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CITY HALL NOW OPEN FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES!

City Hall has been closed to the public since COVID-19 health guidelines were enacted in March 2020. Many City services were provided electronically and over the phone and Council, Board and Commission meetings were conducted via Zoom technology. On June 1st, City Hall and other City facilities opened their doors to the public.

While we know the COVID-19 pandemic isn't over, staff is excited to work with residents once again. Masks and social distancing are not required in City facilities however masks are recommended for individuals that have not been vaccinated consistent with the Minnesota Department of Health guidelines.



City Hall is open 8 am to 4:30 pm. You will find the Police Department on the 1st floor, Administration and Finance on 2nd floor and Engineering, Planning and Building Inspections on 3rd floor. A drop box is located to the right of the front doors at City Hall for the convenience of leaving any documents or payments.

City Council, Boards and Commission meetings will now be conducted at City Hall with public present while concurrently operating a hybrid Zoom option for City Council meetings, Heritage Preservation Commission meetings, Planning Commission meetings, and Parks and Recreation Commission meetings. Zoom login numbers are available on the city website. All other Commission meetings will be held in-person only.

City Hall will be closed on these upcoming holidays: May 31, July 5 and September 6.

We look forward to seeing you back in the City facilities any way you feel comfortable.

STILLWATER 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION



The 4th of July City celebration will look a little different this year. COVID-19 supply chain disruptions have slowed the availability of fireworks and they won't be here till late July. Consequently, there will be no fireworks on the 4th. Instead the fireworks will be held on **August 14th** for the Lift and Loop Bridge Celebration!

The City is continuing with several activities to enjoy on the 4th including the Civil War Cannons from Battery I, 1st US Artillery in Lowell Park, live music in Lowell Park, the St. Croix Jazz Orchestra in Pioneer Park and more. Watch the City's Facebook and website for more details.

STILLWATER LIFT BRIDGE GRAND OPENING



Celebrating the grand opening of the Lift Bridge was postponed last year due to COVID-19. It has been rescheduled for **August 14th** this year! Join us on the west end of the Stillwater Historic Lift Bridge for the official bridge opening ceremony followed by the live music on the Chestnut Street, a beer garden, plus many other exciting activities.

Bridge the Valley Bike Rally will occur on **August 15th** as part of the Lift & Loop Celebration. Watch the City's Facebook and website for further details.



See back page of newsletter for a listing of other events planned for this summer in Stillwater.



Who's getting vaccinated

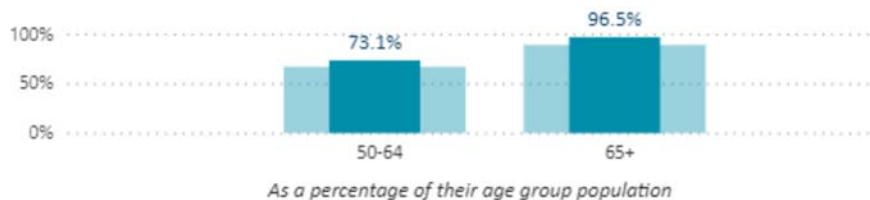
WASHINGTON COUNTY

Click on a county to narrow results. Data reported as of 5/18/2021.



Age group		Gender	
Age group		People with at least one vaccine dose	
16-17		3,525	
18-49		56,656	
50-64		39,966	
65+		35,636	
Unknown/missing		2,240	
Total		138,023	

People 50+ with at least one vaccine dose



PARKING IN STILLWATER

If your visiting downtown Stillwater, try parking in the RAMP. You are almost always GUARANTEED to find a parking spot in the four-level parking ramp. It is located just a block off Main Street on 2nd Street/ Commercial Street adjacent to the historic Lowell Inn. The City of Stillwater's parking ramp is often underutilized, so be a star and park asap by turning left on Commercial Street from Main St. and head straight into a covered place to park. The parking ramp can also be accessed from above on 3rd Street.

Don't forget to the App: [Airgar.ge.com](https://airgar.ge.com), choose the Ramp, enter your name and plate number, and off you go. Using the App is required to pay for parking in the ramp.. The weekday rate is \$3/day and \$5/day on weekends. If you park after 6pm on Sundays, it's free. You can park here overnight, but will be charged for two days.

As you enter Stillwater from Hwy 36 it's tempting to want to get out of your vehicle asap at the first parking spot to start shopping, dining, and sightseeing, but if you keep going only a few more blocks north on Main Street you'll find FREE parking in lots with an extra bonus – you can park overnight for 24 hours without a ticket or tow. There is also another 24 hour free lot near the Veteran's Memorial and Historic Courthouse.

