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### Renville County Voters: Election Day is Almost Here

**2**020 has felt longer than most years, but it's almost time to elect our next representation in Renville County. From City Council to County Commissioner to the President, casting your ballot makes sure your choice counts!

#### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

**When?** Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

**Where do I vote?** Find out on the Secretary of State website at [pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us) or visit Renville County's new Election Hub and use the "Polling Places" application at [renvillecountymn.com](https://renvillecountymn.com). (Select the GIS/Maps link on the homepage).

**Voting hours?** Polling places for Renville County cities are open from 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. Polling places for Renville County townships are open from 10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. Residents living in Mail Ballot precincts, who choose to deliver their ballots on November 3, may do so at the Renville County Auditor-Treasurer's Office from 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.

Polling places can change. Visit the new Renville County Election Hub or the Secretary of State webpage to make sure your typical voting location has not changed.

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### Introducing the "Elections Hub"



Renville County has launched an 'Elections Hub' on their GIS website, allowing you to:

- Find your polling location
- Find your current elected representation ranging from city/township councils to state senators
- View a snapshot calendar of key election dates
- View a map of current county commissioner boundaries with current commissioner information
- View contact information with helpful links

View your election and voting information directly at:  
[hub-renvilleco.hub.arcgis.com](https://hub-renvilleco.hub.arcgis.com)

## Renville County Voters: Election Day is Almost Here



**Do I need to be registered?** Yes. You can register or update your registration when you vote. You will need proof of residence to register.

**You have a right to take time off work to vote without losing your pay, personal leave, or vacation time.** By Minnesota statute, your employer must pay you for the time you need

to vote if it falls within your scheduled work time. (*Minnesota Statutes 204C.04 and 204C.08 subd. 1d*).

**Help family, friends and neighbors** to get to a voting location if they need it!

**Can I vote by mail?** You can apply for a mail-in ballot at any time, except the day of the election. Your returned ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received within the next seven days.

**For specific questions on elections or voting in Renville County, contact the Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 320-523-2071 or visit their website at [www.renvillecountymn.com](http://www.renvillecountymn.com) and select "Auditor-Treasurer" under the Departments tab.**

## November is Military Family Appreciation Month

# THANK YOU!

**Renville County  
Veterans Services:  
320-523-3763**

## Soil Tea: A Global Tea-Bag Experiment

Submitted by Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District



**R**enville County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is partaking in the global tea-bag experiment. This simple and inexpensive experiment is something that anyone can do and makes for a great hands-on science experiment that kids can participate in to learn more about the importance of soil health.

The idea behind all of it is quite simple; you use two different types of teas (Green Tea and Rooibos Tea) and then weigh them, bury them, and dig them up and weigh them again. The tea serves as food for the smallest soil microorganisms, including bacteria and fungi that are capable of squeezing through the mesh of the tea-bags. This demonstrates soil biological activity by how much of the tea is decomposed (eaten by the microorganisms) in the 90 days of burial.

The reason why the experiment uses two specific types of tea is that the green tea simulates a material that is easier to decay while the rooibos tea decays much slower. After the three months the rooibos tea will still be in the "first phase" of decay while the green tea has already entered the "second phase" of decay.

You can then calculate Soil Decomposition Index (SDI) by taking the new weight of the rooibos tea and dividing that by the new weight of the green tea. The closer your value is to 1, the healthier the soil is. (Example: SDI of 0.5 is less healthy while a SDI 0.75 is healthy)

Renville County SWCD plans to submit our data and findings to Teatime4science, who is leading this global project in soil health. If you are at all interested in participating yourself or would like to learn more, please visit their website [Teatime4science.org](http://Teatime4science.org).

### Step One:

Weigh the initial weight of your tea-bags and mark which is which.



### Step Two:

Bury the two different types of teas in separate 8cm-deep holes approximately 15cm apart from one another.



### Step Three:

After 90 days, dig up the tea-bags, let them air dry over a couple of days, then weigh them once again.





## Managing Manure Application During Winter Months

**M**anure is a valuable fertilizer resource in the production of crops; but when handled improperly, manure can contribute pathogens, nutrients and biological oxygen demanding materials to surface water and negatively impact water quality.

