



Waconia Wavelength

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Inflow and Infiltration Work Continues in Waconia

The City of Waconia continues to work on several major utility improvement projects guided on efforts in reducing costs of operation and assist in meeting regulatory requirements. One of the major areas of work is with Inflow and Infiltration, sometimes referred to as I&I.

Inflow and Infiltration is defined as water which enters the Sanitary Sewer System through illegal sump pump connections, footing tiles connected to a residential service line, and sometimes tree stumps that have grown into a sewer line causing a leak. The City continues efforts to eliminate inflow and infiltration in an effort to reduce expenses for pumping and treatment of clear ground water. By eliminating inflow and infiltration, we can avoid penalties from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

If you have recently received a letter from our City Engineers, Bolton Menk, we would appreciate your support by contacting them to schedule an appointment to have your sewer line televised to support this program.

To schedule an appointment, contact: Deb Perry, Bolton & Menk, (952)-448-8838, extension 2698.

Paperless Bills / Virtual City Hall is Available!!

The City of Waconia offers the convenience of viewing and paying your city utility bill online! Benefits include:

- Reduces paper use.
- Saves money on postage & mailing supplies.
- Make payments 24 hours a day via credit/debit card safely & securely.
- Ability to check your balance, review account history, consumption, meter reads and past payments.



How do I get started with paperless billing?

To sign up, visit the Utility Billing section of our website. You can fill out the online form in the Utility Payment Options tab. We will update your bills to be emailed to the email address you provide and we will send out a confirmation email along with your username & password within 48 business hours. Questions about Paperless or On-line Billing and payment can be directed to: Utility Billing, 952-442-3107 or utilitybill@waconia.org.



Or Scan the code to visit Waconia's Utility Billing Information Online!

Water Meter Replacement Program

The City of Waconia continues to work with Ferguson Waterworks on replacement of residential water meters. The emphasis of this improvement is to update meters to a new technology allowing staff to read through a Fixed Network process, eliminating the cost of physically traveling the community to read water meters. The new system will also provide improved reporting on meter use will assist all residents and staff in answering questions about water use.



If you have received a letter regarding "Mandatory Water Meter Replacement" from Ferguson Waterworks and haven't yet responded please contact:

**Ferguson Waterworks
1-855-848-2839**

Carver County Water Quality Cost Share Program

Carver County Water Management Organization funds a cost share program to promote citizens to use innovative Best Management Practices (BMPS) to protect and restore the quality of water within the county. The goal of the program is to increase the awareness of water quality issues affecting the county and at the same time have citizens take an active role in the protection and/or restoration of the environment. In cooperation with both County Staff and Private Citizens, this program will continue the strong tradition of protecting the natural resources of this great county.

The program is available to anyone that is a citizen of Carver County, municipalities, and private businesses located within the Carver County Water Resource Management Area. Possible projects include installation of rain gardens, shoreline restorations, native plantings, water retention and water reuse systems and more.

The program will cover 75% of eligible costs up to a maximum reimbursement of \$5000. This is a competitive grant program, with the possibility of grant request not obtaining funding. If the annual funding for a fiscal year is depleted, project application for the year will be held over to the following year. These projects will be prioritized by the date in which the application was turned in.

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Garbage Cans and Street Maintenance Don't Mix Well

It's a good time for us to reflect on the placement of trash receptacles for pickup and street and sidewalk maintenance activities. No one likes to see garbage dancing down the street from poor placement of a trash receptacle which get inadvertently tipped over during snow removal operations and wind. This contributes to unsightly neighborhoods and potential contamination issues of our storm water systems in our community.

As we move forward through the winter season and head into the Spring and Summer seasons, Public Services asks that you place your trash receptacles in your driveways. This allows them to be out of the way for snow removal on streets and sidewalks, street sweeping and pavement marking activities. Keeping the units in your driveway, out of the curb and street, allow our staff to complete maintenance activities quicker and more efficiently.



We know that this can be an inconvenience with your coming and goings on trash day and appreciate your efforts to help in this area.

Thank you for your assistance.

All City offices, except Safari Island, will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of President's Day.

Valentine's Open Skate

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your family and friends at this special afternoon open skate from 2:15 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday, February 12th at the Waconia Ice Arena. Families are welcome to warm up after the open skate with hot chocolate and decorate a Valentine's Day cookie with colored frosting and toppings! \$2.50 entrance fee for youth and seniors; \$3.50 for adults with a \$2.50 skate rental fee.



Family Fun Night

First Saturday of the month at Safari Island. January through April.

- Wibit & Floaties starting at 4:00 PM
- Water Slide starting at 12:00 PM

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

Root Beer Floats available after a fun evening!

New Things at Safari Island this month:

- *New Platinum Membership at Safari Island!*
- *New Specialty Classes starting in February!*
- *New Fitness Class Punch Pass!*