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## CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

In August, 2021, the City Council adopted updates to the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. The City Council conducted its annual Strategic Plan work session on July 8, 2021 at the Stillwater National Guard Readiness Center. The work session was facilitated by Dr. Craig Waldron and participants included the Mayor, City Council members and city department managers. The group reviewed the City's 2020 Strategic Plan results and accomplishments, discussed immediate burning issues, significant challenges, five-year vision for the City and next year's priorities and additions to the Strategic Plan.

Based on the results of the strategic plan work session, the City Strategic Plan Summary 2020-2025 has been updated to incorporate next year's action item priorities/additions to the Strategic Plan. The City's Mission Statement, Core Values and major Strategic Plan goals of Develop Organizational Excellence, Develop Our Community and Sustain Strategic Planning and Implementation, all remain consistent moving forward. The Stillwater Strategic Plan Summary 2020-2025 can be viewed at this link: <https://www.ci.stillwater.mn.us/home/showdocument?id=1456>

## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET AND TAX LEVY

The Council approved the proposed 2022 budget and proposed 2022 property tax levy on September 21, 2021. City Departments developed and submitted 2022 operational and capital budget requests in July of 2021. Those proposals were reviewed, discussed and revised by the City Council at budget work sessions conducted on August 17 and September 7, 2021. The proposed 2022 property tax levy is an increase of 6.5% over the 2021 levy resulting in an increase of approximately \$67.00 on a \$320,000 valued residential property in Stillwater. The Council also set the Truth-in-Taxation public meeting date for December 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Following the Truth-in-Taxation meeting, the City Council may reduce the proposed tax levy, but cannot increase the levy; and the City Council will then adopt the City of Stillwater Final 2022 Budget. The proposed 2022 budget includes appropriations that align with the City's top strategic issues and action items identified in the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, including; addressing workforce needs, managing long term city infrastructure needs & maximizing economic development opportunities. Proposed 2022 City Budget information will be available on the City's website after October 8, 2021.

## UPDATES TO SEWER, SIGNS, LIGHTING AND WATER BILLING



### WATER/SEWER UTILITY BILLING CHANGES

The City is preparing to combine the water and sewer invoices onto one bill. Currently your water invoice and sewer invoice are sent out separately and you pay them separately. If everything goes according to plan a combined utility bill that will include fees for water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, signs and lighting will be implemented starting January 2022. Your current sewer utility account number will be your new account number and your water account number will end.

The new combined bill will also have new due dates. The due dates will be as follows: February 10, May 10, August 10 and November 10.

If you are signed up for sewer/utility/water direct debit, these will also be the dates your payment will be processed from your bank. If you have Direct Debit payments set up through PSN (Payment Service Network) you will need to remove those after December 15, 2021.

If you have water ACH payments set up with a voided check, these will automatically end after December 15, 2021.

If you have the same bank account set up for your sewer payments, you will not need to do anything as that will continue when the bills are combined in January 2022.

Please note if writing a check to pay your utility bill, please use black or blue ink and no staples or tape is necessary.

### COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES:

Starting October 2021, Commercial properties will now be billed quarterly instead of monthly. The due dates are the same as above.

Any questions on your account, please contact the Finance Department at 651-430-8815.



## WORLD SNOW SCULPTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams from around the world will create amazing snow sculptures while competing for prize money and the title of World Champions. The Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the City of Stillwater, will bring the World Snow Sculpting Champi-

onship to Stillwater on January 19-23, 2022 in Lowell Park. Spectators can come watch the entire process and visit with the teams. On Saturday, January 22, they can vote for their favorite team. The team with the most votes will win "The People Choice Award."



On July 20, 2021, the Stillwater City Council adopted a resolution designating the City of Stillwater as a Donate Life City. Stillwater, Minnesota is the first city in the nation to affirm their community-wide commitment to organ, eye and tissue donation by being designated as a Donate Life City.

Here is Councilmember Larry Odebrecht's story with LifeSource: "Having had two family members impacted by organ donation and having met a number of others who've had their lives saved by the gift of life, I wanted to share some thoughts on why I'm proud that Stillwater is the Nation's 1st Donate Life City.

More than 7,000 people a year (almost 1 per hour) pass away because the organs they need are not donated in time. When Stillwater became a Donate Life City, two of our residents were there representing their daughter who died waiting for a donation.

This designation represents Stillwater as the kind and caring community that we all know it is. Please join me in celebrating such a wonderful achievement."



## KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE IN SCHOOL

The new school years is well underway and hoping for a full year of in-person learn-

ing. The Stillwater Police Department is making school safety a top priority. They City has partnered with the Stillwater Area School District to provide a detective who works out of the Stillwater Middle School during the year. Detective Sandra Vetsch has been in this role for several years and takes the safety and well being of children very seriously. Along with Detective Vetsch, you will see uniformed and plain clothes officers at times in the schools and on school grounds, all working to provide a safe and inviting place for our youth to learn.



## BRI HEROUX LAW ENFORCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The goal of the Bri Heroux annual scholarship is to help support a current or prospective student in their pursuit of a career in law

enforcement. The scholarship is for students who are, or will be in the next 3 months, attending a two or four-year college in pursuit of a Law Enforcement degree.

**Background** - Officer Heroux began her career as a full-time patrol officer with the Stillwater Police Department in 2006. After working as a patrol officer, faithfully, for three years she learned that she and her husband were going to have a baby. Unfortunately, Officer Heroux passed away from complications due to child birth. Her son, Leland, survived and is thriving with his father and family. This scholarship is being offered to honor her memory.

**Requirements** - The Bri Heroux Scholarship is a \$500 per year award that will be given to the student that has shown a dedication to their preparation for a career as a police officer. A new candidate will be considered each year. The association is looking for students that have maintained a 2.5 cumulative GPA in their senior year, high school classes or a 2.5 cumulative GPA in their college courses. In addition, we are looking for students that have been active in their community through either paid or volunteer endeavors. The applicant must have at least one term left at the time of the application and must be enrolled full time. Scholarship award will be based on the applicant's academic achievement, career goals, leadership, and financial need.

**Application Process** - The application process consists of the submission of a short essay, cover letter and official transcript. *Cover letter*: full name, date of birth, email, phone number, address, and name of college you will be attending. *Essay*: in less than 800 words please describe what you have done to prepare yourself for a career in Law Enforcement and include the following: your commitment to the field of law enforcement, your career goals, and any classes, experiences, affiliations etc. that you think will make you an ideal candidate for this opportunity.

**Transcript** - In addition to the essay, please send an official transcript from the high school you are graduating from or college you are currently attending. Submit your application via email to [stillwaterpoliceassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stillwaterpoliceassociation@gmail.com) or mail to:

Stillwater Police Association  
P.O. Box 103  
Stillwater, MN 55082  
Attention: Ofc. Austin Peterson

**Applications will be accepted through Dec. 1st, 2021**

Thank you for your interest in the Bri Heroux Scholarship and the Stillwater Police Association!





## Find The Right Seat

**ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 FROM 9AM until Noon** the Stillwater Fire Department in partnership with Regions Hospital is offering a car seat and booster seat safety clinic. Certified car seat technicians will teach you how to properly install your car seat/booster seat and teach you how to properly harness your child into the seat. There is no charge for this clinic. Appointments are required. Email [carseatinfo@healthpartners.com](mailto:carseatinfo@healthpartners.com) or call 651-254-3564 to schedule an appointment.



### CANDLE SAFETY

MINNESOTA PUBLIC SAFETY STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
AND STILLWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles. Candles and open flames are the third leading cause of Minnesota structure fires. When using candles, choose flameless candles. Most offer the same flicker effect as real candles and come in scented varieties. Keep traditional candles in a sturdy container that cannot be tipped over. Extinguish candles before leaving the room or going to sleep. Use flashlights – not candles for emergency lighting if the power goes out.

### ADDRESS SAFETY TIPS

MINNESOTA PUBLIC SAFETY STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
AND STILLWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters can't help if they can't find you. Your safety in an emergency depends on responders' ability to find you quickly. Saving lives and property can come down to a matter of seconds. Emergency vehicles need to be able to see your address day or night.

House numbers should be at least 4 inches tall be visible from the street. If your house is set back, affix numbers to a mailbox or post that can be seen from the public road. Trim any greenery and remove decorations that may block clear view of the address. If possible, post your address near a porch light, or at least use reflective numbers.



