



Waconia Wavelength

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Facility Rentals

Did you know the City of Waconia offers numerous facilities and meeting rooms for community use? Facilities and rooms available include City Hall meeting rooms, ball fields, recreation spaces, and tennis courts. See the charts below for more information on what is available for rental. If you're interested in more details please visit the [Facility Use, Rental, and Applications page of our website](#). From here, you can view pictures of available rentals as well as fill out a rental application.

City Hall Rental Information

Room	Capacity	Cost
Council Chambers	< 65	\$30/hour
Maple Conference Room	< 35	\$20/hour
Oak Conference Room	< 15	\$20/hour

Park Facility Rental Information

Park	Rental	Cost
Brook Peterson	Fields 1-4 (lights)	\$20/hour per field
	Fields 5-8	\$15/hour per field
	Outdoor Rink	\$15/hour
City Square	Gazebo	\$25/hour
	Pavilion	\$15/hour
Cedar Point	Tennis Courts	\$10/hour

Employment Opportunity

Looking for a summer job? The City of Waconia is currently hiring Seasonal Maintenance Workers.



The Seasonal Maintenance Worker is a part-time position that assists the Waconia Public Services team with the upkeep and maintenance of the City's streets, street signs, alleys, storm sewers, and parks.

The typical schedule for Seasonal Maintenance Workers is 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Positions typically start as early as May (we work with the individuals hired to establish various start dates) and employees typically work until mid-August (flexible). For a detailed job description, application, and details on how to apply visit the employment section of the City's website at www.waconia.org.

WeCAB Needs Your Help!

WeCAB is now up and running in Waconia, but **volunteers** are always needed, specifically drivers and dispatchers.



Currently, 11 WeCAB dispatchers place rides requested by nearly 500 riders. 91% of requested rides are filled by more than the 60 volunteer drivers. To date, over 2,300 rides and 34,000 miles have been logged by WeCAB volunteer drivers.

Those interested in learning more or volunteering can visit the City's [website](#), where there are more details and Frequently Asked Questions about the WeCAB program. Volunteer and rider applications are also available via our website.

Please turn in submitted applications to Jackie Schwerm, Assistant City Administrator at jschwerm@waconia.org. If you have additional questions, you can call Jackie at 952-442-3103.

2040 Comprehensive Plan

In November, the City of Waconia requested an extension to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, in order to work through new information received close to the deadline.



The updated plan must be submitted to the Metropolitan Council by the end of March. Over the next few weeks, two public hearings will be held related to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The first will take place at the Planning Commission Meeting on March 7th at 6:30 p.m. and the second at the March 18th City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will take place at Waconia City Hall.

For more details on the Comprehensive Plan, please visit the City's website at www.waconia.org. If you have questions or comments regarding the 2040 Comprehensive Plan please contact Lane Braaten, Community Development Director at 952-442-3106 or lbraaten@waconia.org.

Fire Department Updates

On Tuesday, February 19, Chris Nelson started his first day as the new Waconia Fire Chief. Chief Nelson comes to Waconia with 25+ years in the fire service, most recently serving as the Fire Chief for US Steel Minnesota Ore Operations. If you see Chief Nelson around town, don't hesitate to stop and welcome him to Waconia!



Additionally, the City of Waconia will soon begin accepting applications for volunteer firefighters. Minimum requirements include:

- 18 years of age or older
- Legal resident of the United States
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Live within the City of Waconia or no more than 11-minutes of the Waconia Fire Station
- Willingness to commit the required amount of time needed to maintain the certifications and meet the requirements of the department

Firefighters are paid at an hourly rate and receive a single membership to Safari Island. Applications will be available in early March. To apply, please visit the City's website at www.waconia.org. For more information on becoming a firefighter, please contact Fire Chief Chris Nelson at cnelson@waconia.org.

Music in the Park

It's hard to believe with the weather we've been having these past few weeks, but Music in the Park (and summer!) will be here before we know it. Music in the Park takes place at City Square Park and the music starts at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar so you don't miss your favorite band:

June 6 Traveled Ground	July 11 The Castaways
June 13 Sidewalk Cafe	July 18 Everett Smithson Band
June 20 Wondercure	July 25 The Tuxedo Band
June 27 Tricia & The Toonies	August 1 The Brueskes



Movie in the Park

Be sure to mark your calendars for Movie in the Park this summer! Movies start at 8:30 p.m. at City Square Park!

	June 7 A Dog's Way Home	
	July 19 The Grinch	
	August 23 SmallFoot	

Personal Training Sale!

From March 1st through March 29th, Safari Island is offering 20% off on 24 to 48 session Personal Training packages. For more information, contact Sara Weidemann at sweidemann@waconia.org or call 952-769-7950.

