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WAYZATA NEWSLETTER
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City Calendar

September

- 8 Planning Commission Meeting
- 8 Monthly Muni Meetup with the Mayor
- 9 City Council Meeting
- 14 Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 17 Parks & Trails Board Meeting
- 22 Planning Commission Meeting
- 23 City Council Meeting
- 25 Heritage Preservation Board Meeting
- 30 Energy & Environment Committee Meeting

For up-to-date meeting & event information, visit wayzata.org/calendar.

A Message From the Mayor

As summer ends, our focus shifts to a key task: setting the 2026 budget. This month we'll propose a preliminary budget and levy, finalizing it in December. This effort is a careful balancing act. We need to maintain the quality services you expect, make key investments in areas like public safety, and at the same time, find new ways to be more efficient with our resources. Your input is vital to this process, and I encourage you to reach out to your elected officials with your thoughts on the budget.

In other news, you've likely seen ongoing construction at Klapprich Park. We're also reviewing short-term rental policies (for platforms like Airbnb and Vrbo), topics that have generated passionate feedback. We're fortunate to have an engaged community and welcome your input on these complex issues. As we discuss them, I ask for respectful civil discourse. Embracing competing perspectives makes our community stronger and if done right allows civic friendships to thrive.

As always, your feedback is welcome.



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You're Invited for Pancakes with the Wayzata Fire Department on September 14



Stop by from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14 for pancakes, french toast, and enter a raffle with the Wayzata Fire Department!

There is no cost for food, however, at-will donations to the Fire Relief Association will be accepted.

Sign Up to Volunteer for Pull It Day

Get to know your neighbors while volunteering! On Saturday, October 18, the Wayzata Public Works Department needs your help getting City gardens ready for winter. The morning will kickoff at the Panoway Plaza with check-in and refreshments. From there, volunteers will be dispersed to gardens in groups.

This is a family-friendly volunteering opportunity! Sign up as a family, a group of neighbors, as a couple or on your own! This will be the perfect setting to meet other generous residents and participate in the nurturing of Wayzata's greenspace.

Volunteers are needed from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Visit wayzata.org/volunteer to sign up.



Administration



Public Works



Community Development



Police



Fire



Liquor



Bar & Grill

City Showcase Event on October 13



This event, also known as Public Safety Day, will take place outside at Wayzata City Hall from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 13.

Join us for fire demonstrations, a bounce house, hot dogs, face painting, K9 demonstrations, and Touch - a - Truck including fire trucks, squad cars, and public works equipment.

Dark Skies Event on Sept. 26



Experience the magic of the night at our Dark Skies Event on Friday, September 26, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at City Hall Park (600 Rice Street East, Wayzata).

Enjoy an engaging talk about the Dark Sky program and how lighting impacts our community, learn about nocturnal birds, explore the stars and planets through telescopes with the University of Minnesota Universe in the Park, join in on family-friendly activities, and enjoy snacks under the night sky! Bring your own binoculars for an additional opportunity for a guided tour of the sky!

If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will gather instead on Friday, October 3. Let's come together to celebrate the beauty of our starlit skies!

Hosted by the Energy & Environment Committee

Tackle Buckthorn: Protect Wayzata's Woodlands

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Buckthorn is an invasive plant that aggressively chokes out native species and can transform our beautiful woodlands into dense buckthorn groves. Removing it protects our maple, oak, and other shade trees, allowing them to thrive naturally.

Best Time for Removal

Every day is a good day to remove buckthorn! You just need to be mindful of the season. In the fall, it is especially important to avoid spreading the fruit – which is full of healthy buckthorn seeds.

Methods

Buckthorn roots are persistent and will sprout new growth if left behind. Here are your options:

- **Herbicide:** Apply to fresh-cut stumps or foliage when buckthorn is actively growing (like right now). In wooded areas, late fall application is best because other leaves have dropped, making buckthorn easy to spot and reducing harm to desirable plants. Always follow product instructions.
- **Root Removal:** Pulling roots entirely prevents regrowth but can be difficult for large projects due to their aggressive nature. Be cautious on inclines to prevent erosion.
- **Prescriptive Pruning:** Certain cutting methods use botanical science to deter regrowth.



Privacy and Replacement

If you're using buckthorn for privacy, consider eco-friendly alternatives like dogwood, cotoneaster, sumac, viburnum, elderberry, or ninebark. For woodland areas, you can also monitor the area to encourage native species to establish naturally.

Controlling buckthorn makes a significant difference for our environment. If you have questions, contact Wayzata Forestry at 952-404-5375.

Upcoming Budget Meetings

All events below will take place at Wayzata City Hall (600 Rice St. E) and are open to the public. Agenda packets with budget information will be available for public viewing a few days prior to the meeting on Wayzata.org.

September 9 - City Council Meeting

Adoption of the 2026 Preliminary Budget and Property Tax Levy and Fee Schedule.

November 5 - City Council Workshop

Review of the Capital Improvement Plan.

December 2 - City Council Meeting

Adoption of Final Budget, Property Tax Levy, and Capital Improvement Plan.

Read more about the 2026 budget at wayzata.org/finance.

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