



# Member Update

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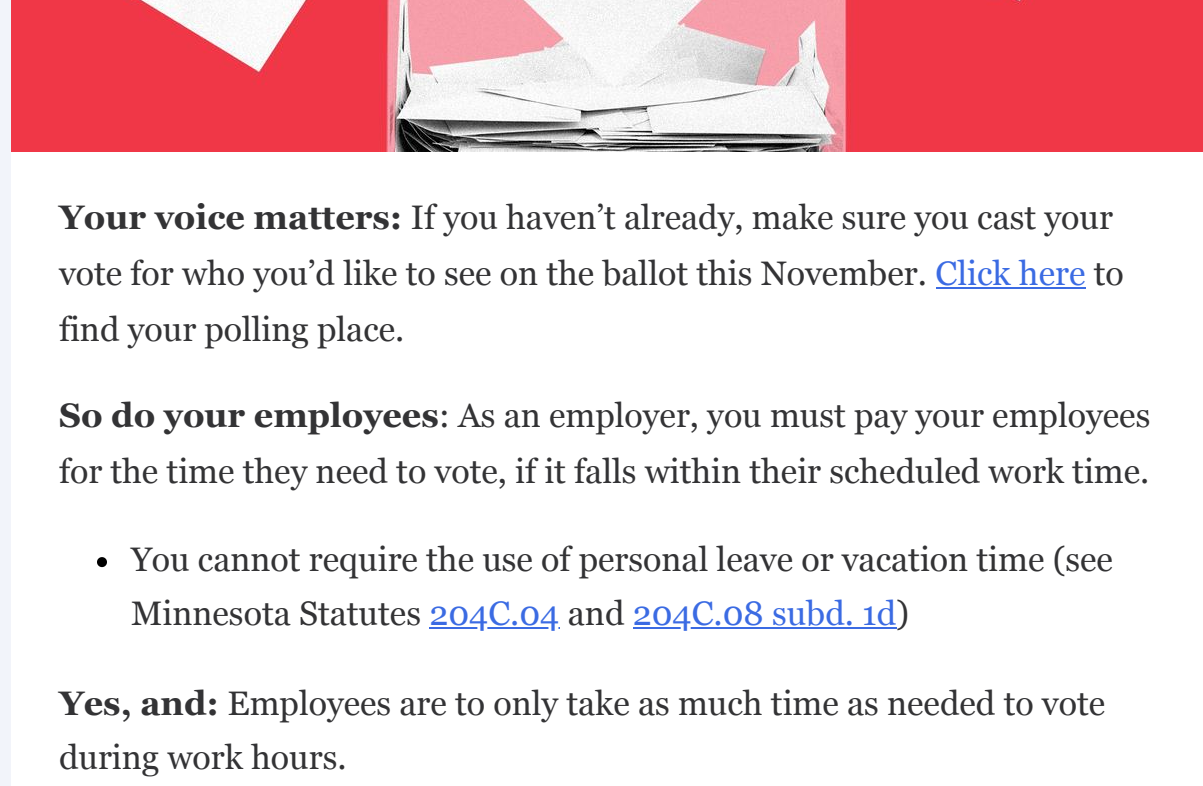
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## Tomorrow - Presidential Primary Election



**Your voice matters:** If you haven't already, make sure you cast your vote for who you'd like to see on the ballot this November. [Click here](#) to find your polling place.

