



Waconia Wavelength

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Waconia Inclusive Playground

Background

Everything begins with one person and one idea. In early 2017, the City of Waconia received a \$5,000 donation from Quinn Larson and his family to kick-start the fundraising for an inclusive playground for Waconia. Over the past year, the passion and interest for this playground—and providing a space for people of all abilities—has grown. Donations have continued to be received at the City, totaling nearly \$25,000 to-date.

Design

In the fall of 2018, the City Council authorized the creation of a 21-member task force to assist with the design process of the future inclusive playground at Waterford Park. The task force began meeting in January of this year, and for the next five months discussed their vision and what they would like to see in Waconia's inclusive playground. On June 3, the task force presented their vision to the Waconia City Council. The initial design for the playground can be seen below. There are several more design photos available at www.waconia.org/playground.



Fundraising

The design of the playground includes an inclusive play system and accessible surfacing, with costs of approximately \$600,000. The goal is to fundraise close to \$400,000 for this project. The project is currently anticipated in 2023, unless funds can be raised more quickly. The City has earmarked some funds for this project, as well as additional grant opportunities. The

How Can You Help?

There are many ways you can get involved in the fundraising of the inclusive playground. There is currently a GoFundMe page set up at www.waconia.org/playgroundfund so people can donate directly via this link.

There is also a committee of Waconia residents that has formed to assist with the fundraising of this project. Please reach out to Jackie Schwerm at jschwerm@waconia.org or 952-442-3103 if you are interested in joining this committee.

Are you, your family, business, or neighborhood interested in donating a piece of equipment to the inclusive playground? Visit www.waconia.org/playground and click on the fundraising tab to see what pieces are available for purchase!

Keep an eye out for various fundraising efforts throughout town! We are looking forward to making this playground a reality as soon as possible!



Music in the Park Schedule

Below is the line up for Music in the Park for the remainder of summer:

July 11: The Castaways (interactive classic rock)

July 18: Everett Smithson Band (blues and funky roots)

July 25: The Tuxedo Band (classic and contemporary rock, pop, and country)

August 1: The Brueskes (jazz and traditional pop)

Music will start at 7:00 p.m. at City Square Park (101 E. Main Street).

Bring your chairs and blankets. In case of rain, Safari Island will host the event.



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.



Thursday, July 11

Tuesday, July 16

Tuesday, July 23

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 27

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

Independence Day

City Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. There will be no absentee voting available on this day.



We wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July!

Summer Road Construction

We understand that summer road construction is frustrating, so we've compiled a document to answer some of your most frequently asked questions about what's happening around town this summer. Visit www.waconia.org/2019FAQ to learn more.



Consumer Confidence Report



Did you know that the City drinking water comes from four (4) wells ranging from 345 to 734 feet deep? These four wells draw water from underground aquifers, specifically the Mt. Simon and Quaternary Buried Artesian aquifers.

This, as well as information about the quality of our water and contaminants can be found in the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR is an annual report the City of Waconia publishes is available to our residents.

2017's report shows that Waconia is in compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations regarding drinking water! The full report can be accessed at www.waconia.org by clicking on the hyperlink above or going to our website and searching for Consumer Confidence Report.

July Movie in the Park

Friday, July 19

The Grinch

8:30 p.m.

City Square Park

101 East Main Street, Waconia

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the show! Should it rain, the movie will be shown at

Safari Island - lawn chairs, blankets, and pillows are allowed.

