



# Waconia Wavelength

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## Public Services Summer Projects and Maintenance Activities

It is the time of year where residents are impacted by several improvement and maintenance activities throughout Waconia. There is a large list of projects scheduled for this summer; some have already started and some will be starting soon!

**Below is a list of projects taking place, or scheduled for this summer season:**

- **2020 Street and Utility Reconstruction** to start in June: Walnut Street, Third Street, Main Street segments. Please visit [www.waconia.org/2020project](http://www.waconia.org/2020project) for more information.
- **2019 Street and Utility Reconstruction Completion:** work includes trail paving, grading, and storm basin completion
- **Bituminous Trail Seal Coating** will take place mid-summer in the following areas: Brook Peterson Park, Waterford Park, Clearwater Park and Roadway Systems including Sparrow Road, TH 284 and Main Street/CSAH 59.
- **Street Overlay, Trail Reconstruction, and ADA Improvements** on Oak Avenue between Waconia Parkway South and Trunk Highway Five.
- **Street Crack Sealing, Sealcoating and Striping** will once again take place throughout the community.
- **Annual Sanitary Sewer Main Line Cleaning:** The collection service area to be cleaned is Route One including Downtown and areas north and east of Downtown.
- **Brook Peterson Park Restroom Improvement Project.** More details can be found on the City's website.

Numerous residential maintenance activities will occur and be completed by our maintenance staff throughout the duration of the summer season. Please be cognizant of the Work Zones prepared by our maintenance staff and contractors, which are designed to protect the workers and the traveling public.

Most of the projects slated for the summer can be found on the City's website at [www.waconia.org/projects](http://www.waconia.org/projects).

### Contacting the Public Services Department/Reporting an Issue

The Public Services department can be reached by phone at 952-442-2615 or by emailing [publicservices@waconia.org](mailto:publicservices@waconia.org). Additionally, the City of Waconia has recently implemented SeeClickFix, a mobile application for reporting and resolving non-emergency issues in our community. Residents can report concerns within the community related to the City's roadways, street signs, storm water, water, sewer, street lighting, and park infrastructure elements.

Residents can use their mobile devices to take a picture of something that needs to be fixed—such as a streetlight that is out— and once submitted, it will go to appropriate City staff member(s) who can resolve the issue.

The SeeClickFix mobile app is available for download on all major operating systems.

## Elections Update

Don't forget that there are two more elections coming up this year: the August 11, 2020 State Primary and the November 3, 2020 General Election.

You can now request an absentee ballot online by visiting [www.waconia.org/votebymail](http://www.waconia.org/votebymail). If you do this, you'll be mailed a ballot for the election, which you'll be able to mail back to Carver County.

More information on the upcoming elections will be available on the City's website ([www.waconia.org/elections](http://www.waconia.org/elections)), social media, and in the newsletter in the coming months.

## WeCAB Update

Beginning June 1, WeCAB will resume providing transportation services on a limited basis to medical appointments, grocery stores and food shelves. Registered WeCAB riders may begin requesting rides on June 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday except **holidays**.

Please call 1-844-743-3932 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer dispatcher or driver, or if you wish to become a registered rider

WeCAB, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with chapters in the Westonka and Carver County communities, seeks to provide safe, affordable and flexible supplemental transportation to those who are without. More information can be found at [www.wecab.org](http://www.wecab.org).

## June Yard Waste Schedule

Compost will be open for the month of June for the following dates and times at 310 10th Street East:



**Thursdays June 4, 18, 25**

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



**Saturday, June 13**

8:00 a.m. to noon

City staff are present at yard waste drop off to ensure appropriate items are being left. Out of an abundance of caution and due to COVID-19, City staff are unable to assist in unloading items. After materials are collected, they are handled by equipment to help ensure the safety of our staff and the public.

We thank you for your cooperation and patience during this time. We will keep the public posted regarding any future changes via the City's Waconia Wavelength newsletter and website ([www.waconia.org/compost](http://www.waconia.org/compost)).

## Toilet Leaks

Running toilets are a primary cause of high water bills and can result in thousands of extra gallons of water use if not caught. Visit the City's Utility Billing page of our website at [www.waconia.org/utilitybill](http://www.waconia.org/utilitybill) for more details on how you can detect and stop a toilet leak. The City of Waconia also has dye tablets available for you to check for toilet leaks. To pick one up call 952-442-3107 or email [utilitybill@waconia.org](mailto:utilitybill@waconia.org).

## Water Conservation Reminder

The winter weather has finally left us behind! It is time to consider the impact of outside water usage on your residential utility account(s).

- The City of Waconia allows the maximum outdoor usage of 30,000 gallons per month during the summer months within the standard tiers. Usage outside of this restriction will be charged summer tier rate.
- Residential properties are allowed to irrigate on odd/even days based upon their house numbering. Odd-even watering will assist in maintaining appropriate water reserve levels and put less "peak" demand on the water supply system.
- Irrigation is not allowed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on any day. This measure helps to combat unnecessary evaporation of treated water.

Watering outside of these restrictions is subject to a fine. The first violation will result in a warning, the second violation will result in a \$75 fine, and a \$250 fine will be charged for each additional offense. For new sod, a permit can be obtained to allow watering outside of the time/day restrictions, however the maximum allotment is still intact.

For more information on City conservation efforts and tiered rates please call 952-442-3107 or visit the City website at [www.waconia.org/utilitybill](http://www.waconia.org/utilitybill).