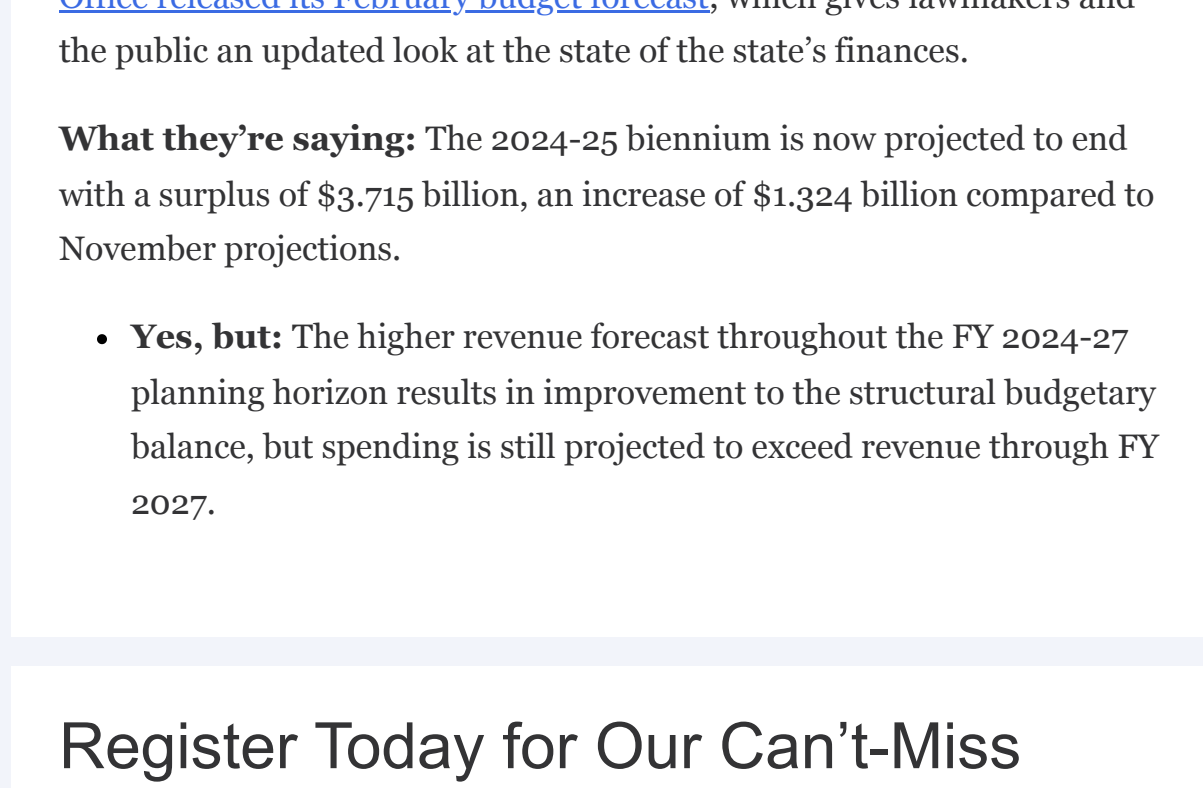
**So do your employees:** As an employer, you must pay your employees for the time they need to vote, if it falls within their scheduled work time.

- You cannot require the use of personal leave or vacation time (see Minnesota Statutes [204C.04](#) and [204C.08 subd.1d](#))

**Yes, and:** Employees are to only take as much time as needed to vote during work hours.

- **The bottom line:** Go vote, it's your right!