There are over **1800 parking spaces** in downtown Stillwater – the **majority are FREE!** Stillwater offers both paid and FREE parking spaces. All street spots are FREE **for 3 hrs.** Enjoy FREE parking in all lots November 1-April 30. Download/View/Print a City parking map from the City website. For busy event days, please plan ahead to carpool, taxi, or shuttle. If you are planning to hit the bike trails, park in either of the lots on the Wisconsin side of the Loop trail and bike into downtown!

If you have a large RV or trailer, there are 4 36' parking spaces in lot 12 which right by the bike trailhead on near the Zephyr Theatre and 5 tour bus parking spots are available along Highway 96/Main Street on the south entrance of downtown near St. Croix Boat & Packet.

COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINES

Free saliva Covid testing continues at the Stillwater Armory located at 350 Maryknoll Drive, no appointment necessary.

Immunization opportunities are available at several places. If you are not connected with a health care provider, check out the COVID-19 Vaccine Connector program at www.mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/index.jsp as another option to explore. Washington County Public Health & Environment is currently holding COVID-19 vaccine clinics for individuals 12 years and older at the County Government Center in Stillwater. Also local pharmacies are also providing vaccines.



2021 DOG LICENSES

Last year, after many years of research and 2-legged work, the Stillwater City Code, Sec. 27-4, "Dog Ordinance" was revised in its entirety. Dog owner's can choose licenses for a 3-year period or for the dog's Lifetime, with discounts for your dog being microchipped and/or sterilized. The application form can be found on City's website and purchased through the Online Services portion of the Webstore. Email the application, Rabies certificate and microchip number to stillwater@ci.stillwater.mn.us. We will mail the new license tag.



WHEN IS A BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED?



Building Permits are required for both residential and commercial construction projects including new construction, additions, remodeling, structural changes or repairs, decks, finished basements, pools, garages and demolition. These types of projects require construction plans to be submitted to the City. Plan review during construction season can take 3-4 weeks. Please factor this into your project timeline. The City requires 2 sets of detailed, scaled, dimensioned full construction plans to be submitted with your permit application.

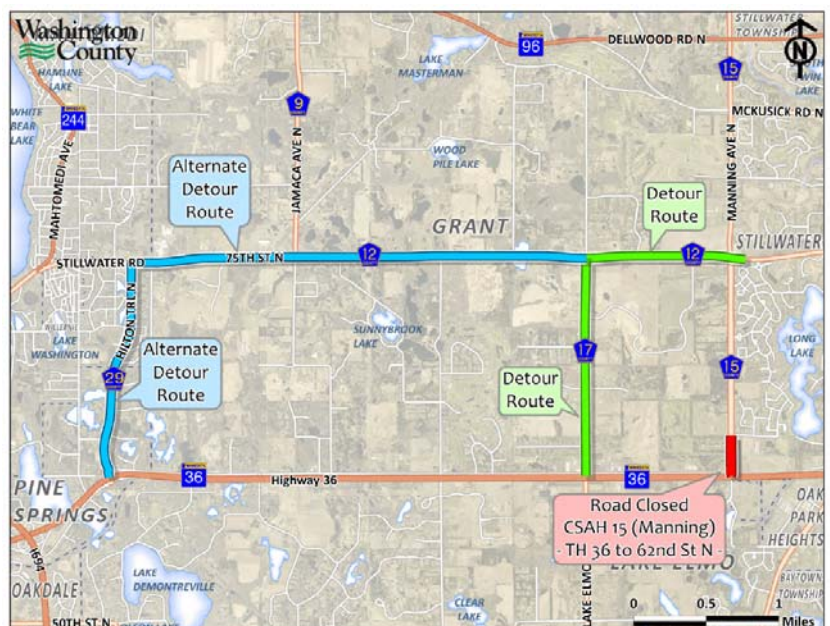
Other types of permits that are considered "counter permits" do not require plan review and can typically be issued quickly.

Counter permits include such work as roofing, siding, windows, furnace, air conditioner, water softener and water heater replacement. These types of permits can be emailed or faxed to the City.

The Building Inspections page on the City's website, has tabs for Forms and Applications and Helpful Handouts. These tabs include information about hiring a contractor, inspection requirements, permit submittal requirements based on project type, etc. When looking to hire a contractor for a project, it is helpful to read through the "Hiring a Contractor" information from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry to understand the importance of hiring a licensed contractor. Furthermore, the City of Stillwater website has instructions on how to submit and pay for all permit types.

