



Waconia Wavelength

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Winter Maintenance Service Levels



The City of Waconia Public Services Department provides many services to its residents. This includes providing reliable drinking water, waste and storm water collection systems, maintaining and updating City parks, and our roadway, sidewalk, and trail system.

Snow removal (winter maintenance) is a vital service that allows residents the ability to travel safely to work, school, and our local businesses. As we perform winter maintenance, our staff work to provide similar service levels across the community. The City has three roadway and parking lot classification levels (residential streets, alley service areas, and parking lots) and establishes different goals for snow removal time for each classification. For example, for residential streets, it is the City's goal to have snow removed within two to six hours, whereas for parking lots, the range is nine to 36 hours. While residents may not see all snow removed, the City's goal is to achieve driving lanes that are as free of snow and ice as reasonably possible in a northern climate.

Waconia's sidewalk and trail snow removal goals are set as days instead of hours. For high volume sidewalks and trails, including those in school zones, as well as commercial and industrial areas, the goal is to have snow removed on day one. Medium volume sidewalks and trails (park sidewalks and non-linking trails) should see snow removed on day two and low volume sidewalks and trails (dead-end sidewalks and trails of extremely limited use) will see snow removed on day three.

If you want more information on winter maintenance service levels, please visit the City's website, www.waconia.org, and search for our Winter Maintenance Policy. Our Policy includes language on service levels in Section B: Snow and Ice Management Priorities. In addition, you will find updated maps depicting roadway responsibilities (township, city, county, and state), as well as the goal snow removal times for City streets, sidewalks, and trails.

Please note that while our staff make every effort to meet targeted snow removal goals, in certain major storms or blizzards, it is difficult to do so.



Dock Regulations



In October, the City of Waconia adopted a new ordinance relating to dock regulations. While this ordinance focuses on residential owners of lakefront property, we want to ensure all our residents are aware of this new ordinance.

The ordinance has two key focuses:

1. Prohibits permanent docks
2. Requires seasonal docks to be removed for a minimum of 90 days between November 1 and April 1 of each year.

A full copy of the ordinance (Ordinance 707) can be found on the City's website. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Susan Arntz at 952-442-3100 or at sarntz@waconia.org.

WeCAB

The City is looking at bringing WeCAB to Waconia! WeCAB is a network of volunteers whose mission is to provide safe, affordable, and flexible supplemental transportation to those in Carver County's service areas. This transportation is designed for people who are unable to drive to medical appointments, grocery stores, food shelves, worship services, volunteer activities, or social events.



WeCAB is dependent on volunteers. The City of Waconia will be hosting a kick-off meeting on January 4, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall. This meeting will focus on finding community partners and volunteers.

Please contact Jackie Schwerm, Assistant City Administrator, at 952-442-3103 or jschwerm@waconia.org if you have any questions.



Waconia Holiday
Toy Drive

Friday, December 8, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Waconia Fire Station – 26 S. Maple Street

The 14th Annual Waconia Holiday Toy Drive, which provides toys to families in the Waconia Area School District, is set for December 8. Last year, the toy drive benefited 200 children due to generous donations!

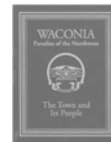
No reservation is required if you need assistance providing your child(ren) with gifts this holiday season. It is asked that the following Waconia area proof of residency is brought: Driver's License, Picture ID with address, Electric/Water Bill, Letter from School or Voter Registration Card. Legal guardians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

Volunteers are also needed to help with the event. Contact Sarah Ackerman at 612-386-0725 if you are interested or have additional questions.

Give a Gift of Historical Proportions

Waconia: Paradise of the Northwest
\$49.00 Including Tax

Books are available at the Carver County Historical Society, City Hall, Mackenthun's, Melchert Hubert Sjodin, and Wild Bird Store.



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

Pictures with Santa



Saturday, December 2, 2017
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Waconia Fire Station – 26 S. Maple Street

After hiding the candy canes at City Square Park, Santa will make his way over to the Waconia Fire Station to meet with children of all ages. Santa will listen to wishes and take a picture with kids on the fire truck. Please don't forget your camera!

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

Ugly Sweater Open Skate

December 22, 2017

8:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Waconia Ice Arena - 1250 Oak Avenue



Wear an ugly sweater and only pay \$2 for admission!
The ugliest sweater will win a prize!

Holiday Office Closure Reminder

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

- Monday, December 25
- Tuesday, December 26
- Friday, December 29 at 12 p.m.
- Monday, January 1, 2018



Ice Safety Reminder

As temperatures get colder, the Waconia Fire Department would like to issue a friendly reminder that it is important to stay off the ice until it is at least 4 inches thick (walking)! Also, please remember that ice thickness varies depending on where you are on the lake.



Hot Topics!

Did you know...a 12 oz. coffee mug of ice salt can cover 250 square feet?

Follow the code for more information on this month's Hot Topic or visit the Utility Billing section of www.waconia.org.



Candy Cane Hunt

Saturday, December 2, 2017

10:00 a.m.

City Square Park – 101 E. Main Street

Santa is going to be leaving some sweet treats around City Square Park in this eighth annual, fun and free event. Check in at the gazebo early for instructions, as the hunt for candy canes will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a bag or tote to stash your found treasures.

Comprehensive Plan Open House

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

6:30 p.m.

City Hall – 201 S. Vine Street

Help us plan for Waconia's future by discussing what you would like to see Waconia include in their 2040 Comprehensive Plan.