truck "bucket rides", station & equipment tours, try on a set of firefighting gear, door prizes, refreshments (hotdogs, juice, & chips), sparky & Marshall the fire dog, fire safety brochures, sign up for a FREE in-home fire safety inspection, meet your Crookston firefighters
- o Bring the whole family and have a great time at the Fire Hall!

### Safe Home Survey Crookston

- o Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, and invisible gas. Signs of CO poisoning include headache, nausea, fatigue, vomiting, and disorientation.

- o Our goal with the Safe Homes Survey is to ensure the safety of our senior residents by providing and installing carbon monoxide detectors into their homes at no cost to them.
- o How Do You Qualify:
  - 60 years of age or older
  - Reside in the city limits of Crookston
  - Own the home that you live in (no rentals)
- o If You Qualify:
  - Call the Fire Department and request a survey to be done at your home. The firefighter on shift will come to your home and check to see that your detectors are working properly. If for some reason the detector is not working, we will either install new batteries or a new carbon monoxide detector. The new detector comes with a 10-year sealed battery.
- o Call today at (218) 281-4584

### Ox Cart Days Pancake Breakfast

Join the Crookston Fire Department during Ox Cart Days on Friday, August 16th from 6am-10am for our Pancake Breakfast.



## Public Works

### Infrastructure Projects:

- 2024 Street Improvements
  - Two state aid roads
    - North Broadway (Sixth Avenue NE to Fisher Avenue)
    - Third Avenue SW (Old TH 75 to Bruce Street)
    - Houston Avenue (Hunter Street to South Ash Street)
    - Ongoing patching and pothole repairs

### Community Engagement:

- **Snow Removal Survey** - Available on the City of Crookston Website (City News)
  - *We're committed to keeping our City accessible during the winter and need your help. Please share your feedback on our snow removal efforts through a brief survey. Your insights will guide our departments in refining our services for the better. Your voice matters in shaping a safer, more efficient Crookston. Thank you for your time and valuable input.* <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WVY7793>

**Public Works Dept Webpage** – Available on the City of Crookston website

- Tree inspection Form
  - <https://www.crookston.mn.us/FormCenter/Government-4/Tree-Inspection-Form-50>
- Report Street Light Issue
  - <https://www.crookston.mn.us/FormCenter/Government-4/Street-Light-Fix-It-Form-49>

### Reminders:

*The City offers garbage collection services using City of Crookston garbage bags.*

1. Garbage pick-up on street boulevards only, within 5 feet of the street line.
2. Garbage must be placed on boulevards by 7 am of your collection day to ensure collection. Garbage may not be placed on the boulevard more than 12 hours prior to your collection date.
3. Only City of Crookston garbage bags may be used. These bags may be purchased at designated locations (presently Hugo's, Eagle Thrifty White, and Ampride).
4. Individual garbage bags are not to exceed 50 pounds (22.6 kilograms) each.
5. Garbage will be picked up once per week. If your collection day falls on a holiday, generally your garbage will be picked up the following collection day. Collection day changes will appear in the local media.
6. Large items such as furniture, appliances, tree trunks, etc. will only be picked up on Spring and Fall clean-up days.
7. Alternatively, residents may find it desirable to bring their own garbage directly to the Polk County Transfer Station
8. Compost materials such as grass clippings, leaves, garden waste, and similar materials may be placed in clear City of Crookston compost bags and placed curbside on your regular garbage collection day
9. Branch and twig collection will be scheduled on the second and fourth Mondays during the months of April through October. Branches must be in four-foot lengths and bundled. Twigs may be placed in boxes or plastic bags, but must be only twigs. Other materials such as dirt or garbage will cause the boxes and bags to be left. Branches may also be taken to the Transfer Station located on Ingersoll Avenue and Foskett Street.



## Applying for WIC is easy and can be done online!

APPLY NOW >>



The WIC program is a nutrition and breastfeeding program that helps eligible pregnant women, new mothers, babies, and young children.



