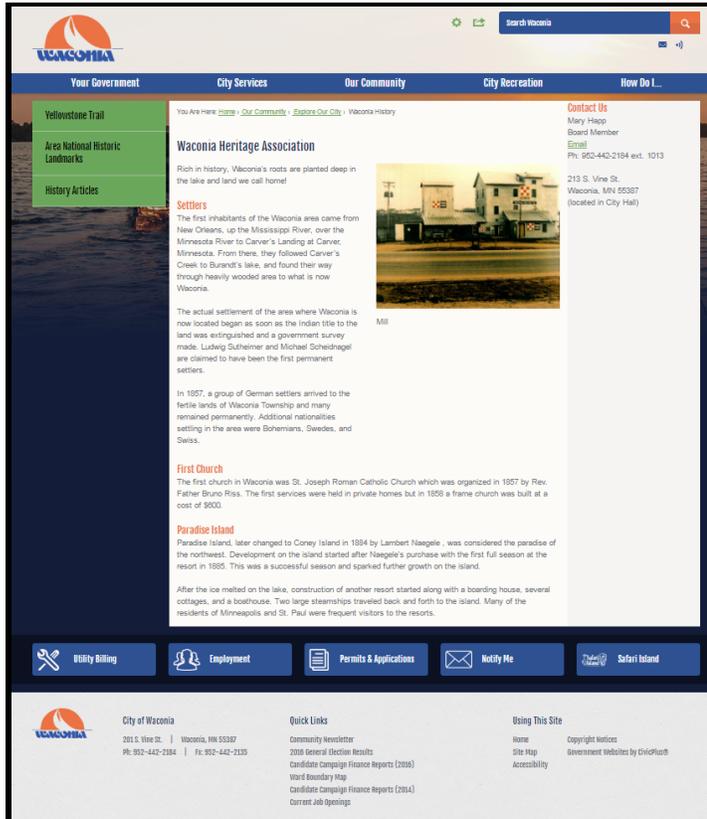




Waconia News

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Happy 160th Waconia!

On April 13, 1857, the City of Waconia was platted as a city. To honor our history, we have partnered with the Waconia Heritage Association, to created a new section on our webpage, highlighting sections of Waconia history. On this page we have assembled information about sites that are on the National Historic Register, information about the Yellowstone Trail through Waconia, and various history articles. We are working on many more additions to the page. The page can be found at:

www.waconia.org/WaconiaHistory

We encourage you to come back and check the page out periodically as we will be continually adding more information about our amazing history.

Waconia Receives Gift from Young Resident

On March 20, the City received an amazing gift from Quinn Larson and the Make A Wish Foundation. Together, they gave the City a \$5,000 gift to be used for the purchase of adaptive equipment for our playgrounds.

Quinn is a young boy who wears a cochlear implant. Children with cochlear implants are challenged with using some of the playground equipment - primarily the plastic slides in our parks. The slides create a static electricity that is generated along the surface, which causes the implant to stop working properly. We have identified replacement slides and other equipment that will make some of our playgrounds more accessible.

This donation is the start of this project; together on identifying additional funding to make this project a reality.

Want to be part of this project? Send donations to:

City of Waconia
Attn: Playground Project
201 South Vine Street
Waconia, MN 55387

Or make a credit card donation by calling City Hall at 952-442-2184.



Waconia Fire Relief Association Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, April 9, 2017
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Waconia Fire Station
26 Maple Street South

Tickets for adults are \$7 in advance from a Firefighter and \$8 at the door. Children 5 and under are FREE!

Celebrate Arbor Day

Arbor Day is celebrated each spring and Waconia's Park Board will recognize this special day by planting trees at Fountain Park. We invite various groups, organizations, and the Waconia community to participate. This free celebration is used as an educational tool to teach our community, its leaders, and youth about the value of trees and fulfills Waconia's requirement as a member of Tree City USA for the 12th consecutive year!

At the conclusion of our celebration, groups and the community are invited to join the Board and staff in conducting a spring cleaning of the Board's Adopt-A-Trail section of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail. All equipment and supplies are provided for participants.

Thursday, April 20
6:00 p.m.
Fountain Park
(Across from City Hall)
201 Vine Street South



Compost Collection

With Spring's arrival, yard clean up will soon commence. Residents are encouraged to bring grass clippings, shrub and garden waste, as well as branches no larger than 3" in diameter and 4' in length to Public Services, located at 310 10th Street East on the following dates:

Compost fees are as follows: \$1 per bag and \$10 per pick-up truck bed/small trailer load. For a complete schedule please visit www.waconia.org.

Saturday, April 22, 8 a.m. to Noon
Saturday, May 6, 8 a.m. to Noon
Thursday, May 11, 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, May 20, 8 a.m. to Noon

Carver County Board of Appeals April 24 – 28, 2017

Each Spring, property owners that wish to review their market value have an opportunity to do so with the Carver County. There are several steps available.

The first step, when you disagree with your estimated market value is to call the Carver County Property Assessment Office at 952-361-1960 to discuss your concerns with an appraiser.

Step two involves making an official appeal regarding your property valuation between April 24 to 28, 2017. Again, you can call and discuss your concerns and ask for an appointment for a physical review of your property. You can make your appeal in person, through a designated representative, or by sending a letter. If your appeal is unsuccessful, you can proceed to Step 3, which is appearing at the County Board of Equalization.

More information about further steps, including tax court, is available on the County's website at www.co.carver.mn.us.

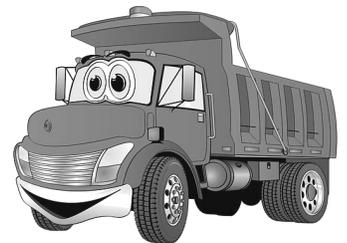
Summer Sewer Rate

Green grass, flowers, and tree buds will be on the horizon! Summer sewer use pro-ration will go into effect the 1st of May. Any April usage will be billed for sewer usage at regular rates. For more information on City conservation efforts and tiered rates please visit the City website at www.waconia.org or call 952-442-3107.



Public Services Open House Saturday, April 8 (8:00 a.m. - Noon) 310 10th Street East

Be sure to mark your calendar for our 5th annual Public Services Open House event. During the event, guests will have the opportunity to rub elbows with our Public Services team. Children of all ages



are invited to see, touch, honk, and explore the city trucks with the guidance from the respective professionals who explain the equipment and discuss the work they accomplish with such machinery. Returning this year will be the paint the snow plow activity in addition to information on projects, a pancake breakfast, prizes and demonstrations. In an effort to assist the local Waconia United Food Shelf please bring a non-perishable food item to donate.