ROAD CLOSED — MANNING AVENUE TO 62ND STREET

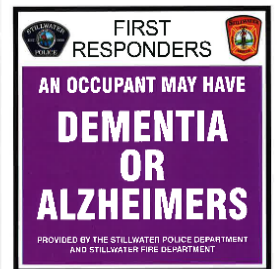
The Highway 36 & Manning Avenue Interchange Project will begin Monday, May 17. Manning Avenue will be closed from Highway 36 to 62nd Street and traffic will be detoured to Lake Elmo Avenue. Please follow the posted detour route shown below. Traffic signal modifications on Highway 36 will take place over the next several days to accommodate this change. Please anticipate delays in the area while this is occurring. There are construction photos on the Washington County website page to see the construction project. www.co.washington.mn.us/2662/TH-36-and-Manning-Avenue-Interchange



FIRST RESPONDER STICKERS

May is Mental Health Awareness month. Currently, the Stillwater Police Department averages at least one mental health related call for service every day. Most of these calls do not require police intervention and our hope is we can be a connection for those in crisis and the services they need. The Stillwater Police Department works closely with Stillwater Fire Department, Lakeview Emergency Medical Services and Washington County Crisis Response Unit to name a few. The more resources we have at our immediate disposal, the better we can serve those in need. Mental Illness can affect all of our families and our hope is that we can help to eliminate stigma.

The Stillwater Police Department is committed to continue evaluation of response to calls for service. In that light, the City is now offering stickers in an effort to better serve citizens and visitors in Stillwater. These vinyl stickers are peel and stick, 3.5"x3.5" in size and can be obtained at the Stillwater Police Department or Fire Department as well as at community events. The stickers are meant to be placed on exterior doors of residences or on vehicles. If you cannot obtain a sticker on your own, and would like one, please call the Police Department at 651-351-4900 and we will have an Officer deliver one to your residence.



CAR SEAT SAFETY

Stillwater Fire Department in partnership with Regions Hospital is offering a car seat and booster seat safety clinic.

Saturday, October 16

9:00 – Noon

at Stillwater Fire Department, 250 Maryknoll Dr.

**APPOINTMENTS
REQUIRED**

Email carseatinfo@healthpartners.com
or call 651-254-3564



RECREATIONAL FIRES

Recreational fires are allowed in the City of Stillwater without a permit if conducted following these regulations:

- Size not to exceed 3' in diameter and 2' in height.
- Must be contained within an approved fire pit and located at least 25' from a structure or other combustible materials.
- Attended at all times by an adult.
- Only clean, dry wood may be used; no leaves or construction items.
- Must have a connected garden hose or an extinguishing device readily available.

For fires larger than what is listed, you need to obtain a burning permit. With both types of fires the Fire Department has the authority to cancel burning and extinguish the fire if they feel the fire is a public safety hazard or we have received complaints of nuisance smoke. See DNR burning restrictions before starting your campfire.

www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html

FIREWORKS SAFETY

Did you know more than 30% of fireworks injuries are from sparklers?

There is an average of 73 hospital visits each year in Minnesota due to fireworks injuries.

Approximately 40 percent of fireworks injuries each year happen to children.

Only use Minnesota-legal fireworks like sparklers, fountains, ground spinners and snappers.

Point fireworks away from people and animals.

Use fireworks in an open area away from trees and houses.

Extinguish and dispose of spent fireworks in a bucket of water. Do not try to relight a dud.

Always use caution around fireworks and make sure children are supervised.



TWO LONG-TERM NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROJECTS HAVE BEGUN

At the center of Brown's Creek Park is a 3.5-acre native prairie area. Over the years, the site became degraded and overgrown with invasive plants and other trees and shrubs never intended for the site. This past winter, in preparation, Stillwater cleared the area of woody vegetation. On April 30th, a professional land management company hired by Stillwater conducted a prescribed burn. The fire acts as a "reset" by hindering undesirable plants while also giving more desirable ones a better chance to grow. The area will also be re-seeded with native grasses and forbs (flowering prairie plants). City staff will continue to monitor and manage the area as the new prairie begins to develop!



Brown's Creek Park prairie area post-prescribed burn. Prairie plants after a burn begin to regrow in a matter of weeks!

The City of Stillwater is also continuing its work in battling the woody invasive species, buckthorn. On the eastern shore of Long Lake is a 9-acre area of City open space property that has become heavily invaded by buckthorn. The area is a unique blend of native tree species, such as white oak, red oak, and birch, but its future is threatened as buckthorn continues to crowd out any trees that attempt to replace the mature trees. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources recently awarded the City of Stillwater a grant of \$31,500 to help manage the buckthorn in the area. This will go a long way towards restoring the site to its former beauty and will make it a much more enjoyable place for recreation.

EMERALD ASH BORER BULK DISCOUNT TREATMENT PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE!