### GUIDED BIRD HIKES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY PARKS CONTINUE



Guided bird hikes throughout Washington County Parks will continue this fall from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at Big Marine Park Reserve. Nov. 13 at Pine Point Regional Park and Dec. 11 at Lake Elmo Park Reserve. Registration is required, as group size is limited, and can be found on the Washington County Parks web page here: [www.co.washington.mn.us/2174/Bird-Hikes](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/2174/Bird-Hikes)

Learn to identify the birds that call the St. Croix Valley home and contribute to citizen science data collection by completing bird count surveys with the guide. The surveys collected will assist the County's Natural Resources team and related work in conjunction with the Lessard-Sams Outdoor

Heritage Fund grant. The hike will traverse turf, gravel, and paved trail depending on trail conditions. Participants should bring binoculars and dress for hiking and the weather. This program is free with a parks vehicle permit (\$7/daily or \$30/annually), and is open to people of all ages and abilities. ADA accommodations can be made as needed. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. For questions, call 651-430-8370 or email at [parks@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:parks@co.washington.mn.us).

### FREE HEAD START PRESCHOOL & EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS



Anoka/Washington County  
Head Start-Early Head  
Start  
Program Information

The Anoka/Washington County Head Start-Early Head Start program is enrolling now! Programs are free for eligible families with children from birth to age five and pregnant women. The Head Start program provides education, nutrition, mental health, school readiness and parent engagement services to children and families from income eligible households. Our approach is to provide high-quality educational curriculum while connecting families with growth and learning opportunities. To learn more or apply, visit our website at [www.accap.org/head-start/enrollment-4/](http://www.accap.org/head-start/enrollment-4/) or call 763-783-4314.



## GET TO KNOW COMMUNITY THREAD! SINCE 1967

Community Thread has maximized resources and volunteers to improve the quality of life for adults and their families in our local community. Our volunteer oriented programs serve people of all ages, and our opportunities for older adults provide countless ways to stay engaged, enriched, and connected. Community Thread is located at 2300 Orleans St. W, Stillwater, MN 55082

**Baubles, Bangles & Bling Sale** - Purchase jewelry, handbags, scarves and new items! Proceeds benefit Community Thread's Older Adult Programs. Thursday, October 7, 4pm-7pm. Friday, October 8, 10am-4pm. Saturday, October 9, 10am-2pm

**Rake a Difference Day** - Saturday, October 23 from 9am-12pm, or groups and homeowners may choose the date and time most convenient. Through this service initiative, volunteers are matched to adults age 55+ and adults with disabilities who need yard raking assistance in the community. If you are interested in volunteering for Rake a Difference Day, visit our website at [www.CommunityThreadMN.org](http://www.CommunityThreadMN.org) or call 651-439-7434 to learn more. Volunteer applications are due by Friday, October 15.

**Holiday Hope** - This program connects people in need to those willing to provide support during the holidays. Last year, Community Thread celebrated 50 years of Holiday Hope by bringing holiday joy to local families with children, older adults, and adults with disabilities. Sponsors are matched with those in need to provide individually chosen gifts and a holiday meal. In 2020, 734 local households benefited from the generosity of the community. Contact us at 651-439-7434 or [Holiday-Hope@CommunityThreadMN.org](mailto:Holiday-Hope@CommunityThreadMN.org) for more information and to learn about requirements.

## LEAVES, LEAVES EVERYWHERE — HELP KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN!

There's nothing quite like this time of year. We finally get to slow down after the chaotic, jam-packed summer and start up with fall activities such as visiting apple orchards and pumpkin patches, watching football with family, and, perhaps most iconic of them all, taking a drive when the leaves begin to change. You feel compelled to take in that last flush of color — all shades of yellow, orange, and red— before the landscape gives way to brown and, eventually, nothing but blinding white.

Not long after these fleeting moments, the ground is quickly littered with leaves, nothing but leaves, and absolutely everywhere. You're reminded— oh yeah, the fall also means end-of-year yardwork (those flowerbeds aren't going to deadhead themselves!). As the leaves begin to fall to the ground and you head outside to prep your yard for the long winter, take a look at your nearby gutters and storm drains. It's not the most glamorous of work, but keeping leaves out of the gutters and storm drains is one of the most beneficial things you can do for your community.

Storm sewers are not designed to handle leaves and plant matter in any amount; they are designed strictly for water. Anything else leads to serious problems, such as flooding. Because leaves don't break down quickly enough, they mix in with water, freeze, and cause clogging and backups. Perhaps the most serious issue with leaves collecting in sewers is the release of excess nutrients into water. As they decompose, phosphorous contained within the leaves then flows into waterbodies. This excess phosphorous causes algal blooms in our ponds, lakes, and rivers, which leads to decreased levels of oxygen in the water, degrading water quality and greatly disrupting ecosystems. It can lead to fish kill, habitat disruption, very smelly water, and the buildup of partially decomposed leaf sludge.



