

NEW HOPE IN FOCUS Photo Contest Rules and Entry Form

The City of New Hope sponsors its annual In Focus Photo Contest to inspire civic pride, motivate local photographers and encourage those who live, work or study in New Hope to explore their community. Entries are judged on visual appeal (quality, clarity), pictorial composition and originality. All photo entries become the property of the City of New Hope.

The deadline for entries is Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023.

Volunteer judges evaluate entries, and awards are given in the following categories:

- People
- Places
- Wildlife & Nature
- Youth (Photographers age 18 and under)
- People's Choice Award

Entries will be available for viewing on the City's website and in person at New Hope City Hall.

Entry Information

- The contest is open to participants who live, work or attend school in New Hope.
- City employees, council members and their families are not eligible to enter.
- The contestant must be the photographer of the image submitted under their name.
- Photographs must be taken in New Hope.
- Each contestant may enter up to one photograph per category (People, Places and Wildlife and Nature). Contestants under the age of 18 must have the consent of their parent/guardian.
- Photos are encouraged to be submitted electronically by email to communications@newhopemn.gov, along with the signed entry form. Photos submitted electronically must be a high-resolution JPG with a 5MB maximum size.
- Photos submitted in print should be mailed to or dropped off at New Hope City Hall (4401 Xylon Ave N) to the attention of the "In Focus Photo Contest," along with the signed entry form.
- Each photo entry should indicate the photographer's name, the photo title and proper orientation (i.e., which side is the top).
- The City of New Hope reserves the right to remove from the contest any submitted image that depicts illegal, unsafe, potentially offensive or otherwise inappropriate content, advertising, content implying city support or sponsorship; or any other content that the city deems contrary to the goals and intent of the contest.
- All decisions by the judges are final. The judges have the right not to award a winner in any category.
- The City of New Hope is not responsible for any lost entries.
- Contest organizers reserve the right to re-categorize or disqualify any entry.
- If a photographer receives the highest score in more than one of the three open categories (People, Places and Nature) the photo with the highest score will win the prize for that category, and the photo with the second-highest score in the other category or categories will receive the first-place award for that category. A photo may win an open category and the People's Choice Award or an open category and the Youth award.
- Submissions received after the entry deadline will not be eligible.

By submitting, contestants agree to the following:

I hereby give permission to the City of New Hope or anyone authorized by the City of New Hope to use and/or reproduce my submitted image for any purpose, including multimedia publications (print, internet, broadcast television, presentations and internal city use) without compensation to me. The City will make every reasonable effort to ensure the image's creator is appropriately credited when the image is used.

- I understand that my submittal may be used in its entirety or in part and may be revised, modified or combined with other images for use by the City and its designees.
- I understand that any digital images submitted will become and remain the property of the City.
- I understand that any digital images submitted may be reviewed by the public and may be displayed in city and non-city facilities.
- I have received permission from all person(s) in the photograph(s) to use their image as part of my entry into the City of New Hope In Focus Photo Contest.
- I certify that the photos I submitted are unique and original, taken by me, and do not infringe upon any copyright or patent.
- I certify that I have read and understand the rules of the contest.

Awards

Winners will be notified by phone or email and announced/recognized at a New Hope City Council meeting in January.

**Information contained in these official rules is for reference only and subject to change.
The City of New Hope reserves the right to revise, amend or repeal these contest rules at any time.**