

## City Calendar

October

- 6 Planning Commission Meeting
- 7 City Council Meeting
- 13 City Showcase/Public Safety Day
- 15 Parks & Trails Board Meeting
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting
- 21 City Council Meeting
- 23 Heritage Preservation Board Meeting
- 28 Energy & Environment Committee Meeting

For up-to-date meeting & event information, visit [wayzata.org/calendar](http://wayzata.org/calendar).

## Run in the Annual Boo Bash Dash on October 25



Join in the Halloween fun at the annual Wayzata Boo Bash Dash, a spooktacular race in downtown Wayzata, on October 25! Run or walk a certified 10k, 5k, Competitive Lake Street Mile and fun run with friends. Costumes encouraged! This event will feature finish line festivities including a pumpkin derby, costume contest, and more.

Following the Boo Bash Dash will be the annual Boo Blast Celebration which will include trick or treating around town.

Learn more at [boobashdash.com](http://boobashdash.com).

## A Message From the Mayor

I am writing to update you on some important leadership transitions within the City of Wayzata. As you may know, our City Manager, Jeff Dahl, left his Wayzata position in July to take a similar role with the City of Woodbury. Since then, we have been fortunate to have Mike Kelly, a dedicated and long-time city employee, serve as our Interim City Manager. We are grateful for his steady leadership during this time.

In addition, a member of our City Council, Jeff Parkhill, stepped down effective September 23rd. The City Council is committed to a transparent and open process for filling both of these critical roles. City Council conducted interviews for the vacant Council position in late September and plan to name a new council member no later than early October. For the permanent City Manager role, we will be conducting a national search with the help of a professional placement firm. The search will consider both internal and external candidates, and we expect to name the next permanent City Manager no later than the first quarter of 2026.

I know that changes in leadership can bring questions, and I want to assure you that the City Council is working diligently to ensure a smooth transition. Your input is valuable, and I welcome your feedback on these important decisions.



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## New Date for Light Up the Lake Event

Join us on Lake Street from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. on November 21 (one week prior than it has been hosted in the past) for refreshments, horse-drawn wagon rides, reindeer, music, a town lighting ceremony and the spectacular parade of lights with local fire departments. The annual Candy Hunt the day of will be for children up to 5 years old only. Children ages 6-12 are encouraged to participate in the Winter Medallion Hunt around Wayzata the week of November 10! Clues will be posted online at [wayzata.org](http://wayzata.org) and on social media to find the crystal medallion! Find the medallion and win the honor of lighting the town with the Mayor!

It will be another magical evening in Wayzata and we can't wait to see you there.



Administration



Public Works



Community Development



Police



Fire



Liquor



Bar & Grill

## If you see something, say something - by calling 911.



A common response we hear from residents when asked why they didn't call 9-1-1 when they saw an incident occur is that it didn't feel like an "emergency".

Please know that 9-1-1 is always the best way to get a response from law enforcement to help our Police Officers actively respond in real time.

So, if you see something, say something. Calling 9-1-1 right away will better help us serve the community.

## Preliminary 2026 Budget & Property Tax Levy

The 2026 proposed budget of \$24.3 million, which encompasses all City departments and enterprises, was approved by the City Council on September 23. The 2026 proposed budget includes an overall preliminary property tax levy increase of 7.5%. Between now and December, when the levy is finalized, the levy can decrease but can't increase.

The City developed the budget with three goals in mind including investing in public safety personnel, implementing strategic plan initiatives, and minimizing the impact on residents.

When looking at the overall levy increase this year, the major factors driving the budget increase are:

- Adding a full-time Fire Chief
- Investing in employee compensation
- Increases in insurance

### Impact on Homeowners

When property values are held constant, the median value home of \$1,152,500 will have a property tax increase of \$39 per year. Wayzata's overall tax rate would remain lower than nearly all surrounding cities.

The City Council will be voting on the final 2026 Budget and Property Tax Levy at its December 2, 2025 meeting at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to send comments in advance, email [PublicComment@wayzata.org](mailto:PublicComment@wayzata.org). The meeting will also be shown on Channel 8, WCTV, and streamed on the City's website at [wayzata.org/WCTV](http://wayzata.org/WCTV).

Read more about the City's budget at [wayzata.org/finance](http://wayzata.org/finance).

## File for Homestead Classification

Residents who recently purchased a new home may file for homestead classification. Benefits include programs like the disabled veterans' market value exclusion, senior citizens' property tax deferral, and property tax refund.

The deadline to file is December 31 at [hennepin.us/en/residents/property/homestead-and-related-programs](http://hennepin.us/en/residents/property/homestead-and-related-programs).

Homes must be owned and occupied by December 31, 2025 to be eligible for taxes payable in 2026.

Contact the City's Assessor, Shane Larsen: [shane.larsen@hennepin.us](mailto:shane.larsen@hennepin.us).

## Yard Waste & Compost Information

The City of Wayzata's compost site is available for soft-bodied yard waste, such as grass and leaves. The compost site, located at Public Works, 299 Wayzata Boulevard West, is open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except for holidays) and is also open weekends in October and the first two weekends in November from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The compost site is for Wayzata residents only. Residents must obtain an annual beach parking and compost permit at City Hall.

Please note: per City ordinance, residents are required to unbag all materials left at the compost site and take empty bags back home for reuse or disposal. Wayzata residents can take brush to the City of Plymouth Yard Waste Site. Driver's license and proof of residency is required. For additional information, go to [wayzata.org/compost](http://wayzata.org/compost) or call 952-404-5363.

### November 10 Fall Leaf Pickup

The City of Wayzata Fall Leaf pick-up is Monday, November 10. Leaves must be in compostable bags and placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. The bags must state that they meet ASTM D6400 standards for composting and they are "compostable." Bags marked "biodegradable" or "degradable" will not work. There is a 40 lb limit per bag.



**Questions?** Call Republic Services at 763-972-3335.

## Contact Us

**City Hall** 952-404-5300  
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**Police** 911  
**Fire** 952-404-5337

**DMV** 952-404-5320  
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