Whenever possible, winter application of manure should be avoided to prevent runoff during snowmelt and the spring thaw that could carry manure into the open water and promote algae growth. If winter application cannot be avoided, application of manure to frozen or snow-covered fields shall be applied to slopes less than six-percent. If sufficient fields with slopes less than six percent are unavailable, then the manure must be applied to land that is managed to control runoff and erosion with soil and water conservation practices. The following manure application setbacks must be met to protect waters of the state.

| WATER SOURCE               | SETBACK DISTANCE |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Public and Private Ditches | 300 Feet         |
| Tile Intake                | 300 Feet         |
| Lake                       | 300 Feet         |
| River or Stream            | 300 Feet         |
| Wetlands                   | 300 Feet         |
| Sinkhole                   | 300 Feet         |

Concentrated Animal Facility Operations (CAFO) or gap sites covered by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit have restrictions in place for the application of liquid and solid manure in the winter months. After November 30 of each year, surface application of liquid manure is not allowed unless it is an emergency or the applicator has the ability to incorporate or inject. Restrictions for the application of solid manure during winter months include: a six-percent slope, no rain in the forecast, no active snowmelt and a low phosphorus runoff risk.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the National Weather Service, developed the Minnesota Runoff Risk Advisory Forecast (MRRAF) system, which is a tool designed to assist farmers and commercial manure applicators in determining the best time to apply manure. The MRRAF system takes into account different parameters such as runoff risk advisory forecast, precipitation forecast and soil temperature forecasts in order to predict the probability of daily, next day and 72-hour runoff events. To see the runoff risk forecast in your area, go to: [www.mda.state.mn.us/protecting/cleanwaterfund/toolstechnology/runoffrisk](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/protecting/cleanwaterfund/toolstechnology/runoffrisk)

**For any questions pertaining to the land application of manure during the winter months, please contact the Environmental Services office at 320-523-3768.**



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**JOIN OUR TEAM**

**If your values are our values, consider a career with Renville County:**

- Caring About Quality
- Efficiency and Stewardship
- Encouraging Community Input
- Respectful to Needs
- Ethical Workforce

All regular job openings are posted at [www.renvillecountymn.com](http://www.renvillecountymn.com).

Search for Career Opportunities.  
Sign up for notifications of  
job openings  
under Menu -  
Job Categories!



### TIPS FOR MAKING BETTER IMPRESSIONS AT WORK:

- **Put away the cell phone before the meeting begins.** *You may be producing good work while tapping away, but phones are also fun browsing devices. Many managers who have to compete with your phone may not remark on it.*
- **Bring solutions to the table along with problems you identify.** *This solution-oriented mindset will elevate your reputation.*
- **Focus on quality in your work, rather than quantity.**
- **Show excitement for the job, focus on the positive, be willing to tackle tough assignments and see opportunities in disappointment.**

## Renville County GIS: New Applications

If anything is certain in 2020, it's that things can change and Renville County GIS is doing just that!

### Recent GIS changes include:

- Adding a Recorded Documents Lookup Application
- Giving a 'facelift' to the Historic Imagery Viewer
- Creating a new Hub page to meet election needs

**The Recorded Documents Lookup application allows the user to view a listing of recorded documents related to a specific parcel of land.** This means that any document, with the correct parcel identification number, shows up in a table format on a side panel. This application also allows you to click on a document to view it! You must have a Landshark account to do so and access is granted with four possible level subscriptions. *(Contact the County Recorder's Office at 320-523-3669 to learn more about getting a Landshark account.)* The Recorded Documents Lookup application is available on both the GIS Hub Page ([hub-rentvilleco.hub.arcgis.com](http://hub-rentvilleco.hub.arcgis.com)) and the Recorder's department page on the county website [www.rentvillecountymn.com](http://www.rentvillecountymn.com).

**The Historic Imagery Viewer application can be used to 'swipe' between various aerial imagery layers for comparison of the years 2018, 2014, 2009 and 1938.** A new design has been done to better use all available imagery and to have a more streamline application.