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a non-native insect that has likely killed hundreds of millions of ash trees in the United States since 2002, with billions more currently vulnerable. EAB was discovered in Stillwater in 2019. With a mortality rate of nearly 100%, thousands of trees in our community are endangered.

In order to combat the devastating effects of EAB, the City of Stillwater has partnered with Rainbow Treecare to offer a bulk discount program to chemically treat private ash trees. Chemical treatment has proven to be a safe and extremely successful method of treatment. Infested ash trees are unlikely to show any signs of distress during the first couple of years, so being proactive is the best way to ensure your prized shade tree is preserved.

For more information or to schedule a **free** inspection and quote, contact Rainbow Treecare at 952-767-6920, or visit the Stillwater landing page at www.rainbowtreecare.com/Stillwater.

Note: Residents are under no obligation to partner with Rainbow Treecare. Many tree care companies offer EAB chemical treatment services. Whoever you choose, the most important thing is to get your tree treated!

FREE HEAD START PRESCHOOL & EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS



The Anoka/Washington County Head Start-Early Head Start program is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 program year. Programs are **free** for eligible families with children from birth to age five and pregnant women.

Anoka/Washington County's Head Start-Early Head Start program provides education, nutrition, mental health, school readiness and parent engagement services to children and families from income eligible households. They provide high-quality educational curriculum while connecting families with growth and learning opportunities.

To learn more or apply, visit www.accap.org/head-start/enrollment-4/ or call the enrollment hotline at 763-783-4314.



2021 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Every year the Engineering Department implements a street reconstruction project to repair or reconstruct about 4 miles of local roads in the city. The goal is to improve all the streets to a standard of 4 inches of pavement and 6 inches of gravel base and concrete curb and gutter. Some streets on these projects would be reconstructed if no significant work was done on them in the past. Or a mill and overlay of the top 1.5 inches of pavement and repair any damaged curb and gutter and sidewalks if they were constructed in the past and need maintenance work to prevent further damage to them.

This year's project includes these streets.

Partial Pavement Construction:

Eagle Ridge Cir.
Eagle Ridge Ct.
Eagle Ridge Crescent
Lecuyer Dr.
Lecuyer Cir.
Lecuyer Ct.
Thorene Pl

Full Pavement Reconstruction:

Maryknoll Drive from Oakridge Rd
to Bayberry Ave.
Mid Oaks Ave. N

Mill & Overlay streets:

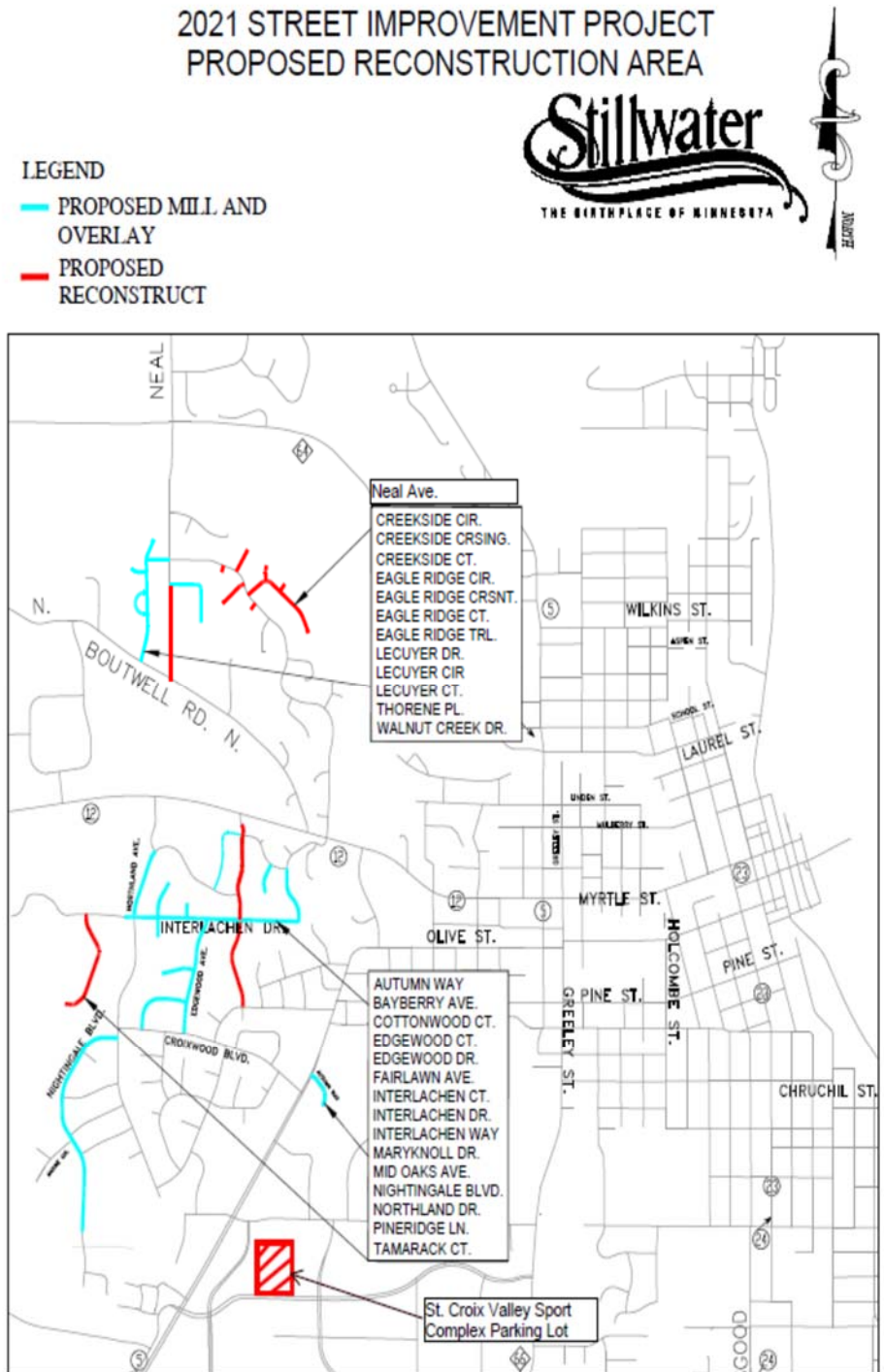
Bayberry Ave. (Maryknoll Dr. N to
Hawthorn Ln.)
Interlachen Dr. (Bayberry Ave to
72nd St. N)
Pineridge Ln.
Northland Ave. (Interlachen Dr. to
Hawthorne Ln.)
Edgewood Ave.
Edgewood Ct.
Fairlawn Dr.
Eagle Ridge Trail (Creekside
Crossing to Neal Ave.)
Creekside Crossing
Creekside Cir.
Creekside Ct.
Autumn Way
Nightingale Blvd.
Tamarack Ct.
Interlachen Ct.
Walnut Creek Dr.
Cottonwood Ct.

