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WORLD SNOW SCULPTING CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT JANUARY 18-22, 2023 LOWELL PARK

The Greater Stillwater Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the City of Stillwater, is hosting the 2nd World Snow Sculpting Championship competition sanctioned by the *Association Internationale de Sculpture sur Neige et Glace* based in Finland. Teams from around the world will travel to Stillwater to create amazing snow sculptures while competing for prize money and the title of the World Champion. This will be a judged event and will include social events, activities, ceremonies, people's choice award, and will be fun for the whole family. Here is a list of the main activities:

• The Opening Ceremony: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 4:30-7:00pm | JX Event Center
• The Closing Ceremony: Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 4:00-5:00pm | Lowell Park
• World's Coolest Block Party: Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 6:00-9:00pm | Lowell Park
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Artists from around the community competed to win the 2023 button design. Purchase the button and use it at participating local businesses for discounts on various items! Also stroll participating local businesses to test out their take on a Wild Rice treat and vote on your favorite.

For more information visit the event website: worldsnowsculptingstillwatermn.com or Facebook: facebook.com/WorldSnowSculptingChampionship or Instagram: [@worldsnowsculptingchamp](https://www.instagram.com/worldsnowsculptingchamp) or App: search "World Snow Sculpting" in your app store and download.

CHESTNUT STREET PLAZA PROJECT UPDATE

The project work for Chestnut Street Pedestrian Plaza in Downtown Stillwater is now paused until Spring of 2023. The contractor completed a good portion of work in 2022 including a large majority of the underground work. Site fencing is in place to protect the public from the unfinished work. Pedestrians can cross Main Street at Chestnut Street, but this is now an uncontrolled crossing. If you are a pedestrian intending on crossing at Chestnut Street, please look both ways before crossing and wait until traffic has passed or the drivers have stopped. Water Street at Chestnut Street will be gravel over the winter but will be open to traffic and pedestrians. Construction will begin again in April (weather dependent) and will include the closure of Main Street at Chestnut Street. The closure of Main Street will allow workers to complete the final underground work and place the new traffic signal. More details on the spring schedule including the anticipated duration of the Main Street closure will be provided in March of 2023. Thank you for your patience during construction and we will look forward to completing this project in the Spring of 2023!



WINTER REMINDERS FOR CITY OF STILLWATER RESIDENTS

ODD EVEN PARKING

When parking on public Stillwater streets from November through April, residents must park on the side of the street corresponding to the day of the week.



For example; on the 1st day of the month, park on the odd side of the street, on the 2nd day of the month, park on the even side, and so on.

From 7 pm until Midnight you can park on either side of the street to move your vehicle to the correct side of the street for the following day.

Vehicles on the street must also be moved every 24 hours to a different location so that plows can effectively clear all areas.

Residents in the Liberty and Legends neighborhoods must adhere to these rules year-round due to narrow streets. Pursuant to City Code Sec. 51-5 (5-1).

DRIVEWAY CLEARING

Make sure that yourself or your snow removal company is aware of MN laws and Stillwater ordinances pursuant to City Code Sec. 38-1 (13-f) which strictly prohibits moving snow into the roadway. Snow removal must be within the confines of your own yard without moving it into the street. These rules exist to ensure roads stay clear of ice and snow piles which could cause vehicle accidents, pedestrian injury, etc.

SIDEWALK CLEARING

The City of Stillwater requires that every resident clear snow and ice from any sidewalks abutting their property. This is particularly important in order to uphold equitable and safe access to the sidewalks, for people with disabilities and people pushing child strollers. To be in compliance with City Code Sec. 38-1 (13-a), please make sure your sidewalks are clear within 24 hours of the snow/ice deposit.

GARBAGE DAY BIN PLACEMENT

Place garbage container's 2 feet behind the curb line so crews can plow curb to curb. This applies to portable basketball hoops as well. This should be done all year to help with street maintenance, such as plowing, patching and street sweeping.



FREEZE OUT WINTER FIRES

- Keep all doors and windows that could be used for an escape route clear of snow and ice.
- Keep all vents for a fireplace, dryer, furnace and oven clear of snow, ice and debris.
- Never use a blow torch to thaw frozen pipes.
- Use flashlights, not candles, if you lose power.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from heat sources; do not use your oven to heat your home.



Did you know?

Most home fires occur in the winter and peak in January. Each year in the United States there is more than \$2 billion in property loss due to winter home fires. Over the last five years in Minnesota, 41% of fire deaths occurred in November, December and January.

FIRE HYDRANT SNOW REMOVAL



ICE SAFETY TIPS

Ice is never 100% safe. You can't judge the strength of ice just by its appearance, age, thickness, temperature, or whether or not the ice is covered with snow. Strength is based on all these factors plus the depth of water under the ice, size of the water body, water chemistry and currents, the distribution of the load on the ice, and local climatic conditions.

Did you know?

- New ice is usually stronger than old ice.
- The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process.
- Booming and cracking ice isn't necessarily dangerous. It only means that the ice is expanding and contracting as the temperature changes.
- Schools of fish or flocks of waterfowl can also adversely affect the relative safety of ice.