**The most significant addition has been a new Elections Hub page.** This hub provides election information, including a polling place application, an elected representative application, a county commissioner showcase and an election calendar. View this information directly at: [hub-rentvilleco.hub.arcgis.com](http://hub-rentvilleco.hub.arcgis.com)

For more information, visit the county's 'GIS/Maps' website at [hub-rentvilleco.hub.arcgis.com](http://hub-rentvilleco.hub.arcgis.com)

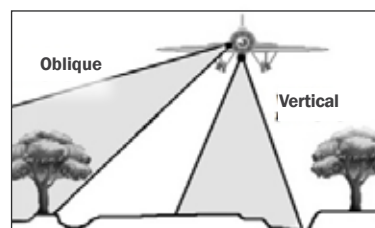


**If you have questions about Renville County GIS, please call 320-523-3803.**

*All county data is a "best representation" of real world data. It is subject to change and is not survey grade.*

## Picture Perfect: An Aerial Imagery Flyover

The year 2021 is fast approaching. With it comes a fresh start and new aerial imagery to Renville County. Eagle View Technologies will begin this imagery flyover in the spring of 2021.



New to this flyover will be six-inch resolution oblique photography. (*Oblique means 'side-view' or images taken at an angle.*) This presents Renville County with its first ever flight at this resolution for oblique.

This project will also feature six-inch county-wide, three-inch in all communities and resolutions for orthographic imagery. (*Orthographic means 'down-view' images.*)

\*The higher the imagery resolution (*for instance, three inches per pixel*), the greater the visible detail within the photograph.\*



These images are the favorite background on most of our county GIS applications, including the Renville County Public Mapper. This app is found on the hub site ([hub-rentvilleco.hub.arcgis.com](http://hub-rentvilleco.hub.arcgis.com)) under 'Mobile Mapping' and contains all public GIS data, including address points, parks boundaries, aerial imagery from 2009, 2014, 2018, tax parcel information and more.

Keep an eye out for ground control point markers (*examples shown to the left*), and you will know that the spring 2021 flight has begun.

## Renville County License Office Offers Online Appointment Scheduling

### You may now schedule your license appointment online:

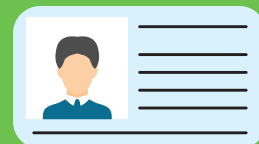
- Visit [www.rentvillecountymn.com](http://www.rentvillecountymn.com)
- Select "License" under the Departments tab
- Choose "DMV Appointment" or "Prorate/IFTA Appointment" tab to schedule your appointment.

### **Appointments are needed for:**

- Motor Vehicle Title Transfers
- Driver's Licenses
- Prorate (*Offered Tuesday and Thursday*)

### **Appointments are NOT needed for:** (*Between 8:00a.m. - 3:45p.m.*)

- Tab Renewals
- Self-Certification / D.O.T. Physical
- Disability Certificates
- Game and Fish Licenses



**Questions? Call 320-523-3612 or email [licenses@rentvillecountymn.com](mailto:licenses@rentvillecountymn.com)**

## Volunteers Needed for Restorative Justice Program



Renville County staff and Restorative Justice volunteers demonstrate a Circle

**R**estorative Justice is a fundamental change in approach when working to repair damages caused from crimes or wrongdoings within a community. This philosophy focuses on the harm to the relationships of those who were involved and works to repair that harm and the relationships affected by these situations.

**What is a Circle?** A Circle intentionally gathers people in a literal circle where everyone is given an opportunity to share their perspective and work together to find solutions.



### Goals of a Circle include:

- Organizing effective group communication
- Building relationships
- Establishing accountability
- Problem solving
- Healthy decision making

As a group, members work with the family or individual to determine what they can do to repair the harm they have caused by the circumstances that brought them to Circle.

### While in Circle participants and volunteers discuss:

- What is going well
- What is not going well
- Potential next steps to head in the right direction

"By volunteers sharing their life experiences and telling their own stories, participants begin to open up to the group which establishes trust; and through these relationships that are formed, healthy changes begin to unfold." shared Andrew Peltz, Restorative Justice Coordinator.

*"I can't tell you how excited I am about the youth and their families. I have learned so much in Restorative Justice. It's inspiring and life changing to see how some support in times of challenge helps all of us! It's an investment with great gratification. In the end - most importantly - life comes down to relationships. To help one person is to help oneself. It cannot be one without the other. Inspired. Blessed."*  
- Circle Volunteer

*"I have learned to open up and not be so scared everyone will judge. My attitude and perception on the way life was supposed to be lived has changed greatly with this Circle. I am learning how to talk and live in a way that I am being accountable for my actions."*  
- Circle Participant

### Active Renville County Circles include:

- Six Circles working directly with participants
- One ongoing training Circle
- One Foster Parent Support Circle for families providing foster care in Renville County

Circles generally meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday beginning at Noon and 5:30p.m. and last about two-hours. The Foster Parent Support Circle meets monthly. Due to COVID-19, a majority of Circles are meeting virtually. In-person and hybrid meetings, offered both in-person and virtually, continue to be assessed.