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## Crookston Housing & Economic Development Authority

- The Storefront Revitalization Program still has funding, and we are encouraging businesses to apply! We have revamped our application to appeal to all business owners whether they do or do not own their building. The grant will fund up to \$5,000 for exterior storefront improvements with a 25% applicant match or up to \$1,000 in paint & signage with no match required. Contact project coordinator Kayla Hanson (218)280-6368 for more information or to request an application.
- The City has submitted a FULL application for a Small Cities Development Grant requesting \$1.2 million. We will know if the City has been awarded this in early to mid-summer. If awarded, those that submitted letters of interest will be contacted to survey project eligibility. Funding will not become available till 2025.
- Empower Crookston will be holding pop-up events this summer. Our intent is to raise awareness of current efforts being made to bring funding into our community with a strong focus on residential weatherization. The City has been included in a state-wide coalition through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in which \$4 million will go towards home energy audits and weatherization of homes in Wards 1, 4, and 5. We will know by early October if we have been awarded.
  - [www.empowercrookston.org](http://www.empowercrookston.org)
- **IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act)**
  - Both the City and the EDA will be applying for the State Funded Technical Assistance Program. This program will fund up to \$30,000 per applicant to hire consultants to develop federal IIJA grant applications.
  - IIJA, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, provides a historic investment in our infrastructure and economy through 2026. We will be applying to the IIJA to target city street and sidewalk improvements.

- In addition to the federal infrastructure program, MnDOT created the IIJA Match Program. This funding is available to match any IIJA federal awards received!
- We have partnered with UMC to expand the Allen & Freda Pederson Garden. The garden will host several raised beds that are available to the public for summer lease. In addition, the garden will serve as an educational space for not only the university but also the community.
- Jolt & Jive is part of our partnership working with the Minnesota Design Center and their program, Empowering Small Minnesota Cities. The City of Crookston is a pilot project in which the team at the Minnesota Design Center is assisting us in the following:
  - Small Minnesota communities have a tremendous number of existing assets: beautiful natural areas, essential built environments, economic strengths, and human capabilities to build upon community strengths, meet their challenges, and move toward their aspirations.
  - The Empowering Small Minnesota Communities (ESMC) program is a community-centered collaboration with the University of Minnesota to support small communities in becoming well-positioned to benefit from federal, state, and local investments.
  - How? By working together to creatively leverage community assets and ideas and strengthening projects and plans for resilient physical, social, and economic infrastructure.
  - The goal? Lay the groundwork for competitive proposals that could be eligible for a wide range of funding opportunities.
- **Childcare!**
  - This is a high priority. Our department is aware of the increased demand and will be doing all we can to assist childcare providers within the community.



# QUICK FACTS

of Community Voice

### For City Gov

- Text and push notifications to city residents.
- Community calendar + widget for website with calendar
- Area to upload city council meeting agendas and meeting minutes.
- Department directory
- Local highlight reel (showcase the best of the community.)
- Local news links

### For Chambers

- Business Directory + denotation for chamber members
- Ability to send notifications to business owners
- Chamber leadership in the leadership directory
- Highlight Chamber member businesses on the home page of the app.

### For Businesses

- Listed in the business directory
- Update hours, services, etc.
- Option to update tagline
- Option to send email notifications to clients/subscribers of their businesses.
- Add events to the community calendar.
- Advertise local job postings or services in any community and select a 500 mile radius.

### For Tourists

- Ability to see local events
- Quick glance at local facilities, resources, services, facilities, and happenings.
- Favorite area businesses to remember for the next visit + opt in for notifications to keep in touch.

### For Residents

- Community Calendar + view regional events up to 100 miles away.
- Receive text notifications from city officials
- Receive emails from businesses
- See local news, local job postings.




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## Scan

to download the app





**Receive city text notifications, see local events, and area information**

**JOIN US!**

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## Building Department

### Permits

- Permits are required when construction, enlargement, or repair of buildings/structures occur and/or mechanical, plumbing installs/upgrades occur. Most common types:
- **Flat Fee Permits of \$25.00** include:
  - o Curb Cut (also requires separate charge for Public Works curb cutting/concrete sawing at a minimum fee of \$300 up to 50 feet, plus \$4 each additional foot)
  - o Demolition (Residential & Commercial)
- **Flat Fee Permits of \$50.00** include:
  - o Fencing
  - o House Moving
  - o Signs
- **Valuation Fee Permits** are determined by all labor and material costs of all construction as per fee schedule's associated cost range, and include:
  - o Commercial
  - o Residential
  - o Mechanical (except HVAC equipment change-out) (Mechanical Application Permit form online)
  - o Plumbing (Plumbing Application Permit form online)

