

Family Council Matters Newsletter

MVH-Minneapolis



October 2026

Voting and Elections

The polling site for residents living at the MVH-Minneapolis is listed below. Please note, the MVH-Minneapolis does not provide transportation.

**Minnehaha Methodist Church
3710 East 50th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55417**

Early voting for the upcoming Mid-Term General Election will be available as follows.

**Wednesday, October 7, 2026
9am till 1pm**

Building 22 Community Room

The MVH-Minneapolis offers early voting for both the primary and general elections. Residents were asked in June if they wanted to participate in early voting during the month of July. Those interested were provided with an absentee ballot for both the primary and general elections. Many residents participated. At this time, 101 residents have requested absentee ballots in order to participate in early voting on October 7.

Residents can request a ballot on October 7 as well. If a resident does not remember if they already requested a ballot, they can reach out to their social worker and ask about it.

October Entertainment

The Family Council is sponsoring the following events this month, some of which will be held outdoors, weather permitting, and/or in the Building 19 Community Room. All members of the Family Council and their families, along with their loved ones who live at the Vets Home, are welcome to attend!

**Arn Kind, Wild West Reenactment
Friday, October 2, 1:30pm**



**Ralph Hintz (formerly of
the Castaways)**

Monday, October 26, 2pm



Please Join Us for the
Monthly Family Council Meeting
In Person
And Online (Listen Only)

**Building 21, Theater Room
Saturday, October 10, 2026**

**Come Early for the Social Half-Hour
11:45am till 12:15pm
Followed by the Meeting
12:15pm till 2:00pm**

Speaker

**Trisha Skeesick
Dental Clinic Manager
MVH-Minneapolis**

Thrilling Halloween Week!



The MVH-Minneapolis has some "spooktacular" entertainment scheduled during the week of Halloween. All the events are listed below, and will be held in the Building 19 Community Room. You can expect delicious fall treats, festive fun, and plenty of laughter! 

**Wednesday, October 28, 2pm, Big Buck
Halloween Bingo, with full size Candy Bars**

Thursday, Oct 29, 2pm, Halloween Movie

**Friday, Oct 30, 10am, Pumpkin
Decorating, Donuts and Cider**



**Friday, Oct 30, 2pm, "Monster Bash"
Halloween Party**

Our condolences go out to the families and friends whose loved one recently passed away.

2026 Meeting Dates

**Second Saturday of
Each Month at 12:15pm
In-Person and
Online (Listen Only)**

**October 10
November 14
December 12**

Family Member Support Group

**Tuesday, October 6, 2026
1:00pm — 2:30pm**

Building 22 Community Room

At the September Meeting, a new small group for grief support was added. This new grief group was well attended, and so will continue. It is led by Sally Narr, an experienced grief group leader. For more information or to be added to the Support Group email list, reach out to Chaplain Brandon via email at: brandon.newton@state.mn.us

New Look for This Newsletter

Effective this month, Microsoft is retiring its Publisher program, so it is no longer available. This newsletter has been produced via that program each month. Consequently, the November issue of our newsletter will be produced via another program, probably Microsoft Word. So, be prepared for the newsletter to have an all new look next month!

Thank You's

A heartfelt thank you to Alice Baier for making a generous donation to the Family Council for Will's Memorial.

One more heartfelt thank you to BBGF Best Buy Payments, for making another generous donation to the Family Council.

One last heartfelt thank you to the Hugo American Legion Post 620 for making another generous donation to the Family Council.

Officer of the Day (OD)

MVH-Minneapolis

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Call at Night and on Weekends

At Other Times,

Please Call Unit or Building Manager

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