### Potential referrals from Human Services, Probation, County Attorney's Office and Public Health

From the words seen by both participants and volunteers, there is a great need for more community connection, support, and accountability within our small towns in Renville County. In conversation with staff and supervisors from all of the departments named above, if the program had more volunteers, and had the capacity to hold more Circles, there are at least 30 potential referrals that could be approached to see if the families would consider trying out the Restorative Justice Program. The reality here is that the number of youth, young adults and families in crisis that are in need of support is certainly not declining.

### Volunteers are needed

With the high need and desire to get more families and youth involved in the program, more volunteers are needed in order to make this happen.

**If you have questions or are interested in volunteering to support individuals and families in your community, please contact Andrew Peltz at 320-522-1573 or email [andrewp@renvillecountymn.com](mailto:andrewp@renvillecountymn.com).**





## Are YOU taking care of your EMOTIONAL HEALTH?

**FIVE FREE sessions\***  
available to  
**Renville County residents**  
who have been emotionally  
impacted by COVID-19

*\*Sessions provided through Renville County CARES Act Funding*



**Choose a provider below.  
Call to make your appointment today.**

- **Discher and Associates Life Center**  
Renville Office.....320-329-4357
- **Greater Minnesota Family Services**  
Call Zach.....320-979-0188
- **Woodland Centers**  
320-235-4613...Press 0 for Receptionist

## Renville County Extension Office Celebrated National 4-H Week

**R**enville County 4-H has seven community-based 4-H Clubs throughout Renville County, involving more than 180 4-H youth and 80 volunteers. 4-H is a youth development program of the University of Minnesota Extension.

Available for youth beginning in kindergarten, 4-H'ers participate in hands-on learning experiences in STEM, leadership and civic engagement, animal science, creative arts and much more. Through 4-H's learn-by-doing process, youth obtain essential life skills such as problem solving, decision making, coping and communicating that help them succeed in school, community and career.



Renville County Extension celebrated National 4-H Week from October 4 to 10. This year's theme was Opportunity4All; encouraging 4-H youth to identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across America. "We believe youth perspectives are so important and a solution to eliminating the opportunity gap, because young people come with new ideas and new ways of seeing the world," explains Jon Dilworth, Renville County Extension Educator.

This year, Renville County 4-H'ers had many different opportunities to participate in 4-H, including online summer day camps, a virtual general project judging event and an in-person judging experience for livestock participants.

This fall, Renville County 4-H is offering a babysitting class to those in grades 5-6 (starting November 5) and many other virtual learning opportunities for K-12 students ranging from animal science to food and health to youth leadership. **For a complete list of educational events, visit [local.extension.umn.edu/local/renville/4-H/events](http://local.extension.umn.edu/local/renville/4-H/events).**

**To learn more about 4-H and other programs offered through Renville County Extension, contact Jon Dilworth, Renville County Extension Educator, at 320-523-3713 or [dilwo026@umn.edu](mailto:dilwo026@umn.edu) or visit [local.extension.umn.edu/local/renville](http://local.extension.umn.edu/local/renville).**

## What is the Housing Choice Voucher Program?

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program, often referred to as Section 8, is the federal government's primary program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the HCV tenant, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.

Housing choice vouchers are administered locally by public housing agencies (PHAs) that receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). **Renville County's program is administered by the Renville County HRA.** The tenant, landlord and public housing agency all have obligations and responsibilities under the HCV program. A brief summary of each party's role is below:



**HUD:** HUD provides funds that allow the Renville County HRA to make housing assistance payments on behalf of their HCV tenants. HUD monitors administration of the program to ensure program rules are properly followed.



**Public Housing Agency (Renville County HRA):** The Renville County HRA administers this program locally and provides housing choice voucher tenants with housing assistance. They examine a tenant's income, household composition and ensure their housing unit meets minimum housing quality standards. The HRA enters into a contract with the landlord to provide housing assistance payments on behalf of the family.



