

## Waconia News



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### Local Street Maintenance "Expect Delays"

Aside from the large street improvement projects; annually, Public Services coordinates local street maintenance activities. This past week crack sealing occurred in several neighborhoods and within the Downtown. Coming soon will be asphalt patching, sealcoating, street striping, symbol, and crosswalk improvements throughout the Waconia community.

Crack sealing efforts assist by preventing water from entering the street surface into the gravel sub-base material, which normally causes depressions, or settlements of the asphalt surfaces. This important activity occurs randomly and prior to our Seal coating of operations.

Seal coating assists in extending service life of the asphalt surfaces through protection of ultraviolet rays which deteriorate the asphalt surface, and provides enhancement of street friction or traction in the winter season.

Prior to all of these practices and throughout the summer season Public Services Staff will be



on your local streets making repairs to designated areas and filling the "Pothole" situations that all Minnesotan's dread. We would ask that you pay close attention to the road work area signage, and maintain patience as Public Services Staff members service a critical component of the community asset system.

To find more information on the work areas visit the Public Services page on the City's website at www.waconia.org.

# Mowing Season and How Individuals Can Assist in Protection of our Lakes and Receiving Streams

As a resident how can you assist in protecting the Storm Water Ponds, Lakes and Receiving streams from turning green from increase phosphorus impacts. Grass clippings contain approximately 0.13 pounds of phosphorus (0.3 lbs.) per 1,000 square feet during the growing season. Here are a few tips to consider:



- If you feel you must fertilize please make sure to utilize Phosphorus Free Fertilizer, and if you place it on hard surfaces, please sweep the material into your yard. Do not leave it on hard surfaces because it can drain to the storm sewers.
- Rather than fertilizing recycle clippings, which will help to maintain soil phosphorus, leave them in place and keep them from the roadways.
- Bag grass clippings and bring them to your local composting site, or utilize them for on-site compost containers.
- Make a couple passes with the mower by discharging the grass clippings into the yard prior to completing a pass, which discharges to the street side.
- Cut the lawn more frequently at higher heights to reduce the need of irrigation.
- Complete a sweep, or utilize a leaf blower to blow grass back into the yard.

Please consider these items as we work to protect our Lakes and receiving water systems in and around Waconia.

#### Live Music in the Park

Waconia Parks & Recreation invites you to an evening of music and fun at City Square Park, 101 E Main St, throughout the months of June and July. Every Thursday evening beginning at 7:00 pm there will be a FREE concert by a variety of bands and performers. In the event of inclement weather, the band will continue at Safari Island Community Center. Visit <a href="www.waconia.org">www.waconia.org</a> for a complete schedule and band descriptions.

#### Music in the Park schedule:

June 9: JazzHounds Big Band

June 16: Dale Dahmen & The Brats

June 23: BZ Girls

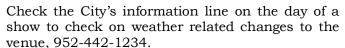
June 30: Traveled Ground

July 14: Tricia & The Toonies

July 21: Shakedown

July 28: Shoot Lucy

August 4: Vinnie Rose



#### **Water Conservation Reminder**

Finally, the winter weather has left us behind. It is time to consider the impact of outside water usage on your residential utility account(s). The May through October utility bills follow the summer calculation structures. Summer sewer charges are based on the residential home's average usage in the preceding winter months. Summer water usage is charged at the regular tiered rate structure and a 4th tier rate goes into effect. Some irrigation information & reminders:

- The City of Waconia allows the maximum outdoor usage of 30,000 gallons per month during the summer months within the standard tiers. Usage outside of this restriction will be charged 4th tier rates.
- Residential properties are allowed to irrigate on odd/even days based upon their house numbering.
- Irrigation is not allowed between the hours of 9 am and 7 pm on any day. This measure helps manage unnecessary evaporation of water.

For more information on City conservation efforts and tiered rates please call 952-442-3107 or visit the City website at www.waconia.org.

# Movie in the Park "Finding Nemo"

Friday, June 10 8:30 p.m. City Square Park 101 East Main Street, Waconia

Concessions are available to satisfy your movie munchies. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the show!

In lieu of an admission fee, we will accept donations of non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Waconia food shelf.

Should it rain, the movie will be shown at SI Community Center - lawn chairs, blankets, and pillows are allowed.

#### **Needed: Election Judges**

We are looking for a few people to serve as Election Judges for the August 9 Primary Election and November 6 General Election. If you are interested, please call City Hall at 952-442-2184 or email ameyerhoff@waconia.org and ask for an Election Judge Application to be sent to you!

### Mosquitoes

Do you need to report a mosquito problem? Wondering why there's a helicopter flying overhead? The **Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD)** is responsible for controlling mosquitoes in Minnesota's seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area. MMCD provides a variety of services including spraying or treating for mosquitoes, surveys for mosquito population areas, monitoring deer tick populations, public education regarding Lyme and other tick-borne diseases and reducing risk of contracting them. The City of Waconia **DOES NOT** treat any areas for mosquitos or other insects - only the MMCD does. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.mmcd.org/">http://www.mmcd.org/</a>

#### **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. Drop off at Public Services located at 310 E 10th St on the following dates from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.:

June 4, June 18, and July 16