If you're serious about keeping our water clean, you can adopt a storm drain — you can even give it a name! Visit [www.Adopt-a-Drain.org](http://www.Adopt-a-Drain.org) and find a storm drain that hasn't been claimed. There are many still available!

## WINTER PARKING IS IN EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO MARCH 31



On the odd numbered days cars parked in the street must be on the side of the street with odd numbered addresses, the even numbered days on the side of the street with even numbered addresses. Vehicles may park on both sides of the street between 7 pm and midnight each day. Additionally, downtown there is no parking on city streets from 2 am to 6 am during those same months. Greeley Street is enforced for odd/even parking as well as Myrtle Street. Between Owens Street and Greeley Street odd/even parking is allowed on Myrtle once the snow has been cleared. However, parking at signs is still observe throughout the year (i.e. 4 hr. lots; 3 hr. parking zones). Please observe signs.





## SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE OF FAIRY FALLS

The National Park Service would like to hear from you as they explore opportunities for improving safety, protecting the 54-acre natural environment, and enhancing visitor experiences at the Fairy Falls Day Use Area located in Stillwater Township just north of Stillwater. Public Comments will be accepted Oct 9 - Nov 21 and hold virtual meetings on Oct 19 from 7 pm - 8 pm and October 21 from 4 pm - 5 pm. Visit [www.nps.gov/sacn](http://www.nps.gov/sacn) for more information.

## LILY LAKE WATER QUALITY PROJECT & FRIENDS OF LILY LAKE SURVEY

Lily Lake has long been the heart of residential Stillwater and the surrounding area. People of all ages have fond memories of fun in and around this city jewel. After 15 years of concerted efforts, Lily Lake may be removed from Minnesota's "Impaired Waters List" thanks to the efforts of the City of Stillwater, the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization and citizen groups such as Friends of Lily Lake (formerly Lily Lake Association).

The City will reach a major milestone of lowering the phosphorus levels in Lily Lake with the completion of a water quality project, currently under construction south of Lily Lake park where the old City of Stillwater Parks Department shop use to be located. The project consists of installation of an infiltration basin to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff and nutrients entering Lily Lake and an in-lake treatment to help settle existing nutrients in the lake. The project also includes installation of a trail around the perimeter of the new basin.

The Friends of Lily Lake have engaged in a strategic visioning process to develop a shared community vision of ways to appreciate and recreate in Lily Lake and its surrounding acreage. Input for the visioning process and the survey can be found on the Friends of Lily Lake website at [www.lilylakemn.wixsite.com/lilylake](http://www.lilylakemn.wixsite.com/lilylake).



## HIGHWAY 36 & MANNING AVENUE INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



### GRADING WORK

- Excavation and grading work has progressed in the NE and SW quadrants of the interchange. The ramps and loops are taking shape and the ponds have been graded.
- The pond in the NW quadrant of has been excavated and fill material is being placed for the 60th Street connection and the westbound on-ramp.
- Curb and gutter is ready to be installed on the northern portion of Manning Avenue and the ramp and loop in the NE quadrant.

### RETAINING WALLS

- The north retaining wall near Applewood Golf Course is complete. After the concrete has reached the required strength, the fill for 60th Street can be completed.
- The retaining wall in the SW quadrant is being constructed. As this wall progresses, the east-bound off-ramp grading will be completed.
- The concrete footing has been formed and poured for a portion of the retaining wall in the SE quadrant (adjacent to the temporary bypass road that is currently in place). This wall will support the roadway for the southern portion of Manning Avenue.

### BRIDGE

- Crews have started work on the north bridge abutment. The concrete footing was formed and poured this week. Work will then proceed to the abutment wall.
- Excavation is nearly complete for the south bridge abutment. Work will begin on the concrete structure in the coming weeks.

## LUMBERJACK LANDING DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

On September 21<sup>st</sup> the Stillwater City Council accepted a \$1 million donation from Mrs. Geri Freels, of the Oak Glen neighborhood, to assist the City in the renovation of the former Aiple residence in Lumberjack Landing into a multi-use park building. Her desire is to help share her and her late husband's, Frank Freels, love to the St. Croix River with the Stillwater community.

Mrs. Freels reached out to the City after learning the building's conversion, originally not planned to be completed until 2030, would cost \$1.3 million. It is Mrs. Freels hope the City will be able to complete the project much sooner than anticipated. City staff anticipates, pending other funding options, the building's conversion could within the next five years.