**Landlord:** The role of the landlord in this program is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing to a tenant at a reasonable rent. The dwelling unit must pass the program's housing quality standards and be maintained up to those standards as long as the owner receives housing assistance payments. The landlord enters into a lease agreement with the tenant.



**Tenant:** When a tenant selects a housing unit, they are expected to comply with the lease and program requirements, pay their share of rent on time, maintain the unit in good condition and notify the Renville County HRA of any changes in income or family composition.



**Rent:** The Renville County HRA determines a payment standard that is between 90% and 110% of the Fair Market Rents regularly published by HUD. The housing choice voucher tenant must pay 30% of their monthly adjusted gross income for rent and utilities. If the unit rent is greater than the payment standard, the tenant is required to pay the additional amount.

To learn more, contact the Renville County HRA at 507-637-4004 or [admin@radc.org](mailto:admin@radc.org).

### Renville County Statistics:

#### HCV Households

- Average household time in program is seven years
- 27% - Elderly (age 62 +)
- 51% - Disabled/Handicapped
- 63% - Single Households
- 36% - Families with Children

#### HCV Unit Type

- 55% - Apartment/Townhouse
- 45% - Single Family Detached

#### HCV Unit Location

- Bird Island.....2%
- Danube.....12%
- Fairfax.....6%
- Franklin.....5%
- Hector.....7%
- Olivia.....51%
- Renville.....11%
- Sacred Heart.....1%

## 2020 Renville County Housing Study Complete

The Renville County HRA/EDA recently completed a housing study that identified need for future housing development in Renville County.

"Housing studies help market our area to developers and serve as a valuable tool for developers seeking financing for their projects in Renville County," shared Jordan Zeller, Economic Developer for the Renville County EDA.

A kickoff event was held on Thursday, September 24, with developers, lenders, real estate professionals, builders, elected officials and others in attendance. At this event, the Renville County HRA/EDA also announced a new Housing

Development Gap Loan program, designed to assist with financing of new multi-family housing construction in Renville County.

This housing study was funded in part by a grant from the Southwest Initiative Foundation, contributions from our cities and by the Renville County HRA/EDA.

To view the completed housing study and learn more about the new Housing Development Gap Loan program, visit [www.renville.com](http://www.renville.com) or call 320-523-3656.



# COVID-19: Which box fits my situation?

## Learn what to do:



### PERSON WITH SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19: *A person with the following symptoms.*

**ONE of the following:** fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or new loss of smell or taste,  
-or-

**TWO of the following:** sore throat, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, chills, muscle pain, excessive fatigue, new onset of severe headache, new onset of nasal congestion or runny nose.

#### Instructions:

- Go home
- Call Doctor
- Get a COVID test.
- Stay home while waiting for results of your test.

*(\*If it is negative, you may return to work 24 hours after your symptoms resolve. If you continue to have symptoms and a doctor diagnoses you with COVID-19, even with a negative test, isolate for 10 days.)*

### HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS OF PERSON WITH SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19:

#### Instructions:

- Go home
- Stay home until person with symptoms of COVID-19 gets test results.

*(\*If that test result is positive, you must quarantine at home for 14 days. If that test result is negative, you may return to work or school.)*

### PERSON ONE: *Tests positive for COVID-19.*

**Instructions:** Isolate in a room in your house away from family members for 10 days from the date symptoms started, or date of test if you're asymptomatic.

- Do not leave your house.

**Household members of PERSON ONE:** *Anyone who lives in the same house as Person One.*

**Instructions:** Quarantine at home for 14 days from your last close contact with Person One.

- Do not go to work or school.
- Do not leave your house.
- If you develop symptoms, get tested for COVID-19.

*(\*If your test results are positive: you become a Person One - follow those directions. If your test results are negative, you must continue to quarantine for the full 14 days. You cannot test out of quarantine.)*

**Close Contact of PERSON ONE:** *Someone who has been closer than 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer to a person who tests positive.*

**Instructions:** Quarantine at home for 14 days from your last close contact with Person One.

- Do not go to work or school.
- Do not leave your house.
- If symptoms develop, get tested for COVID-19.

