



Waconia News

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Primary Election Reminders

Tuesday, August 9th

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ward I residents will vote at the Waconia Ice Arena, 1250 Oak Ave, and Ward II residents will vote at Trinity Church, 601 2nd St E.

Sample Ballot

A copy of the sample ballot is posted in the vestibule at City Hall. The two races that are on the Primary Ballot include: US Representative for District 6 and Supreme Court, Associate Justice 6.

Campaign Signs

June 27th was the first day that campaign signs may be placed on private property in the community. Please remember 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 8 to 10 feet behind the curb. Signs placed in violation of this State Statute will be removed and disposed.

TH 5 Construction Update

Work on Fifth Street is almost complete and will be ready by the Carver County Fair. Maple Street will be fully under construction during this time and closed to all access. Please use alternative routes to get to the fairgrounds.

Maple Street will begin construction next week. All utility work is projected to last about three weeks, weather permitting. During construction, this street will be closed to thru traffic. Please follow detour signs.

Pipe work is complete on Interlaken Crossing. The road will be constructed within the next 2-3 weeks, weather permitting.

For weekly updates on the construction, visit: www.waconia.org/TH5.

Recent Ordinance Changes

Based on recent City Council action during the past few months, the City has new ordinances to allow the keeping of chickens and honey bees with a license.

Keeping of Chickens with a License

This ordinance requires a license and allows a resident to keep up to six (6) hens. The ordinance regulates the location and size of the coop and run, how grain and feed are stored, and how waste is managed. It specifies that chickens shall not be kept for breeding purposes and that cockfighting is prohibited. The ordinance does not prohibit or eliminate any private restrictions or covenants. Certain properties in the community are governed by private restrictions or covenants that may prohibit this activity. Our ordinance does not eliminate that requirement.

Keeping of Honey Bees with a License

This ordinance allows a resident to keep and maintain hives and honey bees on their property based on the size of the lot. For example, for one half acre or smaller lot, the ordinance limits the number of hives to 2. The majority of residential lots in our community fall within this range. As the lot size increases, the number of permitted hives increases. The ordinance has some provisions for the size, location, maintenance of, and a provision for water source must be maintained nearby when the bees are active.

License applications are available at City Hall.

For questions about these ordinance provisions, please contact Susan Arntz, City Administrator, 952-442-3100 or sarntz@waconia.org,

Safari Island Announcements



Annual Shutdown

Safari Island will be shut-down for annual maintenance from the 8th of August through the 14th. Historically this is the slowest week for visits and use of the facility. The shutdown gives staff time to do the painting, maintenance, deep cleaning and disinfecting needed in and around the building and equipment. The facility will reopen on Monday, August 15th. Pools will be closed August 1st-14th. Information is available on the Safari Island website, www.safariislandcommunitycenter.com or by calling 952-442-0695.

Youth Orientation Required To Use Iron Forest

Youth ages 13 & 14 can now use the Iron Forest with a parent once they complete a Youth Orientation with the Fitness Director! To schedule an orientation for your youth please e-mail Sara Halverson at shalverson@waconia.org

Free Personal Training Session

Now offering Personal Training! To schedule your free session today send an email to shalverson@waconia.org

Upcoming Compost Collection Schedule

Residents are able to bring grass clippings, shrub and garden waste, as well as branches no larger than 3" in diameter and 4' in length. There is a fee of \$1 per bag or \$10 per pick-up/trailer load of materials. Drop off at Public Services located at 310 E 10th St on the following dates from 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.:

August 13 & 27
September 10 & 24



Mark Your Calendar



Movie in the Park
The Good Dinosaur
City Square Park
Friday, August 26
8:30 p.m.

Carver County Day at the Arboretum

On Friday, August 19, **all** Carver County residents will receive free admission to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum from 8am to 8pm. There will be a welcome event at 10am with refreshments and gift bags available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Music In The Park

Vinnie Rose
August 4, 2016 @ 7:00 PM
City Square Park
101 East Main Street

This Twin Cities solo live-looping singer/guitarist is sure to entertain a crowd with his acoustic blend of rock, country and pop. Vinnie's performances feature a variety of music ranging from the 50's to today's current hits, mingled with original songs that speak of Minnesota life and everyday experiences.



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Visit <http://www.carvercountyfair.com>,
for more information