



# Waconia Wavelength

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## On Street Parking Reminders

The City of Waconia has ordinances that restrict where vehicles can be parked and for how long they can be parked there. These ordinances seek to balance the needs of vehicle owners with the greater community good gained by preserving neighborhoods' curb appeal, property values, and traffic safety.

Residents are reminded that on-street parking of vehicles in residential areas for more than 24 hours is prohibited by City Code during the months of April through October. Winter parking regulations prohibit parking on residential streets during the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. November through March.

This also includes trailers, RV's boats, etc. The City does allow the parking of boats for more than 24 hours during seasonal transition times in October and May. Boat owners may park a boat on a trailer on a City street for more than 24 hours from October 1 through October 20 and from May 1 through May 20.

If you have a concern regarding a parked vehicle or to arrange for special circumstances (overnight guests, parties, etc.) that would require overnight on-street parking during the period of November 1 through April 1, please contact Carver County Sheriff Dispatch at 952-361-1231 on the same day to request special consideration.

## Talking 'Bout My Generation

This year at Nickle Dickle Day, the City's booth centered on the Talking 'Bout My Generation survey. Great discussion was had around the word clouds hanging in the booth. The word cloud below shows responses to the question, "What could improve your household's connections to the community?"



## Park Board Recruitment

The City of Waconia is currently recruiting members for the Park Board. The Park Board's purpose is to review current and future community park and recreation needs, programs, and facilities. The Park Board also recommends action to the City Council to promote the implementation of the City's park, trail, and recreation plans. Board members are appointed to three-year terms and generally meet once per month.

Applications and additional information can be found on the City's website at [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org). Applications must be submitted to [careers@waconia.org](mailto:careers@waconia.org) by October 27, 2017.

## Winter Utility Usage Charges

Residential utility customers are reminded that October is the last month of the summer sewer pro-rate. Starting in November and through April, water and sewer charges will be based on actual usage each month. The change in calculation during the summer months (May – October) is done to account for the use of water outside of the home for watering grass, plants, and trees along with filling swimming pools and washing cars.

For more information on this or other utility billing topics, please visit [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org). If you have questions about your utility bill, please contact us at [utilitybill@waconia.org](mailto:utilitybill@waconia.org) or 952-442-3107.

## Not So Spooky Storytime at the Waconia Library

Tuesday, October 31  
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



Join the Waconia library for a special Halloween themed storytime where you can "shake them bones" with stories, dance, and songs. You'll also go home with a craft. Come in costume if you'd like!

## Waconia Fire Relief Association Fall Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 8  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fire Station  
26 South Maple Street



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

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

## Open to Business

Open to Business is a free, nonprofit program available to help new and early-stage businesses grow and prosper. The experienced team can support individuals in accessing business feasibility, conduct business planning, understand licensing and regulatory issues, and assess financing options. For more information go to [www.opentobusinessmn.org](http://www.opentobusinessmn.org).



## Compost Collection Schedule

Residents can bring grass clippings, garden waste, shrubs, and branches no longer than 3" in diameter and 4' in length to Public Services at 310 E. 10th St.

### Thursdays

3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

October 5

October 19

November 2

### Saturdays

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

October 7

October 21

October 28

Cost is \$1.00 per bag or \$10.00 per pick-up or trailer. A copy of the full schedule is available at [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org).

## October Events at Safari Island and the Ice Arena

Safari Island will be offering free group exercise classes the week of October 23. Additionally, any kid who checks in at Safari Island on October 30 and October 31 will receive a free piece of candy!

The Waconia Ice Arena will be hosting a Halloween Open Skate on Sunday, October 29 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Kids who wear a costume will get \$1 off admission and adults in costume will receive \$2 off. The regular arena lights will be off with the laser lights on for this event!

Also, be sure to check out the scarecrows at both Safari Island and the Ice Arena from October 12 to October 22 during the Chamber's Scarecrow Contest!



## Hot Topics!

**Did You Know....**The amount of sodium that gets released into a gallon of softened water is about as much as what you'd find in 2 slices of white bread.



Follow the code for more information on this month's Hot Topic or visit the Utility Billing section of [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org).