**City of Crookston 2024 Annual Fee Schedule** (full list):  
<https://www.crookston.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/814/2023-Building-Fee-Schedule?bidId=>

**Building Dept Webpage links** – located on the City of Crookston website

- Residential Application for Permit
  - o <https://www.crookston.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/815/Residential-Building-Permit-PDF-Fillable?bidId=>
- Commercial Application for Permits
  - o <https://www.crookston.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/816/Commercial-Building-Permit-PDF--Fillable?bidId=>

- Fencing Application for Permit (with dimensioning and further requirements listed)
  - o <https://www.crookston.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/926/Fence-Building-Permit-PDF>

### Reminders:

1. Provide Application to Building Department for type of construction requested and pay for permit PRIOR to construction start.
2. Provide site plan of lot or parcel for new construction or additions onto site for zoning review. (See Residential and Commercial submittal list)
3. Building elevations, foundation/footing plans, floor plan, cross section of walls, material type, etc may be required. Verify submittal information needed with Building Official
4. Larger projects may require extended wait time for plan review and corrections to same. Get building plans in as soon as possible to avoid permit issuance delays.
5. Residential submittal list: <https://www.crookston.mn.us/188/Residential-Plan>
6. Commercial submittal list: <https://www.crookston.mn.us/187/Commercial-Plan>
7. Building Official can reject or require construction changes shown on plans and/or on construction site in order to meet Minnesota State Codes.
8. Call 811 or Gopher State One Call at 800-252-1166 for locating & marking underground utilities PRIOR to construction start.
9. Licenses for cement masonry and gas fitting are required within City limits:
  - a. <https://www.crookston.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/117/Cement-Mason-License-Application-PDF>
  - b. <https://www.crookston.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/120/Gas-Fitting-License-Application-PDF?bidId=>
10. If you have questions or need additional information, please call or visit the Building Department.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

- Keep It Dry
- Keep It Clean
- Keep It Pest Free
- Keep It Safe
- Keep It Contaminant Free
- Keep It Ventilated
- Keep It Well-Maintained

*Now Accepting Referrals*



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## Parks & Recreation: Spring Summer Fun Finder!

- o Activities for kids ages 3 and over
  - T-Ball (Ages 4-7)
  - Baseball (Ages 7-18)
  - Girls Softball (Ages 7-18)
  - Tennis (1st – 8th grade)
  - Golf (1st – 8th grade)
  - Club Kid (2nd – 6th grade)
- For full details, please refer to the full Spring Summer Fun-Finder that can be found on the City of Crookston website

### Adult Leagues

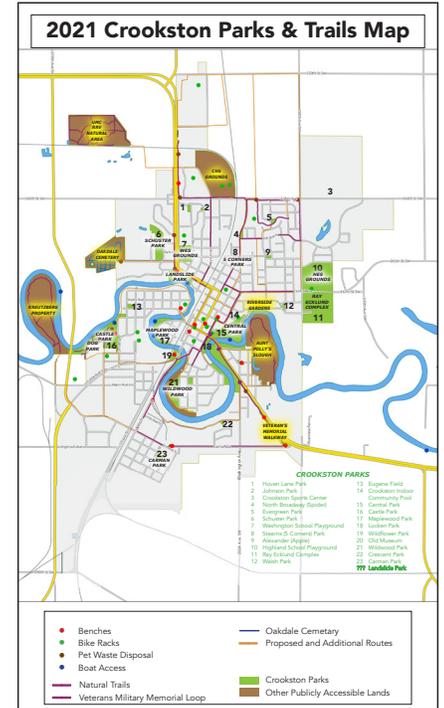
- Women's Sand Volleyball (Minimum age of 16 to play)
  - Men's Softball League (Minimum age of 16 to play)
  - Pickleball League
  - o Additional details included in the Spring Summer Fun Finder
    - Crookston Sports Center
    - Crookston Parks
    - Greater Grand Forks Youth Football + more!
- <https://www.crookston.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/903/2024-Spring-Summer-FunFinder>

### Central Park Campground Update

- o Development of the Central Park Campground is currently on schedule for an opening of mid to late summer. The complex will include 17 campsites as well as a new four-bathroom bathroom.