At this time, the City is preparing engineering and construction plans for internal walking trails, connection to the Brown's Creek State Trail, an ADA-accessible non-motorized boat launch and a fishing pier to be constructed in 2022. Anyone interested in learning more about future development of Lumberjack Landing can view the 10-year plan at visit the city's website under Community Development Department Projects.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY STILLWATER!

According to local historians, October 26 is Stillwater's Birthday and this year marks our 178<sup>th</sup> year! Though Washington County Historical Society's Executive Director, Brent Peterson notes:

the original plat of Stillwater was signed in August, 1848; and  
the bill to grant Stillwater's original municipal charter was signed in March 1854; and  
the city government began to function following elections in April 1854,

the Stillwater Lumber Company was incorporated on October 26, 1843 and the City commemorated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1993 based on this date. To commemorate this and to celebrate local preservation efforts, the Stillwater Heritage Preservation Commission will be granting its annual preservation awards on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Delayed due to the pandemic, awards will be granted for storefront reconstruction, residential rescue, and new construction projects that occurred in 2019 and 2020.



## CHESTNUT STREET PLAZA

The City of Stillwater, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), is planning to convert Chestnut Street between Main Street and the Lift Bridge to a permanent shared-street pedestrian plaza. This area has long been envisioned as a multi-use plaza following the closure of the Lift Bridge to auto traffic. This shared space will help create a vibrant, walkable Downtown and also serve as an exciting event venue for many of our popular events.

This project is made possible through a generous grant award from MnDOT in the amount of \$2 million. Construction is expected to begin next July and wrap up in the Fall of 2022. For more information, please visit the city's website under Community Development Department Projects or call us at 651-430-8820.

## NEW FOCUS ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In September, the Stillwater City Council took an important step in our economic development goals by creating a new Economic Development Authority (EDA). In these early stages of the EDA, the City Council will serve as the EDA and provide a renewed focus on business retention and expansion, small business growth, branding and marketing and other public financing tools. The EDA was established to expand the City's toolbox to assist local business and aims to improve communication and assistance with our business community to foster success and growth.





### **200 CHESTNUT APARTMENTS**

Earlier this year, the City Council granted approval of the 200 Chestnut Apartment project. This 61 unit multi-family housing development provides new housing choices and new energy to Downtown Stillwater while replacing an older obsolete and blighted building at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South and Chestnut Street. This project should help provide a range of new housing opportunities and create a balance of housing choices. Additionally, residential uses are a welcome addition to downtown that plan for a mixture of commercial, office and residential. For more information, visit the city's website under Community Development Department or call us at 651-430-8820.

### **CITY COUNCIL AWARDS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE ST. CROIX RIVERBANK STABILIZATION AND RIVERWALK PROJECT**

At the August 10th Stillwater Council meeting, City Council awarded the St. Croix Riverbank Stabilization and Riverwalk Project to Sunram Construction with a bid amount of \$2.9 million. The project located south of downtown along the St. Croix River, consists of riverbank bank stabilization, adding 1300 feet of riverwalk from Nelson Street to the Bergstein and Shoddy Mill Buildings in Bridgeview Park and adding three river overlooks.

Sections of the loop trail will be used during construction and closed to bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Construction of the project is scheduled to begin in October 2021 and be completed by the Fall of 2022. This project is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature. If you have any questions on the project, call the Engineering Department at 651-430-8830.



### **NEW BIKE RACKS IN DOWNTOWN STILLWATER**

Bicycling is an activity that all ages can enjoy whether for recreation or for exercise. With the recent addition of the Browns Creek Trail and the St. Croix Loop Trail, bicycling has become more popular in the City along these trails. Bicyclists can now come to the City, safely park their bicycles in a designated area and recreate in the City by either waking to the riverfront or visit our shops and restaurants along Main Street. In partnership with Washington County Living Healthy, the City received funding through the Minnesota Department of Health's Statewide Health Improvement Partnership to install three new bicycles racks in the downtown area. Bike rack locations include Myrtle and Main, Nelson and Main and the Lowell Park Restroom facility. Each bike rack can accommodate up to ten bicycles.



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# Stillwater's Waste Reduction News



## RESIDENTIAL FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM

You'll soon have a new way to recycle food scraps from home! This service will be available to all residents in Ramsey and Washington counties, whether they live in an apartment, condo or house, with rollout beginning in late 2022 into 2023.

