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WAYZATA NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2025

City Calendar

November

- 4 Election Day
- 5 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 5 City Council Meeting
- 11 City Hall Offices Closed
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting
- 18 City Council Meeting
- 19 Parks & Trails Board Meeting
- 20 Heritage Preservation Board Meeting
- 21 Light Up the Lake Event
- 24 Charter Commission Meeting
- 25 Energy & Environment Committee Meeting
- 27 City Hall Offices Closed
- 28 City Hall Offices Closed

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

A Message from Mayor Mullin

As November arrives and we approach the close of 2025, my thoughts turn naturally to gratitude. While Thanksgiving is the most obvious prompt for reflection—a time to gather with friends and family and focus on our blessings—I see this entire season as one for appreciation right here in Wayzata. I want to take this opportunity to recognize the incredible people who make our city such a beautiful, safe, clean, and welcoming place to live, work, and visit. My deepest thanks go to those who dedicate their time and talent to serving Wayzata:

- Our City Staff: Thank you to our nearly 200 full and part-time employees who are on the front lines every day, ensuring our city operations run smoothly.
- Our Boards and Commissions: We are profoundly grateful for the nearly 50 residents who volunteer their time to guide the governance of our city. This includes the Planning Commission, HRA, HPB, Charter, Parks & Trails, Energy & Environment, the Wayzata Conservancy, and our newly chartered Public Art Committee. We look forward to celebrating all of our amazing volunteers at our recognition dinner later this month!

I look forward to seeing many of you at Light up the Lake! Personally, I'm thankful for my family, friends, and my faith community, but most of all, I'm grateful for the incredible community we share here in Wayzata, which offers so much to each and every one of us. What are you grateful for in Wayzata this year? Drop me a note—I'd love to hear your thoughts!



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MnDOT Highway 12 Construction Planned for 2026

MnDOT will be redoing a section of Highway 12 around Wayzata from Spring-Fall 2026. Construction will occur near downtown Wayzata between Shoreline Drive and Central Avenue North and I-494 in Minnetonka.



The scope of the project will include:

- reconstruction of the roadway between Shoreline Drive and Central Avenue North in Wayzata
- repaving the existing surface from Central Avenue to I-494
- repairing exit ramps at Gleason Lake Road, Carlson Parkway, and I-494 and Hwy 12
- replacing lighting
- making accessibility improvements (upgraded sidewalks and bike paths)

For more information visit dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy12wayzata-minnetonka

Light Up the Lake on Nov. 21

Don't forget to join us on Lake Street from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. on November 21 for refreshments, horse-drawn wagon rides, reindeer, music, a town lighting ceremony and the spectacular parade of lights with local fire departments.

See included flyer for more details and full schedule.



Administration



Public Works



Community Development



Police



Fire



Liquor



Bar & Grill

Donate to Toys for Tots



The Police Department's annual Toys for Tots collection will kick off at the Light Up the Lake event on November 21!

Donations of new, unwrapped toys for kids or teens can be dropped off at the Depot from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. for the duration of the event.

After November 21, toy donations will be accepted at City Hall and the PD through the middle of December.

Once donations are collected, police from as many as 20 departments will load their cruisers with donated gifts and then lights blazing and sirens blaring, they will parade to the KARE 11 Toys for Tots dropoff site in time for the 5:00 p.m. newscast.



Calling All Snowbirds!

Register your home for a house check while you are away! The Police Department utilizes software where residents can access a confidential database and request house checks.

This tool will be most beneficial for those leaving for extended vacation periods.

Residents can enter details of their property and date ranges they will be away online and the PD will add it to our list of vacation watches. After you submit a house check request, you will receive a follow-up email notifying you when it has been completed.

Visit wayzata.org/vacationhousechecks to submit your request. All information will remain confidential.



Blooming Partnership: DAR Plants Pollinator Garden

A new pollinator garden is taking root in Wayzata, thanks to dedicated volunteers from the Lake Minnetonka Daughters of the American Revolution's (DAR) Conservation Committee with help from the City's Parks Department.

Located on city-right-of-way north of Ridgeview Drive and South of the Luce Line Trail, the new garden is transforming an underutilized area into a thriving habitat for bees, butterflies, and other essential pollinators. Charlotte Clark Jenkins Chair of the Conservation Committee of the Lake Minnetonka Chapter DAR notes that "Pollinator gardening is one way that DAR can work with the community to provide food and habitat for our at-risk pollinators. Pollinator gardens not only promote biodiversity, but the gardens also beautify spaces, especially right-of-way lands."

The DAR plans to continue expanding the pollinator garden in future years. Interested in volunteering with the pollinator garden? Visit lakeminnetonkadar.org/contact-us



Important Snow Removal & Parking Reminders

It's that time of year! Please review these important reminders regarding the City's snow removal and overnight parking on city streets:

If the snowfall is two or more inches before 8:00 p.m., the snow parking regulations go into effect at 2:00 a.m. the next morning. At that time, snow plowing will begin and any vehicles parked on unplowed city streets will be tagged and/or towed.

If an accumulation of two inches or more occurs after 8:00 p.m., the snow parking ban will go into effect the following morning at 2:00 a.m. (24 hours later). If there is an accumulation of snow after 8:00 p.m., plowing may occur. Cars parked on city streets will not be tagged, but cars may be plowed in.

Visit wayzata.org and look for the alert bar on the homepage or call 952-404-5369 after 8:00 p.m. to learn if the parking ordinance is in effect. Sign up for text and email alerts at wayzata.org/notifyme.



Utility Rate Information for 2026

Next year there will be some changes to your monthly utility bill. Sewer rates will increase 3%, stormwater rates will increase 1%, but water rates will have no increase. These changes will be effective on the first bill of 2026. See below for an example of how this will affect the average monthly bill.

Projected Total Residential Monthly Utility Bill (Average 4,500 Gallons)

Utility	2025	2026
Water	\$24.26	\$24.26
Sewer	\$49.70	\$51.18
Stormwater	\$9.56	\$9.65

For more details on utility rates, visit wayzata.org/utilityrates.





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