## Ray Ecklund Complex Projects

- o The Crookston Baseball Association will sponsor a project on diamond one where a concrete slab will be added to the field. The slab will create a walking path to the dugouts as well as create a walking path behind the backstops for fans and spectators.
- o The sand volleyball courts currently located at Crookston Sports Center are moving over to Ray Ecklund Complex.
- o Diamonds five and six will be receiving new fencing and scoreboards as well as permanent mounds.
- o Jim Karn Field will undergo a renovation to develop storage spaces under the unoccupied grandstand seating space.



### Trail Guide



## Crookston Community Pool

The Crookston Pool is run by the City of Crookston. It is located at 320 E 4th Street near Central Park. Ph: (218) 281-1242

### Pool Hours:

- o Monday-Friday:
  - 6am-9am – Lap Swim
  - 9am-10am: Aqua Aerobics
  - 2pm-4pm: Homeschool Open Swim (Fri Only)
  - 6pm-8pm: Lap/Open Swim
- o Saturday:
  - 10am-2pm: Open Swim
  - 2pm-6pm: Party Rental Block (call for reservations)
- o Sunday: Closed
- Cost:
  - o \$5/person: Open Swim
  - o \$5/person: Aqua Aerobics
  - o \$5/person: Lap Swim
  - o \$36/month: Aqua & Lap Membership

### Rentals:

- o The pool is available for birthday parties or private events.
- o Contact Andrea for availability at 218-281-1242 or aprudhomme@crookston.mn.us for availability.

### Private Rental Prices:

- \$60/hour for 20 swimmers
- \$75/hour for 21 or more swimmers
- Open Swim Party: \$5/swimmer
- 2024 Summer Swimming Pass:
  - o This pass is only for open swimming and can be purchased online (Link available on the Summer Fun Finder)
  - o [http://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/crookston/home?onlineSiteId=0&from\\_original\\_cui=true](http://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/crookston/home?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true)
  - o June 1st – September 4th
- \$100/Individual
- \$250/Family

### Swimming Lessons:

- o Crookston Community Pool will be offering group swimming lessons throughout the summer.
- o Lessons are for ages 3 and older.
- o Child must be potty-trained.
- o Lessons run Monday-Thursday Cost : \$70
- o For full list of times, visit the 2024 Spring Summer FunFinder





## Crookston Public Library / Lake Agassiz Regional Library

Find endless entertainment options at the Crookston Public Library! The library offers access to a collection of thousands of books, movies and other educational and entertainment items, including magazines and research tools.

Library cards are free to Polk County residents and an online sign-up form can be found at [larl.org/applyonline](http://larl.org/applyonline).

The library offers a number of free events, including weekly storytime, which are held Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Baby Bounce, which is held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. The library also offers a monthly book club. A full list of events at [larl.org/events](http://larl.org/events).

The Crookston Public Library also serves as host to the Crookston Family Resource Center, which is the result of a partnership between Polk County Family Resources and the Crookston Public Library bringing community resources together to meet unmet needs related to mental health, social services, career opportunities, early childhood development and more, all in one location - the Crookston Public Library.

- Partnering organizations include Career Force, Aluma, Polk County Social Services, School District 593, Polk County Public Health, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council and more.
- **Events:**
  - *Storytime – An early literacy experience*
- Help your child develop exceptional reading skills by bringing them to Storytime.
- Each week, we explore different themes with stories, songs, rhymes, flannel boards, special guests and more! Storytime typically lasts for 45 minutes and is geared for children ages 3-6, although children of all ages are welcome to join the fun.
- Thursdays from 10:30am – 11:00am
  - *Baby Bounce – Social and early literacy activities for children 0-3*
- Join us on Thursday mornings for songs, stories, and action poems for infants through preschoolers and their caregivers.