**Why:** Over 20% of household trash is food scraps. By separating food scraps, residents can help turn this material back into soil instead of becoming waste.

**When:** Construction is underway at the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center in Newport to install equipment that will support this program. We are working on details related to phasing of rollout and will be in touch with municipalities in the coming months with more details.

**How:** To participate, residents will sign up to receive special durable, compostable bags that will be shipped to their homes at no charge. They'll use these bags to collect food scraps. Once a bag is full, they'll place it in their regular trash can. Trash will be collected as usual. The bags will be sorted from the trash after collection so that they can be composted. This system requires no additional carts or trucks.

**Cost:** No cost to residents for bags or program participation. Bag distribution will occur through an online ordering system with a call-in option.

**Watch future newsletters for more details and rollout date!**



## FALL LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Grass clippings, leaves and small branches are collected curbside by Waste Management from April 15th to November 30th, weather permitting. Place these items curbside on your regular collection day. Yard Waste pickup is part of your garbage fees. Please note: during peak season, collection may get delayed due to high volumes so please be patient. Your yard waste will get picked.

- Use a compostable bag for grass clippings, small stems, and leaves. You must purchase paper or clear compostable bags which are compliant with Minnesota state law from retailers.
- Tree branches and brush must be less than 3" in diameter and 4' in length. Bundled them no larger than 4' x 2' and be under 40 pounds.
- No dirt, sod, rocks, gravel, trash, flower pots or lawn ornament.



You can obtain a Yard Waste cart from Waste Management as an alternative to bundling or compostable bags. The cart is approximately a 90 gallon cart and there is a one time charge of \$48 or you can choose to pay \$2/month.



You must use an approved container. Waste Management will not pickup yard waste in an unauthorized container.

Yard Waste Stickers are no longer acceptable to place on your own container.





## HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

The Washington County Environmental Center located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury, provides residents with a free and convenient disposal option for household hazardous waste, electronics, and recyclables all year round. It is open Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to Wednesday Nov 17th has been set for confidential paper shredding at the Washington County Environmental Center, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



### SMALL THINGS ARE BIG PROBLEMS



Don't recycle anything smaller than a credit card. That includes straws, bottle caps, coffee pods, plastic cutlery, paperclips and a million other tiny things that creep into our daily lives. These objects are too small to be sorted and can jam the recycling equipment. But what about plastic lids and metal bottle caps? you might ask. If you put the plastic cap back on the bottle, it becomes bigger than a business card, so it would be captured [by the sorting equipment].

*Solution: Be conscious of what you throw in that recycling bin.*

### FREE RADON KITS

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers. You can't see, smell, or taste radon, but it could be present at a dangerous level in your home. Free radon test kits are available to Washington County residents for pick-up. Visit [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us) (search "healthy homes") for more information.



### HOUSEHOLD MEDICATION DROP-OFF



Residents can dispose of their unused and expired medications at year-round drop boxes. Old and unused medicines in your home can pose a risk for accidental poisoning, theft, and drug abuse. Medications disposed of in a sink, toilet, or landfill can eventually pollute surface and groundwater and harm fish and wildlife. Instead of flushing or throwing them in the trash, drop the medication off for safe and free disposal.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office will secure the medications and take them to a waste-to-energy facility that is licensed to burn this type of waste. The service is paid for through the use of the County Environmental Charge. See Washington County's website at [www.co.washington.mn.us/meds](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/meds) for more information and drop box locations.

#### Accepted

**Household** prescription, over-the-counter, & pet medication.

- Pills & capsules
- Blister packs
- Creams & gels
- Unused Epipens
- Inhalers & patches
- IV bags & vials
- Liquids/powders & sprays

#### NOT Accepted

- No needles, Epipens, syringes, lancets, or thermometers
- No liquid chemotherapy drugs
- No vaping devices & e-liquids

Take items listed above to the Environmental Center. See page 2 for location and hours.

**No Medications from Businesses Accepted**

**Drop Box Locations • See website for hours**

# SHELF LIFE

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## LIBRARY OF THINGS

Looking for more than a book?  
Check out our library of things.  
All available to borrow for free!

### TELESCOPES

Explore the universe with a library telescope kit. Each kit contains an Orion Star-Blast 4.5 reflector scope, EZ finder sight, celestial maps, planisphere, and more! Kits may be checked out for 3 weeks.



### NATURE BACKPACKS



Check out a Nature Backpack and embark on an outdoor adventure with real hands-on tools for kids to use in the field like true scientists.