Neal Avenue:

Phase two of Neal Ave. from Boutwell
Road to Walnut Creek Dr.

Parking Lot Improvement

The parking lot of the St. Croix Rec Center will be reconstructed and damaged curbs will be replaced.



STILLWATER 2020 DRINKING WATER REPORT

Making Safe Drinking Water

Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: eight wells ranging from 83 to 305 feet deep, that draw water from the Prairie Du Chien-Jordan and Jordan aquifers.



Stillwater works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

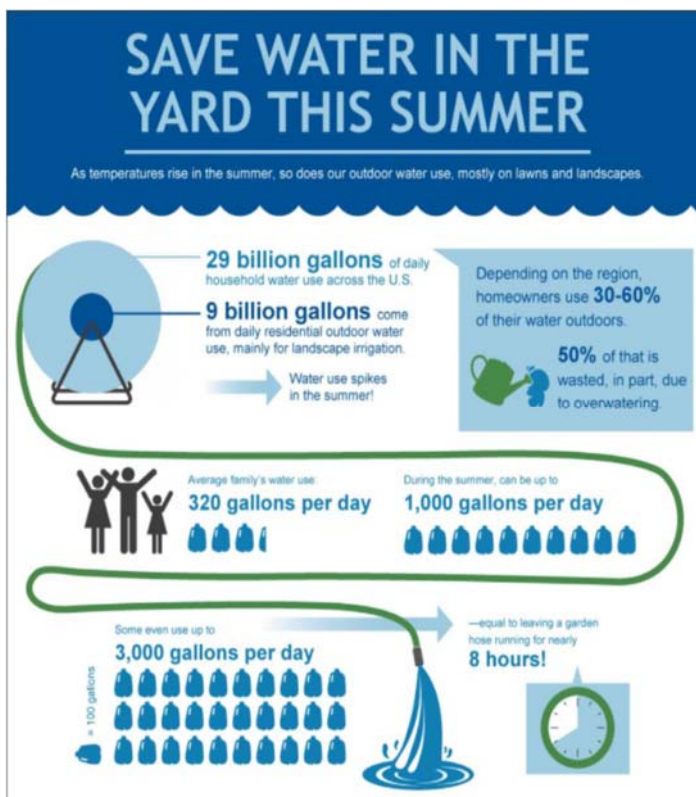
Contact Robert Benson, Utilities Superintendent, at 651-430-8740 or rbenson@ci.stillwater.mn.us if you have questions about Stillwater's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Stillwater Monitoring Results

The report contains monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2020. Stillwater works with Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health. Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota (www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html). To view the whole report go to: www.ci.stillwater.mn.us/city-government/public-works and click on the Water in the left hand column.