- Don't miss this weekly family literacy event! This program runs 30-45 minutes including community with other caregivers and playtime.
  - *Newborn Baby Talk*
- Free every Tuesday from 9:30am-11:00am (except Federal Holidays)
- For parents with babies 0-12 weeks
- 2-12 Week Sessions: April 2nd – June 18th
- Attend the class at Crookston Public Library, 110 N Ash Street
- A public health nurse, parent educator, and lactation specialist will be available to answer questions about your newborn and provide support and information on your new journey of parenting.
- Facilitated discussion will cover feeding, attachment, sleep, development, family changes, and returning to work. You will have an opportunity to have your baby weighed as well.
  - *STEMsational Tuesdays*
- Join us as we explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math activities. Held the second Tuesday of every month during school hours.
- Join us in creating different STEM related activities. We will be doing science activities throughout the school year. Each activity will be different and will explore various subjects.





## Polk County Historical Museum

The purpose of the corporation shall be the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about the history of Polk County. To collect and display any material that may help establish or illustrate the past or present life, conditions, events, and activities. To disseminate historical information to interested persons and institutions and arouse interest in the history of Polk County.

- Location: On US Highway 2 on the east side of Crookston
- Hours of operation. 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays) from the Tuesday after Memorial Day to the second weekend of September.
- Tours and special appointments can be arranged.
- Free-will donations are appreciated.



### Jolt & Jive

- Crookston's Weekly Power-Up Coffee Conversations
- What? Informal coffee conversations.
- Why? To continue the momentum our community started at the library during the "I Love Crookston" event where over 100 folks came to tell their story and express what they wanted in Crookston's future.
- Every Thursday at 8am at The Cove Youth Center.



## Polk County Assessor Updates

- The Polk County Assessor's office is entrusted with the responsibility of estimating the market value and determining the classification of each piece of property (parcel) in Polk County for property tax purposes.
- Valuation must meet the standards established by Minnesota Statutes and the Minnesota Department of Revenue.
- Update - The appraisers from the Polk County Assessor's Office will be out in Crookston in the highlighted area during the summer and fall to complete their reviews. Assessors are required by state law to physically review properties once every five years. The City of Crookston is divided into five parts, referred to as quintiles. This year's review will take place in Quintile 5. Appraisers will knock on the door first, and if no one is home a door tag will be left stating they were at the property. When the appraiser visits a property, it is to verify the accuracy of the information which is used to determine market value for properties. The appraiser will also take exterior photos of the property to update their records. Inspecting both the interior & exterior of the home allows the appraiser to do their best job for a thorough and equitable appraisal for each property. If there are any questions, please contact the Polk County Assessor's Office at 218-281-4186.

## Community Voice Mobile App

- Community Voice is an innovative mobile app that serves as a communication tool for communities. It has recently launched in Crookston and paid for by the Crookston Visitor's Bureau so there is no cost to the end-users or businesses. It did not come out of city tax dollars. The City of Crookston will be using the app in a variety of ways including using the text feature to text residents regarding essential communication for the community.
- App users can set their preferences to see what events are happening up to 100 miles around the community and set preferences for types of events shown. End-users can search services, businesses, facilities, events, and resources for Crookston to find what they need, and they can 'opt in for notifications' from area businesses and organizations.
- Community Voice also provides a user-friendly web application for community admins and business owners to edit content, photos, and more. Business owners should download the app, use the search feature to find their business and verify the content is listed and accurate. They are also encouraged to 'claim their business' in the app to be able to control their listing. Businesses can add their events into the app by 'claiming their business'.
- If you want to know what is going on in Crookston and neighboring communities, download the Community Voice mobile app on iOS and Android. Search "Community Voice" in your phone's app store. It is completely free to download, and they don't ask for any payment information.

### Apple download:

- o <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/community-voice/id1622145253>

### Android download:

- o [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.communityvoice.app&pcampaignid=web\\_share](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.communityvoice.app&pcampaignid=web_share)



## Polk County Public Health

Polk County Public Health provides a broad range of services to individuals, families, and communities

to promote and protect the health of those who live and work in Polk County. The focus is on promoting healthy families and communities; supporting disabled, mentally ill, and elderly persons to live independently; preventing and responding to emerging diseases and health threats; and identifying and preventing environmental health risks. The department fosters partnerships with many organizations, businesses, and community groups to address and resolve health issues and concerns.