### LAPTOPS

Do you need access to a computer at home? The library lends Dell Latitude laptops with Windows 10 for 1 week.



### HOTSPOTS

Borrow a wireless internet connection. Loan period is 1 week.



### INSTANT BOOK CLUB KITS

Everything you need to start your own book discussion group is in our instant book club kit. Just add readers! Each kit contains 10 copies of a title along with a discussion guide. The kits check out for six weeks.



### MEMORY MINDER KITS

Spark memories and create conversation with our Memory Minder Kits. 39 unique kits are available for those with Alzheimer's, dementia, and memory loss and for their caregivers. Kits have a 6-week loan period.



## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
10 AM to 8 PM

Friday & Saturday  
10 AM to 5 PM

Sunday\*  
1 to 5 PM

\*Closed Sundays in summer from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.



## FALL BOOK SALE

Book lovers and bargain hunters — you are in for a treat! The Friends of the Stillwater Public Library is hosting a fall used book sale. Proceeds benefit the library and enhance materials and programs.

### Members Only Preview Sale:

Wed., Nov. 10 | 5:00-7:30 PM

Not a member of Friends of the Stillwater Public Library? Join at the door.

### Open to the Public:

Thur., Nov. 11 | 10:15 AM-7:30 PM

Fri., Nov. 12 | 10:15 AM-4:30 PM

Sat., Nov. 13 | 10:15 AM-4:30 PM

Bag sale all day on Saturday!

### Donate Your Books!

Saturdays, Oct. 30 & Nov. 6  
10:30 AM-3:00 PM

Donate gently used books during the book donations drive. Just pull into the library's parking ramp on Third Street.

None of the following items will be accepted: encyclopedias, magazines, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, textbooks, religious materials, National Geographic, videos, cassettes, partially used puzzle books.

**FALL INTO READING!** Discover a new read for the fall. Check out one of our science and nature nonfiction picks:



- **The Code Breaker**  
by Walter Isaacson
- **Braiding Sweetgrass**  
by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- **Great Adaptations**  
by Kenneth Catania

For our full list of recommended reads, visit [stillwaterlibrary.org/staff-suggests](http://stillwaterlibrary.org/staff-suggests).



## FALL LIBRARY PROGRAMS

All library programs are free but some require registration. Register for a program through the events calendar at [stillwaterlibrary.org/library-events](http://stillwaterlibrary.org/library-events) or call 651-275-4338.

### Walking Tour of 19th Century Stillwater Architecture

Saturday, October 9 | 10:00 AM

Take a tour with local historian Don Empson to discover the difference between a Greek Revival home and a Gothic style house; between a French Second Empire house and a Queen Anne. After this tour, you will see those old Stillwater houses in a whole new light. Register to attend.

### Telescopes on the Terrace

Tuesday, October 12 | 7:00 PM

Astronomer Jerry Jones will bring telescopes to the library terrace and guide our gaze up to the night sky. We will start with a short discussion in the library, then move outside to practice looking at the moon, the planets, and any other bright deep sky objects. Register to attend.

### Genealogy 101

Saturday, October 23 | 10:00 AM

This course will cover some of the skills and records used in basic genealogy research.

### A Lot Can Happen in the Middle of Nowhere with Author Todd Melby

Wednesday, October 27 | 6:00 PM

Join us for a conversation with Todd Melby about his book depicting the true story of the making of the Coen brothers' epic film *Fargo*.

### Distillery Tour at Forge & Foundry

Wednesday, November 17 | 6:30 PM

Learn about the complexities of the distillery process at Forge & Foundry. Then learn to make some literary themed craft cocktails to share with friends and family! Participants must be 21+. Register to attend.

### Adult Art Classes

Get your creativity flowing with our art classes just for adults. Register to attend *Still Life with Oil Pastels* (Nov. 4), *Story Telling Through Collage* (Nov. 8), or *Poinsettia in Watercolor* (Dec. 2). Classes fill quickly.

### Outdoor Family Storytimes

Wednesdays through November 17 | 10:30 AM (weather permitting)

Join us for stories, songs, poems and more at 10:30 AM on Wednesdays on the 4th Street Lawn. In case of inclement weather, check the library's website or FB page for an update by 9:30 AM that morning.

### Second Saturday Storytimes

Saturday, October 9 and November 13 | 10:30 AM (weather permitting)

Join Baby Bear and Miss Kim for storytime outside on the 4th Street Lawn. Check the library's website or FB page for an update in case of inclement weather.