*(\*If your test results are positive: you become a Person One - follow those directions. If your test results are negative, you must continue to quarantine for the full 14 days, as the virus could be incubating inside of you.)*

**Non-Close Contact of PERSON ONE:** *Someone who has had contact with Person One, but who has not been within 6 feet of Person One for 15 minutes.*

#### Instructions:

- Continue working and leaving home.
- Continue normal COVID-19 symptom-monitoring, social-distancing and masking in public.

**Anyone else:** *A contact of a contact; anyone who does not fit any of the other boxes on this page.*

#### Instructions:

- Continue working and leaving home.
- Continue normal COVID-19 symptom-monitoring, social-distancing and masking in public.

## Someone you came in contact with tested positive for COVID-19. Now what?



**Call to  
Learn  
More**

**Renville County Public Health:**  
**320-523-2570**  
(M-F 8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.)

**MN Department of Health Hotline:**  
**651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504**  
(M-F 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.)



## Renville County Emergency Operations Center



County Public Health and Renville County Emergency Management operate as Unified Command. The Renville County EOC serves as the coordination hub for the COVID-19 incident response.

**"The EOC provides a central location for decision makers and response team personnel to gather critical information, coordinate response activities and manage personnel as the emergency dictates."** shared Mike Hennen, Renville County Emergency Management Director.

The EOC has gathered virtually, serving as the central coordination point for emergency operations, information gathering and coordination with local and regional partners.

The EOC has met every one to two weeks. The Renville County EOC also coordinates with our partners at the State Emergency Operations centers.

**Modeled after the national Incident Command System (ICS), the EOC is organized to carry out five major functions:**

**COMMAND:** Responsible for overall COVID-19 response management.

**Key Players:** Public Information Officers, Investigations, Legal Advice.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Renville County activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in April 2020. Renville

**OPERATIONS:** Responsible for coordinating all current COVID-19 operations. Divided into two functional areas - Support and Health.

**Key Players (Support):** Representatives from each city (including law enforcement), county and township leaders, and businesses.

**Key Players (Health):** Representatives from Olivia Hospital & Clinic, Public Health Medical Director, Long Term Care/Assisted Living Facilities, Other Community Living/Care Facilities and Mental Health.

**PLANNING:** Responsible for collecting and disseminating information to partners and for thinking of future needs, generally one to three weeks ahead.

**Key Players:** Representatives from Agriculture and Livestock, Funeral Homes, Faith Communities and Schools.

**LOGISTICS:** Responsible for procuring COVID-19 supplies, services, personnel, and equipment for operation and community needs.

**Key players:** Representatives from Procurement, Distribution, Transportation, Human Needs, and Technology.

**FINANCE:** Responsible for tracking incident costs, forecasts and payment of claims.

**"This effort is robust, with over 40 people actively participating and providing input/guidance at each EOC meeting. Key EOC leaders communicate with nearly 100 different partners."** concluded Jill Bruns, Renville County Director of Public Health / CHS Administrator.

**For more information on Emergency Management, visit [www.renvillecountymn.com](http://www.renvillecountymn.com) or call 320-523-3838.**

### Informational COVID-19 Newsletters from Renville County can be found at:

[www.renvillecountymn.com](http://www.renvillecountymn.com)

- 1) Hover over "About Us" tab
- 2) Click on "County Newsletters"
- 3) Select "COVID-19 Newsletters"



**Renville**  
COUNTY  
Service • Stewardship • Shared Responsibility

### Renville County Releases Weekly COVID-19 Dashboard

An interactive dashboard that displays Renville County COVID-19 case data has been released. This dashboard is updated weekly by Renville County Public Health.



**The dashboard includes the following:**

- Zip Code COVID-19 Data
- Trending Monthly Cases
- Age Range of Positive Case
- Place of Residence
- Cumulative Cases to Date
- Cumulative Deaths
- Cases Off Isolation
- Active Cases
- Active Case Rate

**The dashboard is accessible on the homepage of the Renville County website at [www.renvillecountymn.com](http://www.renvillecountymn.com).**



## 2021 Renville County Budget Proposed at \$36.9 Million

**2021 Preliminary Levy: \$15,307,331**  
(2.5% increase)

*Approximately 1.5% of this increase is designated to fund newly approved road improvements.*

## Renville County Board of Commissioners BUDGET MEETING

You can provide input on Renville County's proposed 2021 budget on:

**Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m.**

*Due to the current pandemic, please visit the county website or call the Administration Office at 320-523-3710 for details on how to participate.*

### THE \$36.9 MILLION BREAKDOWN



#### Public Safety.....13.8%

8,499 cases handled by the Sheriff's Office in 2019 equates to 23 events per day. 6,323 calls to 911 answered by dispatch. Average daily jail population was 49.7 inmates, with 27.8 boarded for other jurisdictions.

