



# Waconia Wavelength

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## 2016 Project Review

As 2016 draws to a close, Waconia experienced a whirl-wind of activities. Many major projects were completed with minor work continuing on a few projects next Spring:

- Exterior reconditioning of Water Tower #2 near the Fairgrounds, including a new darker finish.
- Road work on Highway 5 concluded along with finish work on Cherry, Maple, and 10th Streets, including the new route from Maple to 5th Street.
- Trail and sidewalk improvements were completed along Highway 5, Waconia Parkway North, Interlaken Crossing, and Airport Road.
- Lighting of trails on Highway 5 will continue, as well as in the pedestrian underpass between Interlaken and Interlaken Woods.
- Completion of the new roadway, Interlaken Crossing, near Laketown Elementary School and improvements to Airport Road.
- Playground replacement at Hilks Lake Park.
- Installation of park shelter, trails, and native seeding at Reitz Lake Park.

- Installation of a generator at City Hall.
- Rehabilitation work of the Pheasant Ridge Sanitary Sewer Lift Station to handle current and future capacity demand.
- Replacement of dehumidification units at Safari Island along with the replacement of the roof.
- Replacement of water meters. This is a three year project with 2016 being the first year. Approximately 2/3 of the meters have been replaced with the majority of this work being the residential meters. Work will continue in 2017 on the remaining meters and on connecting the overall system for remote reading of the meters.
- Grandstand Improvement Project at Lions Field in Brook Peterson Park is about 90% complete. The grandstand will provide seating for up to 450 people with accessible viewing areas, concession space, restrooms, and a new press box.

We are also planning new work for 2017. Watch our newsletter for a future article with information about next year's projects.

## Free Christmas Tree Recycling

Residents can drop off trees for free at:

**Waconia Public Services**  
310 East 10th Street

- 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Saturday, January 7
- 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Tuesday, January 10
- 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Thursday, January 12



Natural Christmas Trees are biodegradable, which means they can easily be recycled for mulch. Prior to recycling your tree, remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, garland, plastic wrap, tree stands, wire, etc. Note that live trees with artificial snow sprayed on the branches cannot be recycled.

Other options if you miss these dates:

Carver County Environmental Center: Carver County residents can self-haul their Christmas trees to the Carver County Environmental Center for recycling. This service is offered year-round at no charge.

Private Hauler Curbside Collection: Contact your private garbage hauler to schedule a pick up of your Christmas tree for recycling. Some haulers offer this service for free to their customers and some charge a nominal fee ranging from \$5 to \$8. Residents with seasonal curbside yard waste collection typically receive this service at no additional charge.

### City Office Closure Reminder

Monday, January 16  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed



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## New Utility Rates for 2017

The 2017 utility rates have been set for all City of Waconia Utility Accounts. These rates will be in effect January 1, 2017.

For more information on rate changes to commercial, industrial, and institutional accounts is available on our website: [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org). Tiered rates listed are charged per 1,000 gallons. If you have questions or concerns about your utility bill, please contact the utility billing department at (952) 442-3107 or [utilitybill@waconia.org](mailto:utilitybill@waconia.org).



## Waconia Receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the third year, the City's Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The goal of the program is not to assess the financial health of participating governments, but rather to ensure that users of their financial statements have the information they need to do so themselves. A copy of the annual financial reports can be found on the Finance Department's webpage on our website: [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org).

2016 Rates		2017 Rates	
<b>Water Base Rate</b>	<b>\$6.70</b>	<b>Water Base Rate</b>	<b>\$6.85</b>
Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$2.60	Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$2.65
Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$2.85	Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$2.90
Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$3.10	Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$3.15
Tier Four (12,001+ gallons)	\$3.40	Tier Four (12,001+ gallons)	\$3.45
Tier Four (Summer Use Only)	\$5.45	Tier Four (Summer Use Only)	\$5.50
<b>Sewer Base Rate</b>	<b>\$10.60</b>	<b>Sewer Base Rate</b>	<b>\$10.80</b>
Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$4.50	Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$4.60
Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$5.00	Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$5.10
Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$5.55	Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$5.65
Tier Four (12,001+ gallons)	\$6.15	Tier Four (12,001+ gallons)	\$6.25
<b>Streetlight Residential</b>	<b>\$3.15</b>	<b>Streetlight Residential</b>	<b>\$3.20</b>
<b>Storm Water Residential</b>	<b>\$8.50</b>	<b>Storm Water Residential</b>	<b>\$9.50</b>

**Looking for Some Outside Fun?  
Try out one of our outdoor skating rinks.**

### Brook Peterson Park:

Rink is on west side of ice arena. Warming house entrance door is on west side of building and is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### City Square Park:

A small rink has been created on the east side of the park, north of the restroom building. This basic rink has no warming house, restrooms, or seating. The City Square restrooms are closed for the season.

### Interlaken Park:

A small rink has been near the parking areas just southwest of the tennis courts, in the area of the community gardens. This basic rink has no warming house, restrooms, or seating.



## 2017 City Council Meeting Schedule

The City Council typically meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. Sometimes meetings are moved to another day. Schedule changes are posted to the City's website. Individuals who would like to have an item added to the agenda for Council consideration at a Meeting can contact the City Administrator one week before the meeting. All Council Meetings and Work Sessions are open to the public and take place at City Hall, 201 Vine Street South. Below is the 2017 schedule:

<b>January 9, 23</b>	<b>July 17</b>
<b>February 6, 21</b>	<b>August 7, 21</b>
<b>March 6, 20</b>	<b>September 5, 18</b>
<b>April 3, 17</b>	<b>October 2, 16</b>
<b>May 1, 15</b>	<b>November 6, 20</b>
<b>June 5, 17</b>	<b>December 4, 11</b>

Council meetings are shown live and rebroadcast on Cable Channel 8 in the week following the meeting. You can view streaming video of past meetings and view meeting agenda packets online at [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org).