- **Anytime, Anywhere Initiative:**
  - o The Polk County Breastfeeding Coalition is making strides with their Anytime, Anywhere Initiative! The coalition is spreading awareness and acceptance of breastfeeding in any location, thanks to the Minnesota Anytime, Anywhere Breastfeeding Law, which protects a parent's right to breastfeed in any location, public or private, where they're authorized to be.
  - o Over 30 businesses have already signed the pledge to support breastfeeding within their establishment. Want to join them or learn more? Call Polk County Public Health at (218)-281-3385.
  - o Together we can create a community where breastfeeding is celebrated and supported.
- **WIC (Women, Infants & Children):**
  - o The Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program is a nutrition and breastfeeding program that helps pregnant women, new mothers, babies, and young children. WIC provides

nutrition education and counseling, nutritious foods, and referrals to help families stay healthy. For more information on eligibility or to apply for WIC, call Polk County Public Health at (218)-281-3385.

- **Environmental Public Health Assessments- Now Accepting Referrals:**
  - o Polk County Public Health is now accepting referrals for Environmental Public Health assessments. The assessments can provide recommendations and resources for health and safety and are free of charge for county residents.
  - o Creating healthier homes directly result in healthier people, leading to lower healthcare costs, and more vibrant communities. If you have any questions or would like to schedule an assessment, contact Polk County Public Health at (218)-281-3385.
- **Family Home Visiting:**
  - o Family Home Visiting is a voluntary, free, home-based service delivered prenatally through the early years of a child's life. It provides social, emotional, health-related and parenting support to families, and links them to appropriate resources. A registered nurse will partner with the family to provide individual support and education on topics, such as a healthy pregnancy, labor and delivery, infant sleep safety, infant feeding, parenting tools, and more!
  - o If you are interested in Family Home Visiting, contact Polk County Public Health at (218)-281-3385.
- **Public Health Programs Summary:**
  - o Polk County Public Health provides a broad range of services to individuals, families, business, and communities to promote and protect the health of those who live and work in Polk County. For more information on our programs and services, call Polk County Public Health at (218)-281-3385.

# Polk County Breastfeeding Coalition's **ANYTIME, ANYWHERE** Initiative



Sista's Corner - Crookston

Minnesota Law states that  
*"A parent may breastfeed in any location, public or private, where the parent and child are otherwise authorized to be."*



Stephanie Nelson's Child Care - Crookston

These local Polk County businesses signed the Anytime, Anywhere Pledge - will you?

**TOGETHER WE CAN** *build a better future!*



# This is Public Health...

**Polk County Public Health**  
East Grand Forks | Crookston | McIntosh



218-281-3385  
www.co.polk.mn.us



## FAMILY HEALTH

- Family Home Visiting: Prenatal, Newborn/Postpartum, and Children with Special Health Needs
- Nurse-Family Partnership Program (NFP) for 1st time Expectant Parents
- Parenting Support
- Follow Along Program | Help Me Grow Referrals
- Lactation Support and Education



## WIC

Nutrition and breastfeeding education program, offering supplemental foods, support, and resources to pregnant, breastfeeding, or recently postpartum people and infants and children up to age 5.

- Peer Breastfeeding Support



## CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

- Car safety education and car seat installation checks for all families.
- Distribution of car seats based on eligibility.



## CHILD AND TEEN CHECKUPS

- Information, reminders, and assistance for preventative well-child and dental checkups for those birth through 20 enrolled in Medical Assistance.



## ADULT HEALTH

- Foot Care Clinics
- Health Screenings
- Assessment and Care Coordination for people with disabilities and older adults



## REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH

Confidential, Low Cost/Free Services:

- Reproductive Health Education/Outreach
- Annual Exams | Gynecological Exams | Breast Exams | Cervical Cancer Screening
- Birth Control Options including Emergency Contraception
- Sexual Transmitted Infections (STIs) Testing and Treatments
- Pregnancy Testing



## HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Planning
- Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP)
- Mental Well-Being and Suicide Prevention
- Oral Health Initiatives
- Substance Use Prevention
- Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) Coalition
- Childcare and Head Start Consultation
- Community Education, Coalitions, and Health Fairs



## SCHOOL HEALTH

- Puberty, Sexual Health, and Health Education
- Health Screenings
- School Nurse Contracts
- Policy Consultation



## CORRECTIONAL HEALTH

Health Services at:

- Tri-County Community Corrections
- Red River Valley Juvenile Center



## DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

- Monitor Infectious Disease Trends
- Investigation of Reportable Infectious Diseases
  - Case Management
- Immunization Reviews | Vaccine Clinics | Reminder Recalls



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Education, Resources, and Referrals
- Healthy Homes Assessments
- Radon Tests and Education
- Lead Testing and Follow-up
- Public Health Nuisance



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Preventing, preparing for, and responding to local disasters with an emphasis on health.

