



I Have Guests Coming... Where Can They Park with the Winter Parking Regulations in Place?

From November 1 - April 1, no parking is allowed between 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on any residential district street. If you need a special consideration for guests, call the Carver County Dispatch at 952-361-1231 to inform of your special needs. Dispatch will inform the Waconia Deputies of the situation.

Handicapped Vehicles - A vehicle displaying a valid temporary or permanent handicapped identification certificate or insignia issued by the MN Depart. of Public Safety is exempt from the winter parking restrictions. Vehicles displaying valid handicapped identification must abide by all other parking regulations.

2016 Election Highlights

On November 8, 2016, Waconia saw a 74% voter turnout. The community saw 5,509 voters from Waconia that day. In addition, 548 voters registered on election day.

Ward 2, voting at Trinity Lutheran School, saw incredible lines and longer than normal waits. A total of 3,113 voters voted in this Ward. In the first four hours of being open, 2,200 or 70% of the total voters that day appeared in the poll. This compares to the 2,396 total voters in Ward 1 for the entire day.

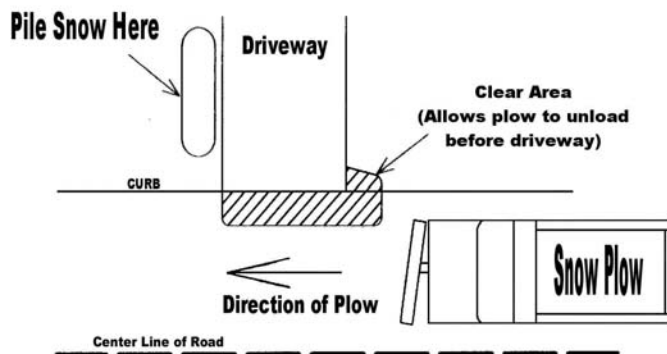
Thank you for being part of the process and for sharing your voice in the process.



Driveway Snow Removal Tips



This winter, as usual, both City plows and local homeowners will be out trying to clear away snow as quickly as possible after the snow fall ends. Just as certain as the storms that will come, is the fact that some homeowners will be frustrated with the snow plowed their already-cleared driveways full of snow again. We wish we could leave each driveway meticulously clear, but doing this would mean we could never finish plowing the public roads in a reasonable time.



With your cooperation this inconvenience can be minimized. The sketch to the left shows how you can clear your driveway to reduce the possibility that after the plow passes you will be snow-bound again. If you shovel snow in the direction of traffic and also make a pocket next to your driveway, as shown, snow accumulations on the plow will dump into that pocket and much less will go into the driveway opening.

For questions or concerns, please contact our Public Services Department at 952-442-2615.

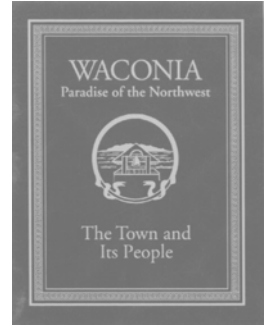
City Recruits Alternate Member for Planning Commission

The City is recruiting for an alternate to the Planning Commission. The Commission reviews planning and zoning items and forwards recommendations to the City Council. The opening is for a three year term. The Commission meets the First Thursday of each month.

The application is found at www.waconia.org, in the News Section. Applications are due by the end of business on December 16. Questions and applications can be submitted to Susan Arntz, 952-442-3100 or careers@waconia.org.

Give a Gift of Historical Proportions \$49.00 Including Tax

Available at:
Carver County Historical Society
City of Waconia
Mackenthun's
Melchert Hubert Sjodin
Wild Bird Store



Don't have the First Book?
Stop by City Hall to buy both books for a special discount.

Holiday Skate

December 4, Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Bring a new unwrapped gift or Children's toy to be donated to the Waconia Toy Drive and receive FREE youth skate admission with every toy donated. (Maximum 3 free admissions per family)

No donations: \$3.50 Adults, \$2.50 Seniors/Youth

Rental Skates available for \$2.50



Pictures with Santa

Santa will be at the Waconia Fire Station, 26 South Maple Street, warming up after hiding candy canes at City Square Park. He will be there Saturday, December 3 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to meet with boys and girls of all ages. Santa will listen to wishes and take a picture with them on a fire truck. Please bring your camera with you.

Donations for the Waconia United Food Shelf or for the Waconia area toy drive will be accepted.

Candy Cane Hunt

Santa is going to be leaving some sweet treats around City Square Park, 101 E Main St., in this eighth annual, fun and free event. On Saturday, December 3 check-in at the gazebo early for directions. The hunt for candy canes will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a bag or tote to stash your found treasures.

December Events at Safari Island

Floatie Friday - December 2
Puddle Jumper Pool Time - December 11
Witbit Warrior - December 23

Visit: www.safariislandcommunitycenter.com
or call 952-442-0695 for more details

Waconia Toy Drive

The 13th Annual Waconia Toy Drive is planned for Friday, December 9 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station.

No reservation is required if you need assistance providing your child(ren) with gifts this Holiday Season. It is asked that the following Waconia area (Waconia school District 110, St. Bonifacious) proof is brought: Driver's License, Picture ID with address, Electric/Water Bill, Letter from School or Voter Registration Card. Legal guardians of a child must bring documentation stating legal custody.

Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Contact Lisa at 651-343-4377 or Cary at 952-769-7268 if you are interested or have additional questions.



Holiday Office Closure Reminder

City offices will be closed on the following days listed below in observation of upcoming holidays:

- Friday, December 23rd Christmas Eve (Observed)
- Monday, December 26th Christmas Day (Observed)
- Friday, December 30th New Year's Eve - at 12pm
- Monday, January 2nd, 2016 New Year's Day (Observed)