

# Waconia Wavelength

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## 2018 Election Information

Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, August 14 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ward I residents will vote at the Ice Arena (1250 Oak Avenue) and Ward II residents will vote at Trinity Church (601

### Absentee Voting

Eligible voters can vote early by using an absentee ballot, instead of voting in person at the polling place on Election Day. Voters can vote absentee by mail, in-person, or by having the person you know pick up and deliver your ballot to you. Absentee voting for the Primary Election begins on June 29 and ends on August 13.

**New for 2018!** Waconia residents can register and vote absentee in-person at City Hall (201 South Vine Street) or at the Carver County Government Center (Taxpayer Services Center, 1000 W. Ka). Absentee voting hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, absentee voting will be open for voting from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 11 and until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 13. Please note that if you are issued a ballot at City Hall, you do need to vote that same day at City Hall. **No ballots are being issued for take-home voting from Waconia City Hall.**

Absentee voting for the General Election will be available at Waconia City Hall (for Waconia residents) from November 21 through November 5. Regular hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but City Hall will be open on Saturday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5. Rules and procedures apply to the general election that are in place during the primary election. **There will be no absentee voting at the Chanhassen Service Center for the 2018 Primary and General Elections.**

An absentee ballot is a process that requires more steps than voting on election day. Absentee voters must fill out and turn in an Absentee Ballot Application. These applications are available at City Hall and at City Hall. Absentee voters will also need either their MN Driver's License (or Identification) number or the last four digits of their Social Security Number.

### How to Register to Vote

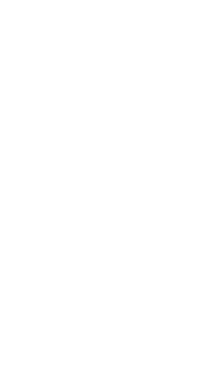
Waconia residents must register to vote in advance of the Primary election by July 24 at 5:00 p.m. The last day of pre-registration for the general election is October 12 at 5:00 p.m. Registering in advance of election day ensures you are on the election day roster. Individuals registered by these dates can still register and vote on election day, but will need to provide out new registration information and bring identification information to the polling place on election day. Identification requirements for new registrants are available on the City's election website.



### Election Information

For more information on the 2018 Primary and General Election is available on the City's website at [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org). Click on the "Election Information" graphic to be taken directly to the Election Information page.

the June line up for City Square Park:  
 The Brueskes  
 Retro Soul & the Horns  
 Winnie Rose  
 Everett Smithson Band



start at 7:00 p.m. at City Square Park. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. In case of rain, Safari Island is the most the event.

**2040 Comprehensive Plan**

of the 2040 Waconia Comprehensive Plan is available on the City website and at City Hall. We would love to hear your feedback on this plan. Visit [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org) to view the plan and provide your feedback. You can also let us know your thoughts by contacting Lane Braaten, Planning & Development Director, at 952-442-3106 or [lbraaten@waconia.org](mailto:lbraaten@waconia.org).



A public hearing is scheduled for late November or early December, prior to the final approval of the plan.

**Compost Collection Schedule**

We will bring grass clippings, garden waste, and yard trimmings and branches no larger than 3" in diameter (including length) to Public Services at 310 East 10th Street.

**Thursday, July 12**  
 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Saturday, July 28**  
 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Cost is \$5.00 per bag or \$10.00 per pick-up or trailer. For more information, please contact Public Services at 952-442-2615 or [publicservices@waconia.org](mailto:publicservices@waconia.org). A copy of the full schedule is available at [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org).

**Independence Day**

City offices will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. There will be no absentee voting available on this day. We wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July!



**Campaign Signs**

As a reminder, June 29 is the first day that campaign signs may be placed on private property in the community. Sign placement must be approved by the property owner. At no time can campaign signs be located on public property or within the right-of-way. Generally, this means that signs should be placed at least ten feet behind the curb. Signs placed in violation of this state statute will be removed and disposed. For more information visit the elections page of [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org).



**Hot Topics: Consumer Confidence Report**



Did you know that the drinking water comes from wells ranging from 345 to 400 feet deep? These four wells draw water from underground specifically the Mt. St. Quaternary Buried aquifers.

This, as well as information about the quality of water and contaminants can be found in the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The 2017 annual report the City of Waconia publishes is available to our residents.

2017's report shows that Waconia is in compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations regarding drinking water! The full report can be accessed at [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org).

Follow the code for more information on the Hot Topic or topics from months' past!

**July Movie in the Park**

**Friday, July 20**  
**Honey, I Shrunk the Kids**  
 8:30 p.m.



**City Square Park**  
 101 East Main Street, Waconia, MN  
 Popcorn will be available for purchase for \$1. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the show! Show the movie will be shown at Safari Island - lawn chairs, blankets, and pillows are allowed.