Turn off the Tap! Just by turning off the tap while you brush your teeth in the morning and before bedtime, you can save up to 8 gallons of water! That adds up to more than 200 gallons a month, enough to fill a huge fish tank that holds 6 small sharks! The same is true when you wash dishes. Turn off the tap! Scrape your dirty dishes into the trash—then put them in the dishwasher.



Stillwater's Waste Reduction News



Do you know that at the Washington County Environmental Center you can get free stuff. The Free Product Room is located inside the Environmental Center. Residents can browse the shelves and take home products such as paint, stain, automotive products, household cleaners and other products. All products brought in to the Environmental Center are inspected to determine if they are usable products. If the containers and products are in good shape, the products are put in the Free Product Room for others to take.



APARTMENT RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM

Multi-Unit Apartments and businesses might be recycling but there are opportunities to recycle better. A free consultation with a recycling expert and grant funding could help.

BizRecycling works with all sizes and types of businesses, golf courses, schools, multi-unit residential properties, restaurants, and more. By logging into [www/bizrecycling.com](http://www.bizrecycling.com) you can fill out the contact form, get a free consultation, apply for money and launch or relaunch your program.



GREEN BUSINESS DIRECTORY



GreenStillwater.org, created by Sustainable Stillwater MN, a 501c3 nonprofit, is Washington County's First Green Business Directory where shoppers can find businesses that share their values. Applications are now open for businesses and organizations that serve Washington County. The application has questions about waste disposal, water usage, energy conservation, and more with bonus points for good practices in specific categories, i.e., restaurants, hotels, landscapers, etc. So far, more than a dozen companies have been accepted. Businesses receive public "report cards," bronze, silver, or gold award levels, window signs, framed award plaques, and social media promotion. Three achievement levels tiered from entry-level to advanced assure that many businesses will qualify. Apply today at GreenStillwater.org!

WHAT TO DO WITH FOOD SCRAPS - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



1. How often can I drop off food scraps?

You can drop off food scraps as often as you like during operating hours.

2. Do I need to use a compostable bag?

A compostable bag (either BPI certified compostable or paper bag) is required if bagging your food scraps. Plastic bags are not compostable and are considered a contaminant at the commercial composting facilities that process the food scraps.

3. Will this smell and attract pests?

Odors will be similar to regular trash and will not attract pests if managed properly. Dropping off your food scraps on a weekly basis will help minimize odor and pests.

4. Can I put yard waste in with my food scraps?

No. Please keep food scraps separate from yard waste.

5. How are food scraps recycled?

The food scraps collected are recycled at a local facility and turned into compost.

6. What materials are accepted?

Food, fruit and vegetables, meat, fish, and bones, dairy products, eggs and egg shells, bread, pasta, beans, and rice, nuts and shells, coffee grounds, filters, and tea bags, animal and pet food.

Starter kits are available to Washington County residents only. Kits include a 2 gallon kitchen pail and 10 compostable bags. Limit 1 kit per household. Start collecting food scraps at home and bring the bagged food scraps to a drop-off site.

Visit www.co.washington.mn.us/foodscraps or call 651-275-7475 to sign up & pick-up a free starter kit!

TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION RATES INCREASE JULY 1

Waste Management has hauled refuse and recyclables for the residents of Stillwater for over 50 years. The single waste hauler system was hailed by those who saw it as reducing street and alley truck traffic, reduce costs, reduce impact of heavy trucks on local roads, reduce truck noise and pollution, increase safety, reduce visibility of carts on streets to one day a week and deter illegal trash dumping.

Waste Management and other haulers are making more trips to pick up trash and bringing it to a landfill or sorting facility than ever before. Disposal costs are rising because of the increased volumes and the declining recycling market. Rate increases are necessary to address state mandates and increased costs in recycling services.

City staff compared rates with other cities to work with Waste Management on setting fees for the next five years. A part of the fees, the City can not control is the disposal tipping fee increases that occur each January. Tipping fees at the Ramsey Washington County Environmental facility in Newport for 2021 are \$84/ton, up \$2 from 2020.

Residents will see rate increases starting July 1. For a Senior cart, the 2021 quarterly rate will be \$42.48, a \$4.08 increase from 2020. The Small cart quarterly rate will be \$57.75, a \$4.86 increase. The Medium cart quarterly rate will be \$67.71, a \$5.01 increase. The Large cart quarterly rate will be \$80.79, a \$5.22 increase. These rates include the disposal tipping fee and recycle materials however it does not include billing or state and county taxes. On July 1, 2022 through 2026, rates will increase 2.5% each year.