## ART CART



Visit our new space in the storytime room for families to spend time together coloring and creating. We'll provide monthly project suggestions and supplies; let your children provide the imagination. No registration is needed. Drop in and create during library hours.

### Youth Art Classes & Activity Kits

The library will offer both in-person art classes and take-home activity kits this fall. Register to attend *Fall Leaves on Water* on Saturday, October 9. For take-home fun, stop in for *Paper Helicopters* on Saturday, October 9 or *Horsing Around* on Thursday, October 21 (first come, first served, while supplies last).

### Superhero Scavenger Hunt

In library during October

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to find the superhero emblems hidden in the children's area.

## VIEW DOWNTOWN STILLWATER'S HISTORIC PAST



In 1992, the Stillwater Commercial Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The district encompasses most of the older portion of the downtown commercial area and includes 11 blocks, stretching from Nelson Street on the south to Commercial Street on the north along Main Street. The district contains more than 60 buildings and sites. Architecturally, the properties in the district represent several prominent styles, including Italianate, Queen Anne, Richardson, and Classical Revival, and reflect the economic underpinnings of the local economy.

As part of the historic designation process, the Stillwater Heritage Preservation Commission and the city's planning department took photos of the downtown and surrounding areas. This year, the library worked with the Minnesota Digital Library to digitize nearly 200 of these photos dating from the late 1980 and early 1990s. Now available online, virtually wander through downtown Stillwater's past at [bit.ly/2XJlxDJ](http://bit.ly/2XJlxDJ). Browse the full collection of historic Minnesota images at [collection.mndigital.org](http://collection.mndigital.org).

## 2021 ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 2ND



The General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Polling places for this year's ISD #834 School Board and Referendum election will be at the same locations as last years election.

As a reminder, in Minnesota, you don't have to wait until Election Day to vote. You can vote early via absentee ballot by mail or in person at Washington County Government Center, 14949 62nd St N in Stillwater. You don't need a reason to use an absentee ballot.

For more information on early voting, register to vote or to find your polling location visit the Washington County website at [www.co.washington.mn.us/667/elections](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/667/elections) or to see a sample ballot visit the City of Stillwater's website.

## ST. CROIX VALLEY RECREATION CENTER NEEDS YOU!

The St. Croix Valley Recreation Center is owned by the City of Stillwater and managed by the St. Croix Boat & Packet Company. The Rec Center is a multi-purpose facility containing a dome field house and 2 NHL hockey rinks. It also provides services for birthday party's, special events, sports camps, concessions, and a pro shop. It takes reliable, energetic, friendly people to support the facility and all its services. If you are interested in working at the Rec Center, contact St. Croix Boat and Packet for an application.

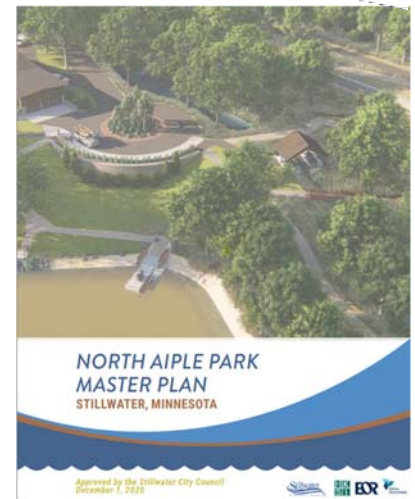


## CONGRATULATIONS TO CITY OF STILLWATER

The City of Stillwater received an Award of Excellence from the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) for the North Aisle Property (Lumberjack Landing) Master Park and Vegetation Management Project. Each year MRPA recognizes agencies or organizations in Minnesota for outstanding achievements in the following categories:

- administrative or management strategies
- marketing and communications
- park and facility
- programming and events
- sponsorship and partnerships
- volunteer initiatives

A major goal of the Awards of Excellence program is to increase public awareness and appreciation of the excellent parks, trails, and recreation services available in Minnesota.



## CONGRATULATIONS TIM GLADHILL!

Welcome to our new Community Development and Economic Director Tim Gladhill. Tim comes from the City of Ramsey, MN.

He started his career as a Public Works Maintenance Worker in 2000 and became the City of Ramsey's Community Development Director in 2012. He was the former president of the American Planning Association, MN Chapter and now on their national board.

We are excited to work with Tim in the City of Stillwater and welcome him, his wife and their 5-year old daughter to our community.



## DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK!

Daylight savings time will come to an end on Sunday, November 7, 2021. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.