



Waconia Wavelength

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Presidential Primary Election: Absentee Voting Starts January 17!

In 2016, legislation was passed establishing a presidential nomination primary in Minnesota. This will be Minnesota's first presidential primary since 1992. The 2020 Presidential Primary is set to take place on March 3, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at your designated polling location.

What you need to know:

- Waconia residents will be able to vote absentee in person at City Hall beginning on January 17
- When you vote, you must choose which major party's ballot you want
- Which party you choose will not be public information, but it will be available to each major party chair

Please continue on the back page for more information on the 2020 Presidential Primary.

Invoice Cloud



NEW Electronic Bill Payment System



The City of Waconia's new bill payment service is set to "go-live" on December 2, 2019! Continue reading to find out what this means for our customers.



- Customers will be able to make one-time payments on the City's website for their utility bills without having to set up an account. A username and password will not be required to make a payment on your utility account!
- Customers have the option to set up an account with a username and password on the new site. If an online account is set up, customers will be able to manage automatic payment information, notification preferences, and the date they want to pay their bill. Usernames and passwords for your old utility billing account will no longer be valid once the new system is up and running. If you need historical information about your account, please email utilitybill@waconia.org.
- Customers will have the following new payment options:
 - **Automatic Payments with a Credit Card:** After December 2, set up your new online account to take advantage of this option.
 - **Pay by Text:** After December 2, set up your new online account to set up your payment option and text notification preference.
- Customers that have their utility bills emailed to them will now receive an email with a PDF copy of their billing statement. This change will be effective for the **November 2019** statements that will be emailed on **December 2, 2019**.
- Customers can set up payment reminders to be sent before their utility bill is due. Notifications can be sent via email or text when an online account is set up.

Please watch the City's website and Facebook page for more information throughout the next few months. We look forward to getting our customers into the Invoice Cloud system on December 2!

Presidential Primary (continued from front)

What's on the ballot?

- By law, only major parties can participate in the primary. There are four major political parties in Minnesota
- The chair of each major party will submit a list of candidates for the party's ballot no later than December 31, 2019
- Those candidates will appear on the ballot even if they drop out of the presidential race before March 3
- Each party decides if they want to include a write-in choice or an option to vote for "uncommitted"



What happens after the primary?

- Party delegates will go to a national convention where a final candidate is nominated
- Parties must use the presidential primary results to choose the delegates
- Each party handles delegate elections according to their party rules

Waconia residents who wish to absentee vote can do so during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at City Hall. City Hall will also be open on Saturday, February 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for absentee voting.

Please keep an eye on the City's website at www.waconia.org/elections and Facebook page for more upcoming dates and information related to the 2020 Elections.

Safari Island Lunch Express Workout Classes

Research shows that those who work out at lunch time are more productive the rest of the day. Ditch the afternoon caffeine and get energized in Safari Island's "Lunch Express" classes. You'll be in and out with a full body workout—but not enough to sweat!

Lunch Express classes (Butts n' Guts Express and Mat Pilates Express) will take place on Monday and Thursday from 12:00 -12:30 p.m. and are FREE for the month of December!

Pictures with Santa

Saturday, December 7
11:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Waconia Fire Station
26 South Maple Street



Santa is returning to the Waconia Fire Station in 2019! He will arrive around 11:30 a.m. and doors to the Fire Station will open around 11:15 a.m. for anyone who wants to see Santa's arrival. Santa will start listening to holiday wishes and take photos with kids on the fire truck beginning around noon. Don't forget your camera!

Donations for the Waconia United Food Shelf will be accepted at this event.

Upcoming Holidays

City offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Thursday, December 26. City offices will also be closed beginning at noon on Tuesday, December 31 and all day Wednesday, January 1 in observance of the New Year.

We wish everyone a happy holiday season and a safe end to 2019!