## ICYMI - February Budget Forecast Released

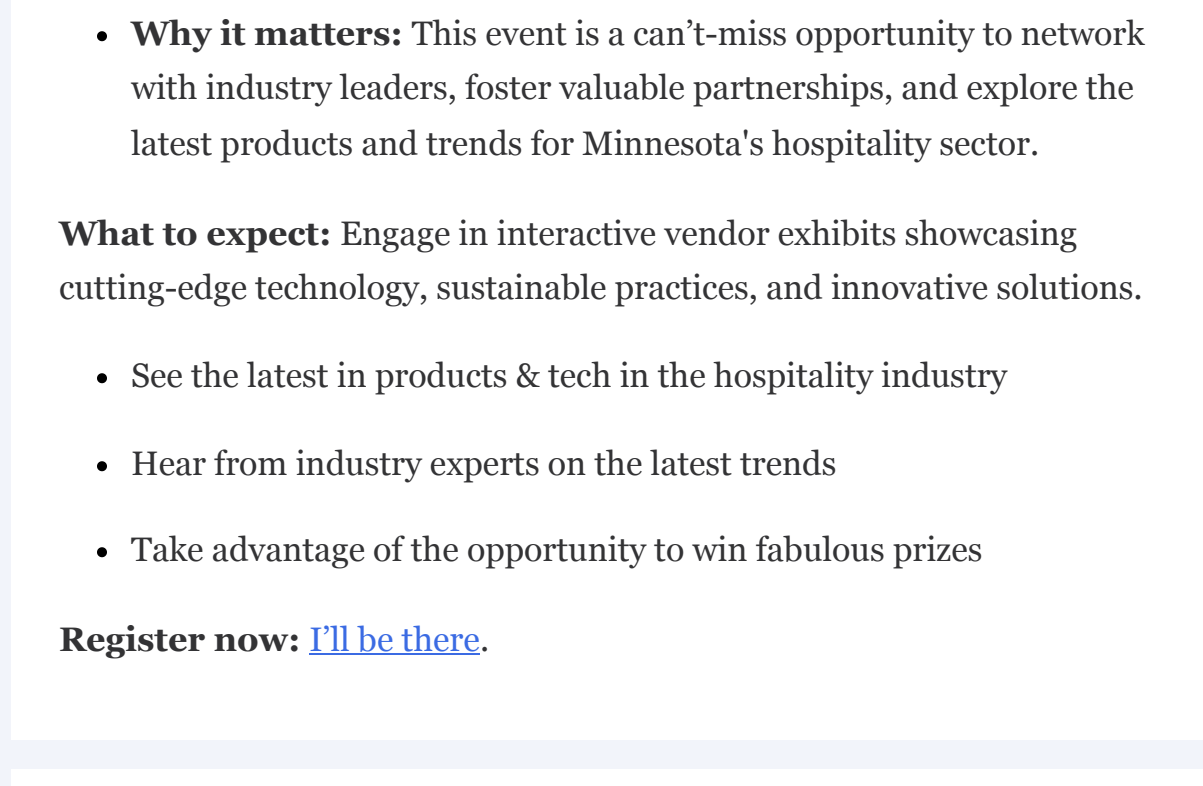


**What happened:** Yesterday, [the Minnesota Management and Budget Office released its February budget forecast](#), which gives lawmakers and the public an updated look at the state of the state's finances.

**What they're saying:** The 2024-25 biennium is now projected to end with a surplus of \$3.715 billion, an increase of \$1.324 billion compared to November projections.

- **Yes, but:** The higher revenue forecast throughout the FY 2024-27 planning horizon results in improvement to the structural budgetary balance, but spending is still projected to exceed revenue through FY 2027.

## Register Today for Our Can't-Miss Vendor Expo + Mixer!



**Calling all hospitality professionals!** Join hundreds of leaders in Minnesota's lodging, restaurant, and allied sectors on April 8, 2024, for the Hospitality Vendor Expo & Mixer.

- **Why it matters:** This event is a can't-miss opportunity to network with industry leaders, foster valuable partnerships, and explore the latest products and trends for Minnesota's hospitality sector.

**What to expect:** Engage in interactive vendor exhibits showcasing cutting-edge technology, sustainable practices, and innovative solutions.

- See the latest in products & tech in the hospitality industry
- Hear from industry experts on the latest trends
- Take advantage of the opportunity to win fabulous prizes

**Register now:** [I'll be there.](#)

## Hospitality Hotdish - Amy Britton, D'Amico & Sons



Amy Britton with D'Amico & Partners on last week's episode of Hospitality Hotdish.

**What happened:** In last week's episode Hospitality Hotdish, brought to you by [D'Amico & Sons](#), employee Amy Britton talks about her experiences in hospitality and how her life is like a slice of Norman Rockwell Americana wholesomeness.