#### Road & Bridge.....34.2%

Major projects completed in 2020 include replacing 12 structural deficient bridges. Major projects for 2021 will include three miles of shoulder widening, five miles of repaving & six bridge replacements.

#### Parks and Libraries.....1.2%

#### Public Health.....5.9%

In 2019, Public Health completed 2,953 family home visits, 4,070 home health care and aide visits and 1,941 case management visits for elderly and disabled individuals.

#### Recycling/Landfill/HHW.....2.3%

In 2019, the Redwood-Renville Regional Material Recovery Facility (RRRMRF) processed 2,902 tons of recyclables, 150 tons of appliances and electronics, 158 tons of tires and 159.5 tons of Household Hazardous Waste.

#### Human Services.....17.9%

There are three primary service areas: Social Services, Child Support and Public Assistance. 238 Child Protection reports were submitted in 2019.

#### Conservation of Natural Resources.....1%

Extension, agricultural inspection and water planning.

#### General Government.....14.9%

County Board, Administration, Auditor-Treasurer, Assessor, County Attorney, Recorder, Environmental Services, Veterans Services, License Department and Restorative Justice.

#### Capital Improvements.....8.8%

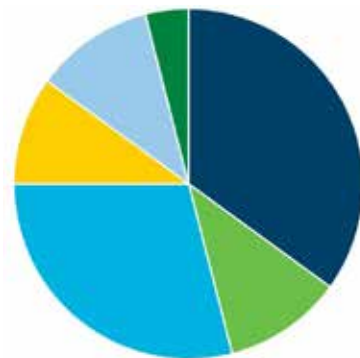
The proposed Capital Improvements and Bond Funds budget is \$3.2 million.

#### HRA/EDA Preliminary Levy:

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Economic Development Authority (HRA/EDA) has a separate levy of \$256,640.  
(1.5% decrease from 2020)

### 2020 Revenue Sources

*Renville County's funding comes from a variety of federal, state and local revenues and service fees.*



- Agricultural Property Taxes (35%)
- Non-Agricultural Property Taxes (11%)
- State Aid (29%)
- Federal Grants (10%)
- Fees (11%)
- Misc (4%)



# Renville County Recycling

## Curbside Schedule

### January - December 2021

**Bird Island - Renville - Sacred Heart**

**Danube - Olivia**

**Holiday - No Service**  
(Remainder of the week  
will be a day later)

**Buffalo Lake - Fairfax - Hector**

**Franklin - Morton (RF Zone 1)**

**RRRSWA:**  
(507) 637-1800  
(320) 523-8002

**Remember to have  
your carts to the curb  
no later than 6:30am**



### Glass

**Clear, green, and brown  
bottles and jars (food and  
beverage containers only.)**

- No light bulbs, mirrors, ceramics, or dishes.
- Must be empty and clean. Do not remove labels.

### Plastic Containers

**#1 thru #5 (excluding caps)  
No larger than 5 quarts.**

- Must be removed from bags
- No Styrofoam
- No bags
- No toys
- No pools
- No siding
- No PVC pipe, etc.

### Steel and Aluminum

**Food and beverage cans,  
aluminum foil, pie pans, and  
aerosol cans (must be empty).**

- No food remaining (empty and clean)
- No need to remove labels on food cans

### Paper

**Newspaper, junk mail,  
paperbacks, catalogs,  
phone books, envelopes  
(including windowed) and  
office paper.**

- Do not bundle or tie (place in cart loosely)

### Cardboard

**Cardboard (folded flat),  
paper bags and boxboard  
(e.g. cereal, cracker, pasta,  
and shoe boxes), paper egg  
cartons**

- No frozen food or refrigerated food boxes
- No beer or pop boxes (6 packs, 12 packs or cases)
- No packing foam
- No waxed cardboard

### Do NOT Recycle:

**Plastic Bags/Film Plastic:** Please purchase and utilize reusable grocery bags, ask for paper, or have your groceries loaded loosely into your cart. Do NOT place bags or other film plastic into your recycling container.

