



Waconia Wavelength

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Hydrant Flushing: Why is this Completed?

On April 27, our Public Services Staff will start the important process of flushing out our water mains through the fire hydrants. There are 916 fire hydrants in the City of Waconia, and this process can take a couple weeks to complete. You may have seen City Staff flushing hydrants last fall or spring, and wondered why they were doing this.

The reason for flushing fire hydrants is two-fold. First, it is a routine maintenance program, required to clear the water mains of fine sediments, like iron or manganese, that settle in the water mains over time. Second, flushing hydrants allows staff to note repair needs for the individual fire hydrants around town, a major focus for fire protection for the City of Waconia. These processes allow Public Services to deliver the highest water quality possible to our residents.

As you notice Public Services in your neighborhood flushing hydrants, you may experience some discoloration of the water. Please note that while this water is safe for drinking, it may discolor laundry. It is best to avoid doing laundry until the discoloration has disappeared.

If you have questions regarding this maintenance process or experience extended discoloration of your water, please contact Waconia Public Services at 952-442-2615.



Community Gardens

The City of Waconia maintains six community garden locations for Waconia residents to provide gardeners the opportunity to grow their own fresh produce. Plots are available at **Bent Creek Park, Brook Peterson Park, Clearwater Mills Park, Ice Arena** (raised beds), **Interlaken Park**, and **Waterford Park**.

Standard plots are 150 square feet and cost \$25 and raised beds are 120 square feet and cost \$15. Applications are currently being accepted for returning gardeners. Remaining gardens will be available on May 19. For more information and to access an application, please visit www.waconia.org, or contact Marnie Lucas, Public Services Office Assistant at mlucas@waconia.org or 952-442-2615.

Welcoming our New Street Maintenance Supervisor

The City of Waconia is pleased to announce a new key staff appointment. Last month, the City hired Kari Richardson to be the new Maintenance Supervisor for the Streets division of the Public Services department. Kari began her work on April 9, 2018.

Kari comes to the City of Waconia with 17 years of experience as a Highway Maintenance Worker for Scott County, MN. Her background is in street construction, inspection, pavement management, and road maintenance. Kari also has earned her American Public Works Association—Minnesota Public Works Certificate.

We are excited to welcome Kari to the City of Waconia. You may see Kari out and about around town working on various summer projects, so don't hesitate to stop and welcome her to the community or ask her questions! She can also be contacted at krichardson@waconia.org or 952-442-2615.

Now Hiring—Waconia Firefighters!

Interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter for the City of Waconia? The Waconia Fire Department is currently seeking motivated individuals who live within the City to join the Waconia Fire Department. We will be accepting applications through May 28, 2018. To apply, please submit a City of Waconia application and resume to careers@waconia.org. You can view more details on the position via our website at www.waconia.org.



Arbor Day Celebration



Thursday, May 17
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Pheasant Ridge Park



All Waconia community members are invited to participate in this Arbor Day celebration by joining us to help plant trees. At the conclusion of the celebration, the community is invited to join Waconia staff and Park Board members in conducting a spring cleaning of the City's Adopt-a-Trail section of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail.

Water Week Event

Thursday, May 10, 2018
Fountain Park
200 2nd Street W.
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Waconia Public Services' Water Week Event! At this event, staff will provide information on potable drinking water and our award-winning storm water improvements. This includes the "Best Management Practices" elements installed within Fountain Park. We will discuss the benefits of these practices and other projects the City of Waconia has completed to improve water quality and reduce consumer demands on our potable drinking water.



Summer Sewer Rates

Green grass, flowers, and tree buds are officially on the horizon. Summer sewer use pro-ration goes into effect **May 1, 2018**. Any April sewer charges will be based on actual water usage. For more information on City conservation efforts and tiered rates please call 952-442-3107 or visit the City website at www.waconia.org.

Movies in the Park

Movie in the Park is back for summer, 2018! Please join us at City Square Park at 8:30 p.m. for the following movies:

June 29 – Annie

July 20 – Honey I Shrunk the Kids

August 17 – The Wizard of Oz

Popcorn will be available for purchase for \$1. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the show!



Music in the Park

The popular Music in the Park series is back for the summer of 2018. Music in the Park takes place at City Square Park on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. View the schedule below and save the dates to your calendar. We hope to see you all there!

June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Sidewalk Cafe	Traveled Ground	Tricia & The Toonies	Everett Smithson Band
July 12	July 19	July 26	August 2
The Brueskes	Retro Soul & the Westside Horns	Vinnie Rose	Wondercure

Public Services Open House

Saturday, May 19
310 10th Street East
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Be sure to mark your calendar for our 6th annual Public Services Open House event. During the event, guests will have the opportunity to rub elbows with our Public Services team. Children of all ages are invited to see, touch, honk, and explore the city trucks with the guidance from the respective professionals. They will explain the equipment and discuss the work they accomplish with such machinery. You will also be able to visit the Water Treatment Facility and learn about how Waconia's water is managed. Returning this year will be the Paint-the-Snow-Plow activity in addition to information on projects, a pancake and sausage breakfast, prizes and demonstrations. We hope to see you all there!

Hot Topics!

With all that snow melting and the spring rains coming, there is a lot going down the storm drains. Find out more about what that run-off is taking with it, where it goes, and what you can do to help protect the lakes, ponds, and waterways in Waconia. Follow the code for more information on this month's (or previous months') hot topic, or visit the utility billing section of www.waconia.org.