The organized collection program will continue to offer curbside collection of two bulk items, four consumer electronics, three appliances, and unlimited yard waste. There is still be free walk-up service for people who cannot move their carts to the curb. Service holds will continue to be offered for people who are gone for more than 90 days. Additional service fees will remain the same for cart size changes, off-day service pickups, additional bulk items, and additional garbage bags placed outside of a cart.

New Hours & Services

Beginning June 1, 2021

Hours:

- Mondays - Thursdays
10 AM - 7 PM
- Fridays & Saturdays
10 AM - 5 PM
- Sundays
Closed

Services:

- Browse the shelves and check out items.
- Face masks optional, in accordance with state guidelines.
- Stay awhile. No time or capacity limits for visits. Seating available.
- Use a computer for up to 50 minutes.
- Schedule a locker pickup appointment for contactless service.

STILLWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Stillwater Public Library welcomes you!
To learn more, visit stillwaterlibrary.org or call us at 651-275-4338.

Beginning on June 1, the library will move to a new phase of library services. The library will be open on Mondays through Thursdays from 10 AM to 7 PM and on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Stop in to browse materials, read a newspaper, or enjoy the terrace and gallery. General seating will be available. Many programs will continue virtually, with some programs being offered in-person.

Following state guidelines, face masks will be optional.

Study rooms and meeting rooms remain closed. The timing of opening these spaces for use is currently being reviewed. Stay tuned!

For more information about library services, visit stillwaterlibrary.org.

LIBRARY LOCKERS & DOORSTEP DELIVERY

When we expand hours in June, our curbside service will come to an end. For those continuing to need more convenience or accessibility, we can help!

Library Lockers: Holds may be picked up in the library lockers, located just inside the double doors from the library's 3rd St parking ramp. An appointment is required. Materials will be available in the locker during library hours on the date of the appointment only. Park in the spot reserved for locker service, grab your books, and go!

Doorstep Delivery: This service is available to residents of Stillwater who are unable to visit the library either temporarily or permanently due to illness or visual impairment. We will deliver library materials to your home and pick them up from you. To learn more, call us at 651-275-4338.

Learn, Connect & Discover at Stillwater Public Library!

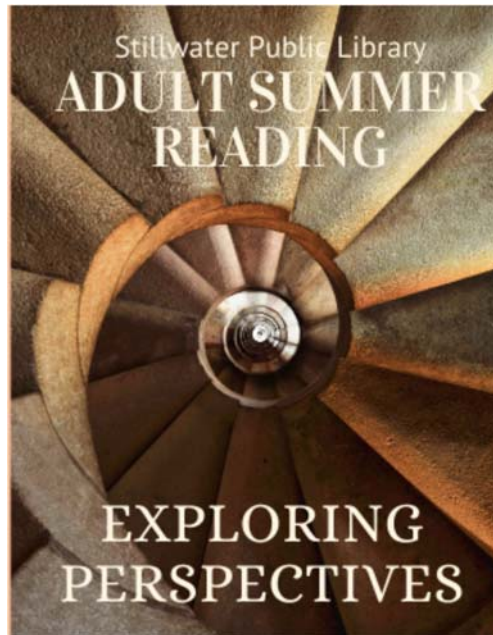
EXPLORING PERSPECTIVES: ADULT SUMMER READING

As pandemic restrictions are eased and we transition into summer, take time for *Exploring Perspectives*. Venture into new genres, extend in new directions, or simply try new books by a favorite author. We will support you with staff book suggestions, cool programs, the chance to win weekly drawings, and monthly take & make projects.

Following are some of our summer activities:

Still Life With Oil Pastels (online): June 3 | 5:30 PM

Connect Through Books (online): June 7, July 12, August 2 | 6:30 PM



Big Read: Hmong American Farmers Association (online): June 8 | 6:30 PM

Write Your Life with The Loft (online): June 15 | 6:00 PM

SPL at the Stillwater's Farmer's Market (at Third & Pine St): June 19 | 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Big Read: Happy Hour Book Discussion of The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down (at Forge & Foundry): June 23 | 6:30 PM

Sunflowers in Acrylic (online): July 1 | 5:30 PM

Summer Landscapes in Watercolor (online): August 5 | 5:30 PM

Register for a program on our events calendar at stillwaterlibrary.org/library-events or call 651-275-4338.



SUMMER EXPLORERS: YOUTH SUMMER READING

Join us for a summer of exploration and fun! Read, write, create, and investigate with our summer reading program for kids and teens from June 5 through August 7. This year's summer reading program is a joint program of Stillwater and Bayport Public Libraries.

