



Waconia Wavelength

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COMING SOON:

NEW Electronic Bill Payment System

Soon there will be more options to view and pay your bills – you can choose to make a payment online or via text message!



Expect to see more information on Invoice Cloud, a new electronic bill payment system which will go live later this spring, in the City's May newsletter. In the meantime, take a look at some of the capabilities Invoice Cloud will have:

- View and pay your bills anytime (registration is not required)
- Go paperless to receive bills via email
- Schedule your payment for a specific future date
- Save time with Autopay – available for both e-check and credit card
- Receive email reminders about your bill
- Pay by Text – sign up to get text notifications about your bill and have the option to pay through text message

Please note that the first bills loaded into the Invoice Cloud system will be May's usage, and will likely be sent on June 1. More information on this service will come in the May newsletter and be available on the City's website.



Community Gardens

The City of Waconia maintains six community garden locations for Waconia residents to provide gardeners the opportunity to grow their own fresh, organic produce. Plots are available at **Bent Creek Park, Brook Peterson Park, Clearwater Mills Park, Waconia 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. Returning gardeners can submit an application beginning on April 9. 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.

Now Hiring: Firefighters



Interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter for the City of Waconia? The Waconia Fire Department is seeking motivated individuals who live within the City (or an 11 minute response time to the fire station) to join the Department! We will be accepting applications through May 24, 2019. 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.

Community Land Trust Homes

Do you know a family member or friend who dreams of homeownership in Waconia but thinks they cannot afford it? A Community Land Trust (CLT) home might be right for them.



Carver County CDA is expanding the CLT program in Waconia and is looking for interested buyers.

A CLT is a shared equity model of homeownership which ensures that homes remain permanently affordable. CLT homebuyers purchase only the house—and enter into a long-term agreement with the CLT to lease the land. CLT homes are sold to families with moderate incomes, 80% of the area median income (\$75,000) or below. By taking the cost of the land out of the real estate transaction, land trust homes are more affordable than houses on the open real estate market. The home then stays affordable for future generations.

The Waconia CLT expansion is a buyer driven program which means the CDA will first identify the homebuyer and work with them to find and acquire the right home for their family. Now is an exciting time to purchase a home while interest rates are still low, and the CLT model provides an opportunity to purchase a home that may not have otherwise been affordable.

For more information on the CLT program. Please contact Brenda Lano at 952-556-2782 or brendal@carvercda.org.



Compost Collection Schedule

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

Saturday, April 13 & Saturday, April 27

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Friday, April 19

3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Cost is \$1.00 per bag or \$10.00 per pick-up or trailer. For questions, please contact Public Services at 952-442-2615 or publicservices@waconia.org. A copy of the full schedule is available at www.waconia.org.

Waconia Fire Relief Association Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 28

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 spring pancake, sausage, and French toast breakfast at the Fire Station. Tickets are available from firefighters or at the door.

Public Services Open House

Saturday, May 4

310 10th Street East

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Please be sure to mark your calendar for the 7th annual Public Services Open House. 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 who explain the equipment and discuss the work they accomplish with it. Don't forget about the pancake and sausage breakfast, too! We look forward to seeing you all there!



Arbor Day Celebration



Thursday, April 18

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Crosswinds Park—1141 Fieldgate Road

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 department's Adopt-a-Trail section of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail near Mayer.