



Waconia News

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New Utility Bill Rates Effective January 1, 2016

For more information on rate changes to commercial, industrial, and institutional accounts please review the City's approved fee schedule per City Ordinance 1100 at www.waconia.org. Tiered rates listed below are charged per 1,000 gallons. Also, if you have questions or concerns about your utility bill, please contact the utility billing department at (952) 442-3107 or utilitybill@waconia.org.

2015 Rates		2016 Rates	
Water Base Rate	\$6.70	Water Base Rate	\$6.70
Tier One (0-6,000 gallons)	\$2.55	Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$2.60
Tier Two (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$2.80	Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$2.85
Tier Three (12,001 and over gallons)	\$3.00	Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$3.10
		Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$3.40
Tier Four (Summer Use Only)	\$5.30	Tier Four (Summer Use Only)	\$5.45
Sewer Base Rate	\$10.60	Sewer Base Rate	\$10.60
Tier One (0-2,000 gallons)	\$4.40	Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$4.50
Tier Two (2,001-7,000 gallons)	\$4.90	Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$5.00
Tier Three (7,001 and over gallons)	\$5.45	Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$5.55
		Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$6.15
Streetlight Residential	\$3.15	Streetlight Residential	\$3.15
Storm Water Residential	\$8.00	Storm Water Residential	\$8.50

2016 City Council Meeting Schedule

The City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. On some occasions, meetings are moved to another day. Individuals who would like to have an item added to the agenda for Council consideration can do so by contacting the office of the City Administrator at least seven days prior to the meeting.

All Council Meetings and Work Sessions are open to the public at City Hall, 201 S Vine Street. Meeting schedule changes are always placed on the city's website. What follows is the 2016 City Council Meeting schedule:

- January 4, 19
- February 1, 16, 29
- March 21
- April 4, 18
- May 2, 16
- June 6, 20
- July 18
- August 1, 15
- September 6, 19
- October 3, 17
- November 7, 21
- November 10 - 7: 30 a.m.
- December 5, 12

Council meetings are broadcast live and rebroadcast on cable channel 8 in the week following the meeting. In addition, you can view streaming video of past Council meetings review agendas, minutes, and packets online at www.waconia.org.

Downtown Parking and Patio Discussion

The Council is holding meetings with the downtown business community, and anyone who wishes to attend, to review the parking regulations downtown and the possible use of public property for seasonal patios. The public is invited to participate. Meetings will be at City Hall. For questions, please contact Susan Arntz, City Administrator or Lane Braaten, Community Development Director at 952-442-2184.

- Tuesday, January 5**
6:30 p.m.
- Friday, January 8**
7:30 a.m.
- Thursday, January 14**
6:00 p.m.

Biggest Loser Community Challenge

Program Dates: Monday, January 11 - February 29
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, January 5
Course #4677

Registration Information: Each teammate must register online at www.waconia.org RecConnect. Team captains must fill out team registration form and return to mgoff@waconia.org.

8-week **TEAM** Incentive Program geared to those who want to lose weight. Create a team of **4 people** (members or non-members).

Program Cost: Members \$5 per person / **Non-members** \$20 per person

Weigh-Ins

- Private weekly weigh-ins:
Tuesdays 5:30am-1:30pm OR Wednesdays 10am-6pm
- No shoes during weigh-in
- The type of clothes that you weigh-in with is the type you will need to weigh-in with every week
- While we measure weight and pounds lost each week, the competitive number is the % of weight lost per team

Prizes (in Waconia Bucks)

1st Place 50% of registration fees

2nd Place 30% of registration fees

3rd Place 20% of registration fees

Waconia Receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the second year in a row, the City of Waconia Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The goal of the program is not to assess the financial health of participating governments, but rather to ensure that users of their financial statements have the information they need to do so themselves. A copy of the annual financial reports can be found on the Finance Department's webpage on our website: www.waconia.org.

Winter Parking Reminder



Citizens are reminded that winter parking rules are in effect on residential streets until April 1. Parking is prohibited on residential streets between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. The parking rules are in place to allow for safe and efficient snow removal operations to occur.

Any vehicle parked in violation of the Winter Parking rules will be ticketed by the Carver County Sheriffs Department and may be subject to removal and impoundment. If your vehicle is towed, it will be stored at Colony Plaza. Towing fees must be paid at Colony Plaza prior to the release of the vehicle. Parking tickets are payable to Carver County. To view the complete winter parking rules for all districts within the City please visit www.waconia.org.

Waconia Library Closed

January 16 - 30

The Waconia Library is tentatively planning to be closed from Saturday, January 16 through Saturday, January 30 to install new carpet. All library events, including storytimes, will be held in the Waconia City Hall, immediately next door to the library. The monthly book discussion will NOT meet on Monday, January 25, and will next meet on Monday, February 29.

The outdoor book return will be open during this time, but you will do us a favor by keeping your materials until we re-open. To extend your due date, please renew your materials online www.carverlib.org or calling 952-279-5244.

You may pick up your requested materials at the Victoria Branch, or call 952-442-3050 and request that your materials be re-routed to another branch that is more convenient. Watch for additional information via press releases, the website and Facebook page as the project progresses.

Current Job Opening

The City is now hiring for the following position:

Ice Arena On-Site Manager (PT)

For job descriptions, qualifications and to complete an application, visit www.waconia.org.

City Office Closure Reminder

Thursday, December 31 (Noon) - New Year's Eve observed

Friday, January 1 - New Years Day observed

Monday, January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed