

# THE PORTAL

Wayzata Newsletter  
March 2026

## City Calendar

March

- 9 Public Art Committee Meeting
- 9 Planning Commission Meeting
- 10 City Council Meeting
- 18 Parks & Trails Board Meeting
- 23 Planning Commission Meeting
- 24 City Council Meeting
- 25 Heritage Preservation Board Meeting
- 30 Charter Commission Meeting
- 31 Energy & Environment Committee Meeting

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

## Sign Up for Summer Recreation Activities & Classes



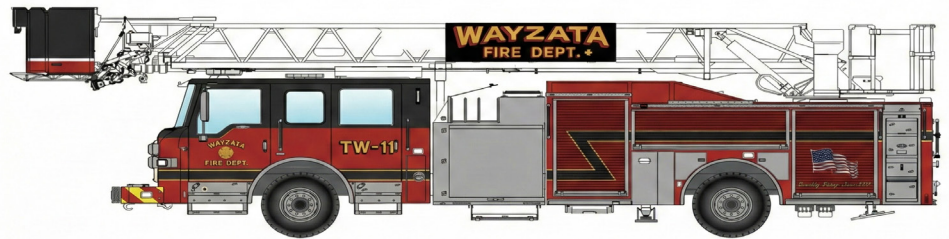
The City of Wayzata is pleased to continue its partnership with Wayzata Community Education to offer recreation and enrichment programs for youth and adults in Wayzata parks.

This summer, a variety of programs will be available to match different interests and provide opportunities for learning and enjoyment in the community.

Learn more and sign up at [wayzataschools.org/communityed](http://wayzataschools.org/communityed)

## Strong Finances - Top-Tier Rating

Fiscal discipline remains a central focus of our local governance in Wayzata. This commitment was recently demonstrated when the City secured financing for a new Wayzata Fire Ladder Truck. During this process, independent credit rating agencies evaluated our finances and reaffirmed the City's AAA bond rating.



While the ladder truck is our latest example, it highlights our broader financial philosophy: **we make the strategic choice to use debt judiciously, reserving it for significant, long-term investments in Wayzata's future.** A AAA rating is the highest possible municipal credit grade, reflecting strong governance, balanced budgets, and healthy reserves. When we do choose to finance these major, long-term needs, maintaining this top-tier rating directly benefits the community in several measurable ways:

- **Lower Borrowing Costs:** The City qualifies for the lowest available interest rates to finance capital projects, essential equipment, and infrastructure.
- **Reduced Total Expenditure:** Favorable terms significantly reduce the total interest paid over the life of any long-term community investment.
- **Budget Efficiency:** Lower debt payments free up more of the City's operating budget for ongoing municipal services and maintenance.

By prioritizing fiscal discipline, we ensure Wayzata can responsibly fund necessary, long-term upgrades while minimizing the financial burden on our taxpayers.

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Administration



Public Works



Community Development



Police



Fire



Liquor



Bar & Grill

## Keep Your Home Safe & Secure While You're Away



With spring break trips coming up, here are some quick reminders to keep your home safe and secure while you are gone:

- Unplug electronics that don't need power
- To deter break-ins, put lights on around the house on timers
- Ask a neighbor to gather mail
- Check to make sure all entry points of your home are secure
- Avoid posting your trip on social media until you return

If you're out of town for an extended period, let the Police Department know by calling 952-404-5340 or emailing [WayzataPD@wayzatapd.org](mailto:WayzataPD@wayzatapd.org) and note any vehicles that will have permission to be on the property.

## Apply for Board and Commission Openings

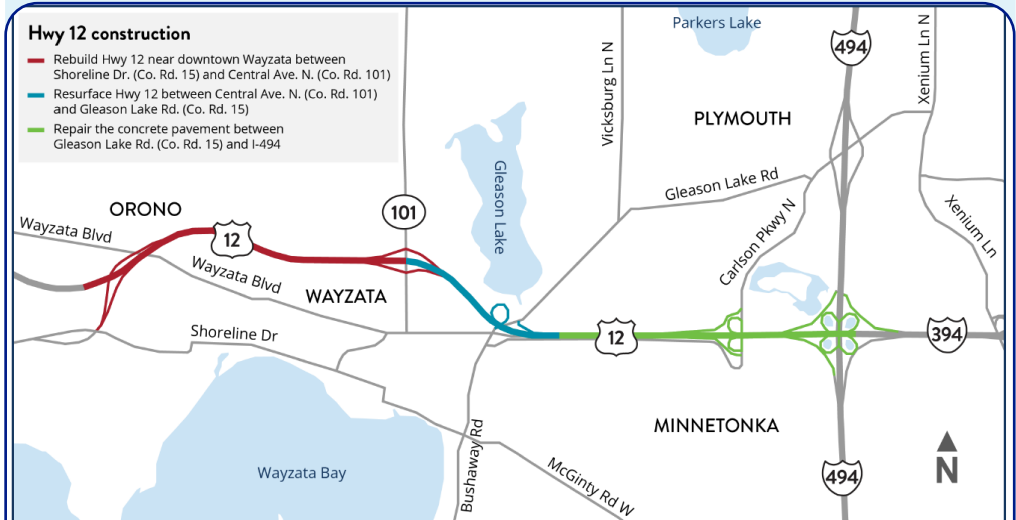
**Energy and Environment Committee**  
Help make Wayzata more sustainable and resilient by supporting projects and ideas tied to the City's Resilience Plan. If you care about the environment, climate preparedness, and building a stronger community for the future, this is a great fit!

**Heritage Preservation Board**  
Love Wayzata's history and charm? This board helps preserve and celebrate the places and stories that make Wayzata unique. It's a great opportunity to support historic preservation and community character.

To apply, contact Nick Kieser at [nkieser@wayzata.org](mailto:nkieser@wayzata.org) or 952-404-5313.

## Highway 12 Construction Update

MnDOT is improving three miles of Highway 12 between Wayzata and Minnetonka through a major pavement preservation project. Work includes full reconstruction and pavement repairs, as well as important drainage improvements, which will support the overall maintenance and lifespan of the roadway.



### Schedule



April through  
November 2026

### Benefits



Upgrade pavement  
for smoother,  
safer travel



Repair  
ramps



Improve drainage  
to extend lifespan  
of roadway

Highway 12 will be reduced to two lanes in each direction between Shoreline Drive in Wayzata and I-494 in Minnetonka during construction. Several ramps across the Highway 12 corridor will also be closed during the project. Motorists should expect delays, weekend closures as well as lane and ramp closures.

Highway 12 traffic will also be impacted by construction on Interstate 394 between Highway 100 to downtown Minneapolis, which will begin in late February and continue through the fall.

Find more information and sign up for email updates on the project webpage:  
[dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy12wayzata-minnetonka/index.html](https://dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy12wayzata-minnetonka/index.html)

## Make an Impact with Organics Recycling

Reducing waste and protecting the environment is easier than you think. Just sign up for organics recycling! Here's how it works:

- Collect food scraps and other compostable items in green compostable bags.
- Place the green bags in your regular trash cart.
- The bags are separated later and sent to a composting site, where they're turned into nutrient-rich soil.

The best part? Organics recycling is already included with your trash and recycling service. You just need to sign up to start! If you live in a condo or apartment, check with your property manager. Sign up by contacting Public Works at [aroering@wayzata.org](mailto:aroering@wayzata.org) or 952-404-5363.

## Contact Us

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**Police** 911

**Fire** 952-404-5337

**DMV** 952-404-5320

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