



Waconia Wavelength

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Inclusive Playground Task Force Volunteers Wanted!

The City of Waconia is rounding up members to serve on a Task Force that will work as the design committee for the future Inclusive Playground that is planned at Waterford Park. This project will replace the current equipment at the park with a focus on providing fun for people of all abilities, including new surface, equipment, etc.

The City of Waconia is looking for a wide range of people with a wider range of skills, experience, and expertise to serve on this Task Force. There is also a goal of including a few parent/child members on the Task Force. We anticipate the work of this group will take between four and six months.

Can you swing into action and be part of the team? Applications are being accepted through September 30, 2018. You can find and submit an application on the City's website at www.waconia.org. There are also paper copies available at City Hall or you can request to have one mailed to you.



Absentee Voting for the General Election

The General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 6, however, the City of Waconia will continue to offer Absentee/Early Voting to Waconia residents at Waconia City Hall.

Any eligible voter can vote early (with no excuse) by using an absentee ballot, instead of voting in person at the polling place on Election Day. Absentee voting begins on September 21 at 8:00 a.m. and will go through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5.

Waconia residents who wish to vote an absentee ballot in person can do so at Waconia City Hall (201 South Vine Street) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (regular business hours) Monday through Friday. City Hall will also be open on Saturday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for those who are interested in voting absentee.



For those who do vote absentee, please remember that this does require more steps than voting on election day, and does require you to fill out and turn in an Absentee Ballot Application. These applications are available at the City's website or at City Hall. Absentee voters will also need either the last four digits of their social security number or their MN Driver's License or State Issued Identification number.

For More Information

For more information on the 2018 General Election, please visit the City's website at www.waconia.org. Here you can find a detailed election calendar, additional information regarding absentee voting, and details on how to register to vote.

2018 Primary Update

The 2018 Primary Election saw record turnout in Waconia, both on Election Day and through absentee voting!

Waconia had 136 residents vote absentee at City Hall in advance of Election Day. We also had over 1250 residents at the polls on August 14. This is over 18% voter turnout, which is a significant increase from previous Primary Elections.

September 11 Remembrance Ceremony

Please join the Waconia Fire Department on September 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for a ceremony in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001.



Remembering the lives lost on September 11, 2001

Waconia Fire Station
26 South Maple Street.

Labor Day

City Offices will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.



Offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 4 and a City Council meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. that evening.

Compost Collection Schedule

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



Saturday, September 15
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Saturday, September 29
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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.

Hot Topics!

This month's Hot Topic is all about utility billing options!



We try to make paying your bill as easy as possible and provide options to suit everyone's needs! That is why this month's Hot Topic is dedicated to all the options available.

Follow the code for more information on the August Hot Topic or to view topics from previous months! You can also visit the Utility Billing section of www.waconia.org.



Last Call for Election Judges!

The City of Waconia is looking for more individuals who are interested in serving as election judges for the General Election on November 6.

Election judges help guarantee the rights of voters are protected and ensure the election process is fair, accurate, and in accordance with election laws. Serving on a team of election judges is a wonderful, rewarding experience and also a great way to meet your neighbors!

Duties of election judges include:

- Set up/take down of polling place
- Register and sign in voters
- Ensure all qualified voters are permitted to vote
- Demonstrate how to vote
- Distribute ballots
- Operate voting equipment
- Help voters who need assistance
- Record and certify precinct election results

If you are interested or for more information, please contact Ann Meyerhoff at 952-442-4121 or ameyerhoff@waconia.org by September 24.

Nickle Dickle Day



September 15, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
City Square Park

Plan to join in on the fun of Nickle Dickle Day! Run or walk in a 5K, play in the 3 on 3 basketball tournament, visit the craft vendors, score some great shopping deals, eat fun food, listen to music, and so much more! This is a family friendly event with something for everyone!

Waconia Fire Relief Association Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, October 7
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Waconia Fire Station
26 S. Maple Street



\$7 if purchased in advance and \$8 at the door.
Children 5 and 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.