City Calendar

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5**
Planning Commission Meeting

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6**
City Council Meeting

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15**
Heritage Preservation Board Meeting

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19**
Planning Commission Meeting

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20**
City Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21**
Parks and Trails Board Meeting

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27**
Energy and Environment Committee Meeting

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General Election Information

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3. The ballot will contain President/Vice President, U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative, State Senate, State Representative, County Commissioner, Judges, Wayzata Mayor, and two Wayzata City Council Member seats. The Mayor and City Council seats are four-year terms beginning January 2021. For the Wayzata Mayoral Race, Council Member Johanna McCarthy is running unopposed. Candidates running for the two open City Council positions are Cathy Iverson, Dan Koch (incumbent), Jeff Parkhill, and Alex Plechash (incumbent).

Wayzata’s polling location is Wayzata City Hall’s Community Room, 600 Rice Street East. The polls will be open November 3 from 7 a.m.– 8 p.m.

Register to vote today and save time on Election Day. Pre-register for the General Election before Tuesday, October 13 at 5 p.m.

You can register online and check your registration status at mnvotes.org. In-person absentee voting is available through November 2 at Wayzata City Hall. City Hall will be open on Saturday, October 31 from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. for absentee voting.

If you requested a ballot to be mailed to you from Hennepin County, you can return the ballot via mail or by dropping it off at City Hall. If you feel uncomfortable coming in to City Hall, call 952-404-5300 to arrange a time with staff to meet you in the City Hall parking lot.

*For more info visit www.wayzata.org/elections.*

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Lake Street & Park Plaza - NOW OPEN!

As of September 11th, the Lake Street and Plaza Park project has been substantially completed! This project featured important investments in infrastructure made by upgrading our utilities, sidewalks and bike lanes, and more importantly a world-class park that will provide greater public access to the lake, improve the lakeside ecosystem and keep our downtown commerce vibrant. The new interactive water feature has potable water, making it safe to play in and a great family attraction. Head downtown and enjoy the new and improved Lake Street and Plaza Park this fall. Don't forget distance socially and shop locally!

While the project is substantially complete, some remaining work needs to be completed on the exterior finishes of the restroom building, landscaping, the railroad crossings at Barry Avenue and Ferndale Road, and the catenary lighting system at Broadway Avenue. The impact to businesses and residents as crews complete these last items will be minimal.

Thank you for your patience as we completed this critical and exciting project for our community.
City Makes Progress on Diversity & Inclusion

One of the cornerstone values of the City of Wayzata is “Respect.” Respect for each other as an organization, within our community that we serve, and for all humankind.

The City Council discussed an organizationally-driven diversity and inclusion initiative at its July 21, 2020 workshop. One part of that plan is to have all City staff complete Implicit Bias training this fall. This training will help employees understand and recognize biases so they can minimize the role of unconscious bias in our organization and in the way we provide services. Another key part of the plan is to conduct an employee survey, where all staff will be encouraged to anonymously share, reflect and suggest areas for growth within the organization. This survey will be conducted and analyzed by the end of the year.

Externally, the City is still gathering information and reviewing best practices on how to make Wayzata an even more welcoming place to work, live and visit.

To view the City’s Mission, Vision, and Values go to: www.wayzata.org/strategicplan

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Preliminary Budget & Property Tax Levy

Each September, the Wayzata City Council approves a preliminary budget and sets the maximum preliminary tax levy.
- The preliminary 2021 City General Fund budget is $7,040,398.
- The preliminary property tax levy is $5,145,201, an increase of 2.46% from last year.
- The median single-family home valued at $695,000 would pay $1,480 in City taxes in 2021, an increase of $54 from 2020.

In November, Hennepin County will send property owners notices of proposed 2021 taxes. The City Council could still lower, but not increase the tax levy. The City will continue to evaluate the 2021 budget and property tax levy until final adoption at the December 1, 2020 meeting.

Read more about the City’s budget at www.wayzata.org/finance.

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Compost & Yard Waste

It’s that time of year again! When you are done cleaning up your yards, 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 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays. The compost site is open weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) in October and the first two weekends in November from 8 a.m. to 4 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 Plymouth Yard Waste Site with a driver’s license. For additional information, go to www.wayzata.org/compost or call 952-404-5363.

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One Day Offering, Fall Leaf Pick-Up!

Skip the trip to our compost site, let us pick them up for you! The City of Wayzata Fall Leaf pick-up is Monday, November 9. Leaves must be in compostable bags and placed curbside by 7 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. Call Randy’s Environmental Services at 763-972-3335 for details.

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Take a Survey on Body Cameras

The Wayzata Police Department is preparing to implement body cameras in 2020. Public input is one of the important factors in this process, so we want to hear from you! You can review the proposed body worn camera policy at www.wayzata.org/bodycams.

Let us know what you think about the policy and body cameras by taking a brief survey at www.polco.us/wayzata. The deadline to respond is October 12, 2020.

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Apply Now for Citizen Advisory Boards

You are invited to make a difference by volunteering to serve on an advisory commission, authority or board for the City of Wayzata. Position openings and the application packet are online at www.wayzata.org/CABapplication.

Applications are accepted until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 13. Interviews for open positions will take place with the City Council in December.