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WAYZATA NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2025

City Calendar

December

- 1 Planning Commission Meeting
- 2 City Council Meeting
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 16 City Council Meeting
- 17 Parks & Trails Board Meeting
- 18 Heritage Preservation Board Meeting
- 24 City Offices Closed starting at 12:00 p.m. for Christmas Eve
- 25 City Offices Closed All Day for Christmas Day

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

A Message from Mayor Mullin

Rising Property Taxes

Understanding Your 2026 Property Tax Statement - Residents recently received notices from Hennepin County outlining 2025 values and proposed taxes payable in 2026. The significant increases are driven largely by increased spending across all tax authorities and a 22.1% rise in Wayzata property values combined in part due declining commercial values in Minneapolis. These changes shift the county tax burden westward. While the City of Wayzata represents only ~19% of your total bill, we are working to manage our share. The City Council recently directed staff to lower the proposed levy increase to 4.9%, down from the preliminary increase of 7.5% for the City of Wayzata.

Important: You May Be Eligible for a Refund

If your property taxes increased by more than 12% (and at least \$100), you may qualify for the Minnesota "Targeting" Refund, regardless of your income.

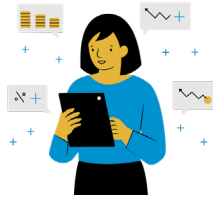
Learn more at revenue.state.mn.us/property-tax-refund

I welcome your feedback!



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2026 Budget & Property Tax Levy Voted on This Month



The City Council will be holding a Public Hearing on the final 2026 Budget and Property Tax Levy at the December 2, 2025 meeting at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to provide comments in person you can attend the meetings to speak at the public hearing. If you would like to comment in advance, email PublicComment@wayzata.org.

Questions? Contact Finance Manager Pete Zimmerman at pzimmerman@wayzata.org

Lakewalk Stays Open for Winter Walkers



The Lakewalk will once again remain open during the winter season! As in previous years, the City will not be clearing snow from the path. Instead the naturally packed snow will create a designated winter walking trail.

City staff will regularly monitor the condition of the Lakewalk. If the trail becomes unsafe at any point, it will be closed to the public.



Administration



Public Works



Community Development



Police



Fire



Liquor



Bar & Grill

Safe Holiday Shipping



With online shopping at its peak, delivery trucks will be visiting neighborhoods more frequently. Unfortunately, this also means an uptick in package thefts.

Stay one step ahead of porch pirates with these updated tips:

- Use secure package lockers
- Enable real-time tracking and delivery alerts so you know when items arrive
- Ask a trusted neighbor or building security to hold packages for you
- Opt for signature-required delivery on valuable items
- Install or activate home security cameras or video doorbells
- Choose in-store or curbside pickup
- Request deliveries to a side or back door

Look out for one another this season. Stay aware, and if you notice suspicious activity, report it immediately by calling 911.

See Included 2026 Recycling Calendar & Guide

Recycling will be picked up every other Monday. Residents on the south side of Wayzata Boulevard will be served on blue weeks and residents on the north side will be served on grey weeks (see calendar).

For all Monday holidays, indicated with red on the calendar, recycling will be picked up the next day.

Klapprich Park Project Nears Finish Line

Exciting progress continues at Klapprich Park as the final touches are being added to the major upgrades to the playground and warming house. While many of the improvements are in place, the park remains an active construction zone. For everyone's safety, the park, playground, and warming house will stay closed until all work is complete. Substantial completion is expected mid-December.

For project details and ongoing updates, visit wayzata.org/klapprichpark.



Save the Date: Klapprich Park Ribbon-Cutting



To mark the completion of Klapprich Park, the community is invited to a celebratory ribbon-cutting on **Saturday, January 10, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Enjoy an afternoon of skating, hot chocolate, snacks, and music. We look forward to celebrating with you soon!

Shop Small This Holiday Season



Healthy businesses mean a healthy community! Take the time this holiday season to uplift our community by shopping local around town. Whether it's a cozy sweater from one of Wayzata's unique boutiques, or a gift card to one of Wayzata's relaxing spas or award winning restaurants, there is a gift for everyone just a few blocks away.

Curbside Christmas Tree Pick Up Starts January 5



Wayzata Public Works will start curbside pickup of Christmas trees and spruce tops the week of January 5. Before placing your tree at the curb, please remove all nails, screws, wires, tree stands, tinsel, plastic bags, glass, and metal decorations. Wreaths are not accepted.

2026 Boat Slip Lottery Open

Applications are now open for the 2026 Boat Slip Lottery! Applications are limited to one per residence and are due the first Tuesday in February. The 2026 lottery will take place on the first Tuesday in March and those who receive a slip will be notified by phone.

Visit wayzata.org/boatslips to apply.

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