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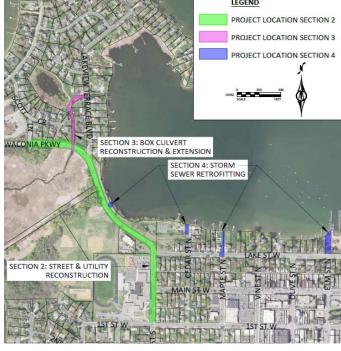


2019 Infrastructure Improvement Project

Starting June 3, 2019, the City of Waconia will embark on another roadway and utility improvement project. The 2019 Improvement Project focuses on replacement of buried sewer, water, and storm sewer infrastructure on Walnut Street and Waconia Parkway North. These improvements consist of the following project components:

- Reconstruction of Waconia Parkway North and North Walnut Street (between Scott Lane and First Street). This includes removing and reconstructing the entire right-of-way and improving the sub-base and existing storm sewer system.
- Trail reconstruction along the north side of Waconia Parkway North and sidewalk reconstruction along the west side of Walnut Street.
- Sanitary sewer and watermain replacement along Waconia Parkway North and Walnut Street
- Reconstruction and extension of the box culvert west of the Lakeview Terrace Boulevard and Waconia Parkway North intersection.
- Storm sewer retrofitting of four outlet structures to Lake Waconia: east of Waconia Parkway North, at Cedar Street, Maple Street, and Elm Street. Additional off-site storm water sediment structures will be placed to assist in the capture of pollutants entering Lake Waconia.
- Pedestrian improvements including buffering trail space, crosswalk enhancements, and trail and street lighting within the project area.

The roadway segments will be closed beginning June 3 through the completion of this project in November. Additionally, the road and the trail to Cedar Point Park will be closed for the majority of this project. Traffic will be detoured to Olive Street, Highway 5, Waconia Parkway South, and County Road 10. Information and progress reports on this improvement, as well details on road closures and detours can be found on the **Project Website** at www.waconia.org.



We appreciate everyone's patience as this project occurs. As always, please remember to travel the posted speed limits through the construction zones. It is important for everyone's safety!

Mowing Season:

Assist in the Protection of Waconia's Lakes and Streams!

Please consider the following items as we work to protect our lakes and receiving water systems:

- Ensure you use phosphorous-free fertilizer. If you place fertilizer on hard surfaces, please sweep the material into your yard. Do not leave it on hard surfaces, which drain into the storm sewer.
- Rather than fertilizing, recycle clippings. This will help to maintain natural soil phosphorous—leave them in place, but keep them off the roadways!
- Bag grass clippings and bring them to your local compost site or use them for onsite compost containers (please check the <u>City website</u> at <u>www.waconia.org</u> for the City's compost schedule).
- Make a couple passes with the lawn mower near the curb to discharge grass clippings into the yard prior to completing a pass which would discharge them into the street.
- Cut the lawn more frequently at higher heights to reduce the need of potable water for irrigation.
- Use a leaf blower to blow grass back into the yard.



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Updates

While we continue to test and refine the new payment system, our current payment system will remain your online source for viewing and paying utility bills for the next few months. Invoice Cloud provides additional options for payment, not only for utility bills, but permits and licenses too! Implementation is ongoing. Updates will continue each month until the new system is fully functional.

Summer Street Maintenance Projects

As many know, summer is the time of year for construction projects. In addition to the 2019 Infrastructure Improvements project described page one of this newsletter, there are several planned

smaller projects happening around town this summer. On the <u>City's</u> <u>website</u>, you can view a comprehensive list of the City's street and maintenance projects, as well as maps and details of where each project is taking place. Visit the "Public Services" page of



www.waconia.org and click on the projects tab.

Hot Topic: Hydrant Flushing

You may have noticed Public Services staff flushing hydrants over the last month. This month's Hot Topic covers why we do it and answers any questions you





quality and how you are affected.

Follow the code for more information on this month's (and past) Hot Topics or visit the **Utility Billing section** of **waconia.org.**

Compost Collection Schedule

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

Saturday, June 1 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 11 & 25 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 20 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Cost is \$1.00 per bag or \$10.00 per pick-up or trailer. For questions, please contact Public Services at 952-442-2615 or publicservices@waconia.org. A copy of the full schedule is available at www.waconia.org.

Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign!

With garage sale season in full swing, we want to remind you of the rules regulating signs. We receive weekly complaints regarding the signs that pop up in intersections advertising home sales, open houses, contractor signage, promotional signage, etc. Here are reminders to help you comply with the local and state rules:

<u>DOs</u>

- 1. On city streets, a good rule of thumb is to keep the signs behind the sidewalk or 8 to 10 feet away from the road. This should keep most signs out of the right of way. On County Roads, the distance is 15 feet.
- 2. Garage Sale signs must be removed the day after the sale.
- 3. Often, signs need to be on private property. Make sure you obtain permission prior to placement of the sign.

DON'Ts

- 1. Signs must not be placed in the right of way, and are never allowed in or around the roundabouts.
- 2. Do not attach signs to stop signs, streetlights, or fences.

City staff routinely inspect for sign violations. Signs found to be in violation are removed and discarded. The State and County also perform periodic inspections of right-of-way within the community and take and dispose of the signs.

Information about Ordinance 900.10 is available by contacting the Planning Department at 952-442-2184 or by visiting the <u>Ordinance Section</u> on our website at <u>www.waconia.org</u>.