**Shredded Paper:** Please utilize our shredding service, which is FREE for personal papers and a nominal fee for businesses. If you shred your own paper, please bag it and bring it to the office located at the RRRMRF in Redwood Falls.

**PLEASE KEEP AND POST**

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|---|---------------------------------|
| Administration                                      | 320-523-3710                    |
| Assessor  | 320-523-3645                    |
| Attorney  | 320-523-2661                    |
| Auditor/Treasurer                                   | 320-523-2071                    |
| Court Administrator                                 | 320-523-3680                    |
| Court Services/Probation                            | 320-523-3663                    |
| Economic Development Authority                      | 320-523-3656                    |
| Emergency Management                                | 320-523-3838                    |
| Environmental Services                              | 320-523-3768                    |
| Extension (4-H)                                     | 320-523-3713                    |
| HRA (Housing Programs)                              | 507-637-4004                    |
| Human Services                                      | 320-523-2202 or<br>800-363-2533 |
| Landfill/Solid Waste                                | 320-523-1144                    |
| License   | 320-523-3612                    |
| Parks   | 320-523-3747                    |
| Public Health Services                              | 320-523-2570                    |
| Public Works  | 320-523-3759                    |
| Recorder  | 320-523-3669                    |
| RRRSWA / Solid Waste /<br>Household Hazardous Waste | 320-523-8002 or<br>507-637-1800 |
| Restorative Justice                                 | 320-523-3871                    |
| Sheriff   | 320-523-1161                    |
| Veterans Services                                   | 320-523-3763                    |

# Discover Your Backyard

## RENVILLE COUNTY PARKS



Photo - "Big Eddy" Vicksburg County Park

**Renville County PARKS**

**Park Locations:**

- 1 - Skalbekken
- 2 - Vicksburg
- 3 - Beaver Falls
- 4 - Birch Coulee
- 5 - Anderson Lake
- 6 - Mack Lake
- 7 - Lake Allie

**\*\*Parks open for winter activities\*\***

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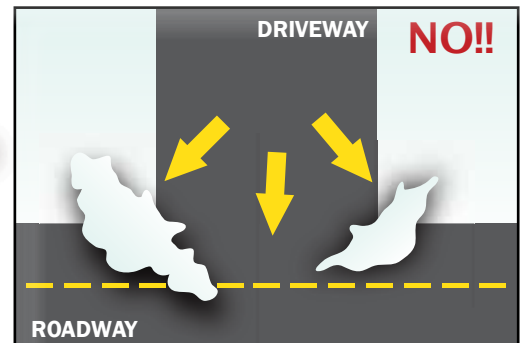
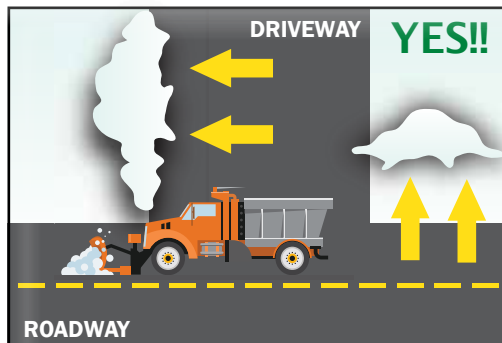
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## SNOW ON ROAD NOTICE

The Renville County Highway Department would like to remind county residents that it is unlawful to deposit or push snow or ice, in any fashion, onto a public roadway or across the road right of way.

**Minnesota Statutes 160.2715 and 169.42 prohibit the plowing, blowing,**

**shoveling, and placing of snow from sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots onto public roadways.** This can include the ditch and right-of-way area. Violations of these statutes are a misdemeanor. Piles of snow left on or near the road can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows. Accidents and damages caused by snow placed in the roadway may result in liability to the property owner.



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**Courthouse**  
500 East DePue  
Olivia, MN 56277

**Government Services Center**  
105 South 5th Street  
Olivia, MN 56277

**Landfill**  
32877 Co Rd 4  
Olivia, MN 56277

**RRRSWA**  
907 West Bridge Street  
Redwood Falls, MN 56283



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