



Waconia Wavelength

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Inclusive Playground Updates

Background

As mentioned in the July newsletter, the Waconia Inclusive Playground Design Task Force presented their final playground design to the City Council in June. Now that the design is complete, fundraising for the playground is underway. To date, the City has received almost \$36,000 in donations towards the playground, with the goal to raise at least \$400,000. If you want to see more details on the playground design, visit www.waconia.org/playground.



How Can You Help?

There are many ways you can get involved! A committee of Waconia residents has formed to assist with the fundraising of this project. Please reach out to Jackie Schwerm, Assistant City Administrator at jschwerm@waconia.org or 952-442-3103 if you are interested in joining this committee.



The fundraising committee is planning a “Swing for the Kids” golf event on **Monday, September 23** at Island View Golf Course. The event will include a golf scramble and an evening social (open to golfers and the public) featuring live music by Jenn Bostic and Traveled Ground, cocktail hour, hors d’oeuvres, live auction, and more. To register for the scramble, purchase tickets to the evening event, or become an sponsor visit www.waconiaswingforthekids.com. Questions about the golf scramble, the evening activities, and sponsorship opportunities for the event can be directed to WaconiaSwingForTheKids@gmail.com.

Are you, your family, business, or neighborhood interested in donating a specific piece of equipment to the inclusive playground? The City is offering a “Purchase-a-Piece” donation opportunity. Visit www.waconia.org/playground and click on the fundraising tab to see what pieces are available for purchase.

Finally, donations are accepted via the official GoFundMe page for the inclusive playground, which can be found at www.waconia.org/playgroundfund. People can donate via this link or by making a donation directly to the City via check and writing “Inclusive Playground Fund” in the memo line. Donations are then accepted by the City Council and issued a receipt.

While the golf scramble is the first event the fundraising committee has organized, be sure to keep an eye around town for more events throughout the winter! We are looking forward to making this playground a reality, and sincerely appreciate all who have donated thus far!

Compost Collection Schedule

Residents can bring grass clippings, garden waste, shrubs and branches no larger than 3" in diameter and 4' in length to Public Services at 310 East 10th Street.



Saturday, September 7

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Saturday, September 21

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cost is \$1.00 per bag or \$10.00 per pick-up or trailer. A copy of the full schedule is available at www.waconia.org/compost.

Office Closure: Labor Day

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 3rd, and a City Council meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. that evening.

Fire Department Explorers Post

The Waconia Fire Department is looking into the possibility of opening an Explorers Post for those ages 13-21 who are interested in learning more about the fire service. Before formally creating a post, the Waconia Fire Department wants to ensure there is adequate interest from individuals in Waconia. For more information or to express your interest, reach out to Fire Chief Chris Nelson at cnelson@waconia.org or 952-442-2316.



Census Address Canvassing

Address canvassing by Census Bureau workers is currently happening. This is the process by which the U.S. Census Bureau validates, corrects, or deletes existing addresses, adds missing addresses, and corrects locations of specific addresses prior to the census. Each Census employee will have an official identification card with their name, photo, and expiration date.

Safari Island Updates

Safari Island is excited to roll out several new fitness classes for fall! On Tuesdays and Thursdays, a Barre class will be offered with Elisa. Additionally, Mat Pilates and Aqua HIIT classes with Sara W. will be offered on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, respectively. Finally, three specialty classes will be offered this fall: Rip & Row, Iron Fit, and TRX. Visit the Safari Island Website at www.safariislandcommunitycenter.com for more details and information on how to register for the specialty classes!

Nickle Dickle Day

Saturday, September 14

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

City Square Park



Plan to join in on the fun of Nickle Dickle Day! Run or walk in a 5K, play in the 3 on 3 basketball tournament, visit the craft vendors, score some great shopping deals, eat fun food, listen to music, and so much more! This is a family friendly event with something for everyone!

Invoice Cloud Update



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Implementation of the City's new payment processing system, Invoice Cloud, is in its final stages! City staff are finalizing testing to ensure the new process will be seamless for our customers. With Invoice Cloud, customers that currently have an online account for their utility bill have the option to set up a new account or manage payment of their utility bill monthly with a one-time payment. It will no longer be necessary to have an account to manage your payments. You can view and pay them online anytime and anywhere! The City will even be providing an option to pay by text. In September, we will be rolling out these changes on the City's website and Facebook page. Please watch for more information!

Waconia Fire Relief Association Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 6

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Waconia Fire Station

26 S. Maple Street



\$8 if purchased in advance and \$9 at the door.
Children 5 and under are free!

The Waconia Fire Relief Association invites you to the fall pancake, sausage, and French toast breakfast at the Fire Station. Tickets are available from firefighters or at the door.