**Why it matters:** Understanding Amy Britton's experiences and insights can provide valuable lessons on how incorporating personal stories and nostalgia can enhance the connection our guests feel to the hospitality industry. [Find where to watch her episode and more here.](#)

## Register for National Restaurant Association's Public Affairs Conference

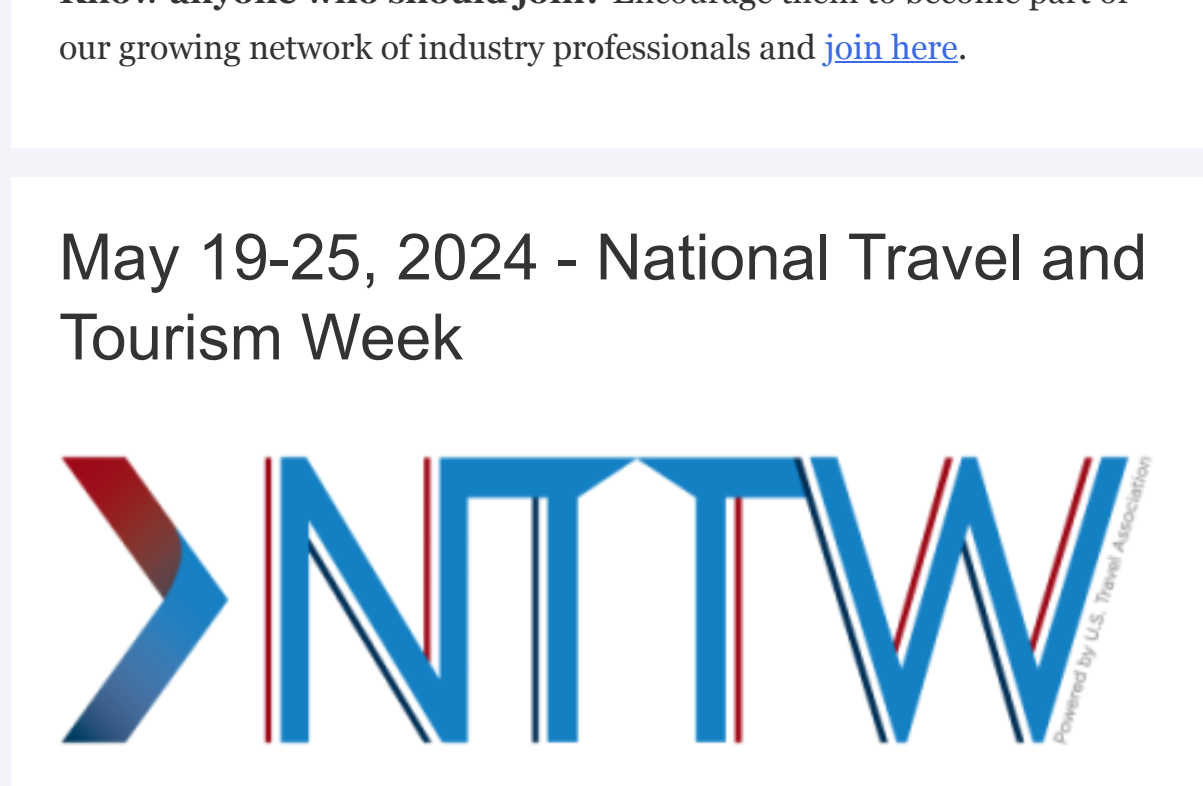


**Join our national partners** April 15-17, 2024, in Washington, D.C., for our Public Affairs Conference and be part of the industry's largest grassroots advocacy event. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

- **What to expect:** In addition to meeting with lawmakers on Capitol Hill, conference attendees will hear from top political speakers and celebrate the industry at networking events.

