



# Waconia Wavelength

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## County Road 10 Improvement Project

### Open House Event

March 14th, 2017

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Maple Conference Room, Waconia City Hall



**BOLTON & MENK**  
Real People. Real Solutions.

Carver County will be hosting a Public Open House regarding 2017 & 2018 roadway improvements for County Highway 10 with the purpose of connecting Highway 5 and current County Road 10 west of Waconia.

The project is being constructed as a partnership between Carver County, MnDOT, the School District, and the City. The project includes a roundabout to complete connectivity with Highway 5 near Orchard Road and a northerly directed Divided Highway system from Highway 5. This northern section will include a three-quarter intersection at 94<sup>th</sup> Street, a second roundabout at the extended segment of Community Drive, and a roundabout connecting current County Road 10 and Waconia Parkway South. Included with the roadway system are water, storm water utility extensions, bituminous trails with pedestrian underpasses, and corridor lighting elements. Bolton & Menk representatives will be on-site to take comments and answer questions regarding the improvements.

## Fix a Leak Week is March 20th to 26th



Fix a Leak Week is celebrated in March of each year as a time to remind Americans to check their household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. The average household's leaks can account for more than **10,000 gallons of water wasted** every year, or the amount of water needed to wash 270 loads of laundry.

**Leak Detection** - A good method to check for leaks is to examine your winter water usage. It's likely that a family of four has a leak problem if the winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.

Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak. For instructions on reading your water meter, please visit the utility billing section of our website or contact the billing department at (952) 442-3107.

**Toilets (#1 cause of leaks in Waconia as reported by residents!)** - A "running" toilet can waste 2 gallons of water per minute (that's 90,000 gallons/month!!) Even a silent toilet leak can waste 15,000 gallons/month.

If your toilet is leaking, the cause is often an old, faulty toilet flapper. Over time, this inexpensive rubber part decays, or minerals build up on it. It's usu-

ally best to replace the whole rubber flapper—a relatively easy, inexpensive do-it-yourself project that pays for itself in no time.

One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank. You can also pick up a leak tablet from Waconia City Hall.

**Faucets and Showerheads** - A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. That's the amount of water needed to take more than 180 showers!

A showerhead leaking at 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year. That's the amount of water it takes to wash 60 loads of dishes in your dishwasher.

**Outdoors** - An irrigation system should be checked each spring before use to make sure it was not damaged by frost or freezing. An irrigation system that has a leak 1/32nd of an inch in diameter (about the thickness of a dime) can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month. Check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

## Community Garden Registration is Open

The City of Waconia maintains 6 community garden locations for Waconia residents. Through this program gardeners have the opportunity to grow their own fresh organic produce.

Garden Locations include:

- Bent Creek Park
- Brook Peterson Park
- Clearwater Mills Park
- Ice Arena (raised beds)
- Interlaken Park
- Waterford Park

A copy of a map, application, and rules for all sites is available on the City's website. Last year's gardeners are given preference to sign up before it is opened up to more gardeners. A maximum of 2

plots/beds will be allowed per family, with the exception of Interlaken, in which one plot may be reserved per family. More information and rules can be found on the City's website.

For more information, contact:  
952-442-2615  
[publicservices@waconia.org](mailto:publicservices@waconia.org)



## Thinking about Chickens or Bees?



Residents are allowed to keep chickens and honey bees with a license.

Residents are allowed to keep up to 6 chickens in an approved coop and run.

Residents are allowed to maintain hives and honey bees on their property with the number of hives allowed based on lot size.

Information can be found on our website at:

[www.waconia.org/bees](http://www.waconia.org/bees)

[www.waconia.org/chickens](http://www.waconia.org/chickens)

For more questions, contact 952-442-3110.

Skate Sharpening is Now Available at the Waconia Ice Arena. Cost \$5.00 Per Pair.

### Events at the Waconia Ice Arena

#### Open Skate

March 4th  
2:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### Skates & Floats Open Skate

March 5th  
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Enjoy a refreshing root beer float for \$1.00 after open skate.

#### Rock on Ice

March 10th & 31st  
12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

#### St. Patrick's Day Open Skate

March 12th  
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Everyone's Irish for this event. Celebrate by wearing green and receive a discount on the admission fee.



\$3.00 Youth/Seniors  
\$4.00 Adult  
\$3.00 Skate Rental



## Waconia Fire Relief Association Spring Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 9th  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fire Station  
26 Maple Street South



\$7 if purchased prior to the event  
\$8 at the door. Children 5 & under are free!

The Waconia Fire Relief Association invites you to the spring Pancake, Sausage, and French Toast Breakfast at the Fire Station. Tickets are available from firefighters or at the door.

## Family Fun Night

First Saturday of the month at Safari Island March 4 and April 1.



- Wibit & Floaties starting at 4:00 p.m.
- Water Slide starting at 12:00 p.m.

Free for Members! Daily entrance fee for Non-Members.