**Prevent. Promote. Protect.**

**TOGETHER WE CAN** *build a better future!*





## Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc

The mission of Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. is to provide opportunities to improve the quality of life for people and communities.

### What is Tri-Valley?

- o Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. (TVOC) is a community action agency headquartered in Crookston, MN. It is their Mission to provide opportunities to individuals and communities in order to improve the quality of their lives.
- o Since 1965, Tri-Valley has provided services in their primary service area of West Polk, West Marshall and Norman counties. The service area has expanded throughout Minnesota and North Dakota over the years with specialized services for seniors, migrant and seasonal farm workers, families in need of childcare and rural transportation customers.
- o They believe in the value of all human beings. It is that belief that drives their efforts to identify needs, seek resources and provide opportunities for people to thrive.
- o Their work is also committed to strengthening our communities so that its citizens have better places to live, work, worship and enjoy.



### What is a Community Action Agency?

- o Community Action Agencies are private or public nonprofit organizations that were created by the federal government in 1964. Community Action Agencies seek to involve the community, including elected public officials, private sector representatives, and especially low-income residents, in assessing local needs and attacking the causes and conditions of poverty.
- o In order to reduce poverty in its community, a Community Action Agency works to better focus available local, state, federal, and private resources to assist low-income individuals and families to acquire useful skills and knowledge, to gain access to new opportunities, and to achieve economic self sufficiency.

### Tri-Valley Programs

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. operates a number of programs to support the mission – “To provide opportunities to improve the quality of life for people and for communities.”

### Tri-Valley Programs Include

- Head Start / Early Head Start
- Migrant and Seasonal Head Start
- T.H.E. Bus (Public Transportation)
- Rural Transportation Collaboration (RTC)
- Caring Companion Program
- Foster Grandparent Program
- Community Services
- Child Care Aware
- Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Outreach (SNAP)
- Financial Literacy
- Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM)
- MNsure Navigator Assistance
- Multi-Family Housing

### For more information please call:

- o Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.
- o Long Distance: 800-584-7020
- o Local: 218-281-5832
- o Telecommunication Relay Service- 711
- o Fax: 218-281-6681
- o Email: [trivalleymail@tvoc.org](mailto:trivalleymail@tvoc.org)





### Riverview Health

Riverview Health is a community-owned non-profit organization formed in 1898.

- o With a mission to deliver a healthcare experience that consistently exceeds patients' expectations, the organization consists of
- o 25-bed Critical Access Hospital with OB services
- o 24-hour emergency department
- o Primary care and specialty clinics in Crookston, East Grand Forks, Fertile, Red Lake Falls, and Thief River Falls
- o Riverview Recovery Center, a chemical dependency outpatient treatment program with locations in Crookston, East Grand Forks, Thief River Falls, and Roseau
- o Riverview Home Care

For information on services available, go to [riverviewhealth.org](http://riverviewhealth.org) or call 218.281.9200.



## DOWNTOWN CROOKSTON DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS

**TUESDAY TUNES & MARKET**  
**JUNE 11**  
**JULY 9**  
**AUGUST 6**  
**4PM - 8PM**

*Food ~ Market ~ Entertainment*  
*Interested in being a Vendor?*  
*218-280-2854 for details*



### Downtown Crookston Development Partnership

- Revitalizing Downtown Crookston by building leadership & enriching the life of the community by connecting the past with opportunities for the future.
  - o Downtown Crookston Development Partnership Presents: Tuesday Tunes & Market
  - o June 11th / July 9th / August 6th from 4pm-8pm
  - o Downtown Crookston
  - o Food – Market – Entertainment
- Interested in being a vendor? (218) 280-2854 for details