Step 1—Register: Sign up for Summer Explorers online and check out our getting started video at stillwaterlibrary.org/summer-explorers. We will be using Beanstack, an online tool to track reading and activities.

Step 2 – Pick Up Your Summer Explorer Bag and Free Book: Once you have registered, stop by the library beginning on Saturday, June 5 to pick up your Summer Explorer bag and select a free book to jump start your summer reading adventures!

Step 3 – Log Your Reading and Activities: Throughout the summer, log reading minutes from any reading format, from books to audiobooks, or reading aloud with your family.

Step 4 – Earn Badges and A Chance to Win Prizes: Collect virtual badges in Beanstack for both your reading and activities. With your Beanstack registration, you also qualify for drawings to win prizes.

Attend a storytime, take an art class, or learn Minnesota history. When you visit the library, check out the children's area for even more activities.

Summer Reading Kickoff – Video Concert with Jim Gill (online): June 5 | 10:00 AM

Story Stroll (at Pioneer Park): June 5 – 18

Baby Bear's Summer Story Explorers (online): Wednesdays on June 9 – July 28 | 10:15 AM

Explore MN History (online with kit)*: Quilt Squares-June 12, Dakota Beading-June 26, Cornhusk Dolls-July 17

Drawing Manga & Comics (online with kit, ages 10+)*: June 12

Science with The Bakken Museum – Be an Engineer (online with kit)*: Kit-June 14, Optional livestream-June 18 or 25

Art for Kids (online with kit)*: Paper Sculpture-June 19, Sea Diorama-July 24, Elephant Garden-August 7

Natural Wonders Outdoor Storytime (4th Street Lawn)*: June 24 & July 19 | 6:30 PM

Art Appreciation for Teens (online)*: Klimt-July 20, O'Keefe-August 7

Books and Benches Storytime (Pioneer Park): August 9 | 10:15 AM

An *indicates registration required. Most classes open for registration 4 weeks prior to the event date. Register at stillwaterlibrary.org/library-events.

Upcoming

EVENTS

- * June 9 – Cruisin' on the St. Croix Car Show (occurs every other Wednesday till Sept 29)
- * June 12 – MS 150 Bike Ride
- * June 29 – Summer Tuesdays (occurs every Tuesday till August 31)
- * July 16 thru 18 – Lumberjack Days
- * July 22 thru 25 – Broadway on the Bridge, Mamma Mia
- * August 3 – National Night Out
- * August 7 and 8 – Opera on the River
- * August 20 – Ragnar Relay
- * August 21– UMR Grand Classic Car Show

And more to come!



NEW HIRES:

Tracy Anderson/Finance
 Robert Benson/Public Works
 David Crist/Police
 Tim Gladhill/Community Development
 Jason Grode/Parks
 James McGath/Public Works
 Vanessa Norby/Finance
 Joshua Ramirez/Police
 Cole Ruud/Public Works
 Andrew Straus/Public Works
 James Tibbetts/Public Works
 Karie Weldon/Police
 Josh Wille/Public Works
 Ben Wojcik/Fire

5 Years

Keith Frank/Police
 Matthew Richardson/Fire

15 Years

Cody DeNucci/Public Works

20 Years

John Jurek/Engineering
 Shawn Sanders/Engineering
 Bob Templin/Public Works



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR RETIRES

Stillwater Community Development Director Bill Turnblad retired on May 28, 2020 after a successful and lengthy career in community planning. Bill worked for the City for 15 years. The Stillwater City Council adopted a Certificate of Appreciation for Mr. Turnblad on May 18, 2021, in recognition of his dedicated service to the community.

The recruitment and selection process for a new Community Development Director occurred in May. The City is pleased to announce Tim Gladhill, currently working in Ramsey, MN, has accepted an offer of employment as the next Community Development Director and will start in late June 2021. Abbi Wittman, Stillwater's City Planner, has been appointed as the interim Community Development Director until the new Director is on board.



NEWS FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The City of Stillwater is now a member of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity, a national network of government working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all. Several staff members and commission members took an all-day workshop this spring and are looking to expand the training. Diversity, equity and inclusion are part of the city's Strategic Plan, which is available on the city website. The City has also completed an ADA Survey of public facilities and developed a transition plan outlining policies and procedures to guide the City on anticipated projects; and designated the Public Works Director as the ADA Coordinator. The full ADA Survey is available on the city website.

CITY OF STILLWATER 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The latest edition of the Annual Report is available. This annual report provides a snapshot of the activity in the City of Stillwater. Find it on our website at:

www.ci.stillwater.mn.us/city-government/2020annualreport