**If you have questions** on the conference, please email [paafc@restaurant.org](mailto:paafc@restaurant.org).

## Welcoming our Newest Members



THE LODGING, RESTAURANT, RESORT AND CAMPGROUND ASSOCIATION

### WELCOME FEBRUARY 2024 NEW MEMBERS!

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| Bowling Proprietors Association of Minnesota | Fire Protection Equipment      |
| Certificate Clearing Corporation             | Instant Whip—Minneapolis, Inc. |
| Cox Insurance Associates                     | Legend Companies               |
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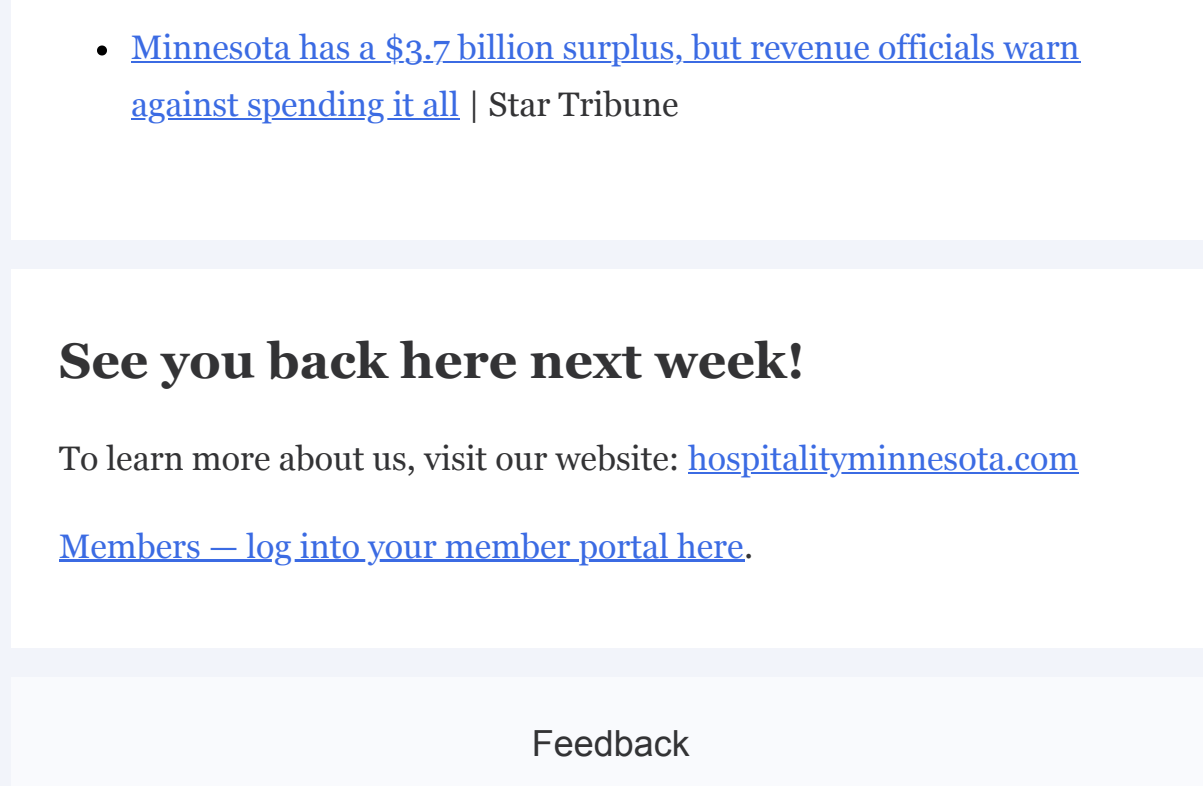
[hospitalityminnesota.com/why-join/](https://hospitalityminnesota.com/why-join/)

**What's new:** We are thrilled to welcome these new members to our Hospitality Minnesota family in February!

- **Why it matters:** With each new member, we gain new perspectives and strengthen our collective voice towards advancing the interests of the hospitality industry.

**Know anyone who should join?** Encourage them to become part of our growing network of industry professionals and [join here](#).

## May 19-25, 2024 - National Travel and Tourism Week



**Save the Date:** U.S. Travel announced that [National Travel and Tourism Week \(#NTTW\)](#) will be celebrated May 19-25, 2024. The dates were shifted due to a conflict with U.S. Travel's IPW event.

- **Why it matters:** In 2022, travel spending [generated](#) \$2.6 trillion in economic output and supported the nation's travel industry and nearly 15 million American jobs.

**What's next:** Be on the lookout for the #nttw24 theme reveal in the coming weeks and more information from Explore Minnesota with our NTTW 2024 plans.

## In the News

- [Uber and Lyft again threaten to leave Minneapolis as driver wage discussions return to City Hall](#) | Star Tribune
- [Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport airfares descend over past year](#) | Minneapolis / St. Paul Business Journal
- [Minnesota has a \\$3.7 billion surplus, but revenue officials warn against spending it all](#) | Star Tribune

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