## CROOKSTON EVENTS

### Fire Department Open House

- o May 18th from 10am-1pm at Crookston Fire Department
  - *Spray a real firehose*
  - *Fire obstacle courses*
  - *Live demonstration on a Kitchen Fire*
  - *Sparky & Marshall the Fire Dog*
  - *Door Prizes & More!*
- o Bring the whole family and have a great time at the Fire Hall

### Gala for Girls "Get Your Glow On"

- o Friday, May 17th from 5:30pm – 8:30pm
- o Girls in grades K-6, this is your night! Bring your dad, grandpa, uncle, or adult male role model, and register now for this unforgettable evening.
- o The event includes a professional picture, a social and sit-down dinner, a special gift, and an evening of dancing.
- o Registration will be open until filled; pre-registration is required. The cost to attend is \$45 per couple (\$15 for each additional girl).
- o Registration forms are available on the Polk County Public Health website or at Polk County Public Health, 816 Marin Ave, Crookston, MN (218-281-3385).
  - <https://www.co.polk.mn.us/191/Public-Health>

### Downtown Tuesday Tunes (June-August)

- o June 11th / July 9th / August 6th from 4pm-8pm
- o Downtown Crookston
- o Food – Market – Entertainment
  - Interested in being a vendor? (218) 280-2854 for details
- o July 9th is "Fiesta de Crookston"
  - Brought to you by Downtown Crookston Development Partnership and our Latinx Committee
  - Celebrate a variety of Latinx cultural experiences!
- o Downtown Tuesday Tunes presenta: "Fiesta de Crookston" Presentado por Downtown Crookston Development Partnership y nuestro Comité Latinx, Martes 9 de julio 4-8 p.m.
- o Habrá música, comida, vendedores y actividades para todas las edades. ¡Celebre una variedad de experiencias culturales latinas!

### Crookston Farmers Market

- o Thursdays starting June 13, 2024
- o 4:00pm-6:30pm
- o Downtown Square at North Ash Street and Third Street,
- o Buy fresh, buy local

### Crazy Days

Held in the heart of downtown Crookston the annual Crazy Days event includes sidewalk sales throughout the retail district, a live auction, food trucks, and a classic car display. For more information visit [www.crookstoncvb.com](http://www.crookstoncvb.com) or Crookston Visitors Bureau Facebook page, or the Crookston Area Chamber's Facebook page.

### Polk County Fair

- o July 10th – 14th, 2024 / Polk County Fair Grounds / Fertile, MN
  - The Polk County Fairground is located east of Highway 32 in Fertile. The north entrance is located 2 blocks east on Jefferson Ave. and the south entrance is 3 blocks east on Polk County Rd. #1 (Garfield Ave.).
- o The Polk County Fair has been entertaining families for over 115 years. There have been many famous and interesting people and animals at the fair.
- o They plan to provide you the best experience that you can have at the fair and make your visit a pleasant experience.
  - <https://www.polkcountyfairfertilemn.com/>



### Crookston Ox Cart Days

- o August 12th-18th
  - Please note that our rain location is the Crookston Sports Center
- o Clear your calendars, book your Crookston hotels and get ready for Minnesota's biggest festival in a small town! Get your \$5 buttons starting in June 2024.
- o About the Festival - Held in the third week of August every year, this summer gathering offers residents and visitors the chance to meet, greet and have fun. It is time to party!
- o Donations and Volunteers - It's not easy to organize an event of this magnitude. That's why your help is needed. Make this non-profit celebration a success by donating or being a volunteer.
- o Something for Everyone - We have something for everyone here. Check out our handy calendar for details. It's your quick guide to everything exciting about the festival.
- o For a full list of events - <https://www.crookstonoxcartdays.com/schedule-of-events>

### Crookston Night to Unite

- o Tuesday August 6th (first Tuesday in August every year)
- o University of Minnesota Crookston
- o 41st Annual Nite to Unite celebration nationwide and Crookston's 21st annual celebration.
- o Crookston's Night to Unite is a crime and drug prevention event that involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials in the U.S., Canada, and military bases worldwide.
- o Bingo usually runs from 2:30 to 4:00 inside of the UMC Student Union with the main event starting at 4:30 at the main gazebo in the circular yard in the middle of UMC
- o Stay up to date on updates by following Crookston Night to Unite on Facebook.