Take these steps to minimize risk when recreating on frozen bodies of water:

- Check the thermometer, not the calendar. Air temperature and recent weather patterns can significantly impact ice quality. Just because the ice was safe on a certain date last year doesn't mean it will be safe this year.
- Check with local experts and sources for current ice reports and to learn about any known hazardous areas.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Carry a cell phone and/or personal locator beacon with you in case of trouble.
- Wear a life jacket or float coat when you are on the ice (except when in a vehicle). If you fall in, a foam-filled vest or coat will keep your head above water and provide some insulation against the effects of cold water.
- Always bring an ice safety kit with you on the ice: rope, ice picks, ice chisel or drill and tape measure. Check ice thickness at regular intervals. Know how to use the ice picks to rescue yourself and the rope to rescue others.

For more ice safety guidelines and tips, visit mndnr.gov/icesafety



REDUCE SALT POLLUTION

To help melt snow and ice during the winter months, salt is applied to the roads. As the snow and ice melts, it travels into stormwater systems. Because of salt, the concentration of Chloride has increased in surface and ground water. Chloride does not degrade in soil and water, and it can create toxic conditions for fish and other animals that live in our lakes and streams.

Tips for residents:

- Support local and state winter maintenance crews in their efforts to reduce their salt use.
- Work together with local government, businesses, schools, churches and non-profits to find ways to reduce salt use in your community.



- **Shovel!** The more snow and ice you remove manually, the less salt you will need to use and the more effective it will be.
- **15 degrees F is too cold** for salt. Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use sand instead for traction, but remember that sand does not melt ice.
- **Slow down.** Drive for the conditions and make sure to give plow drivers plenty of space to do their work. Consider purchasing winter (snow) tires.
- **Be patient.** Just because you don't see salt on the road doesn't mean it hasn't been applied. These products take time to work.
- **Apply less.** More salt does not mean more melting. Use less than 4 pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet. One pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12-ounce coffee mug. Leave about a 3-inch space between granules. Consider purchasing a hand-held spreader to help you apply a consistent amount.
- **Sweep up extra.** If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. Use this salt or sand somewhere else or throw it away.
- **Hire a certified Smart Salting contractor,** visit the MPCA website for [Smart Salting Training - Certificate Holders](#)

THE CITY WANTS YOUR INPUT

The City of Stillwater is committed to improving communication channels between the City and its residents. The City has an engagement platform where folks can provide their opinion on services the city provides. Residents become active users by signing up through Polco. Each month Polco will email survey questions on different topics affecting Stillwater. The survey results are shared with the decision makers. Sign up at www.polco.us/Stillwater to help us understand what's important to you.



POSSIBLE ENHANCEMENTS TO DOWNTOWN PARKING EXPERIENCE

The Stillwater City Council and Downtown Parking Commission are considering potential improvements to the Downtown Parking District to improve the parking experience for downtown residents, businesses and visitors. Our goals are to change parking behavior to increase availability of premium parking, implement operational enhancements to improve the user experience, and fund future expansion needs.

The City is accepting public comment on the potential changes through January, 2023. For more information, visit www.ci.stillwater.mn.us (and click on the Parking tab), email us at planningdept@ci.stillwater.mn.us or call 651-430-8820.

PLANNING FOR FUTURE FORESTS

Selecting trees to plant can be an exciting, albeit overwhelming decision. There are so many factors to consider. Mature size, fall color, shade potential, fruit, wildlife value, pest and disease resistance, flowers, appropriate location, soil preferences, watering needs, and aesthetic qualities are among the most common.



Another important factor to consider is longevity. Consider this, the shade tree you plant today will be around for a very long time. In 60 years, our local climate is projected to resemble that of present day Iowa or Kansas. In the wake of climate change, Minnesota is expected to see longer, dryer, hotter summers with more intense precipitation events in the winter and spring.

Minnesota's biomes will change as well. Over the years, we will see hardiness zones slowly start to shift north. Trees currently at the southern extent of their range, like white spruce, will not fare as well as they once did. As responsible forest and tree owners, we can plan for this by planting shade trees better suited to projected future conditions. Here's a list of trees, commonly planted in the metro area, with great potential for climate change resilience.

Northern catalpa - <i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	Kentucky coffeetree - <i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>
Eastern redbud - <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Honeylocust - <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>
Swamp white oak - <i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Bur oak - <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>
Ironwood - <i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Yellowwood - <i>Cladastris kentukea</i>
Amur maackia - <i>Maackia amurensis</i>	Hackberry - <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>
American basswood - <i>Tilia americana</i>	Dutch Elm Disease resistant elms - St Croix, Princeton, Prairie Expedition - <i>Ulmus spp.</i>

If you have questions or need suggestions, please contact Stillwater City Forester, Andrew Coyne, at 651-430-8836.

WHY IS MOVING FIREWOOD A PROBLEM?

Tree-killing insects and diseases can hitchhike in firewood. These insects and diseases can't move far on their own, but when people move firewood they can jump hundreds of miles. New infestations destroy forests, property values, and can cost huge sums of money to control.

DO: Buy MDA certified firewood. MDA certified firewood has been treated to state standards and the MDA has verified the firewood safe to move throughout the state. Look for the MDA certified logo.

DO: Report firewood violations to MDA.

If you have any questions regarding safe to move firewood or suspect a tree has a reportable pest, contact the MDA's Arrest the Pest at Arrest.the.Pest@state.mn.us or 888-545-6684.



'TIS THE (ALWAYS) THE SEASON TO BE WARY... OF SCAMMERS

Scammers and con artists on the other hand... they are the stuff that is sung about in the song about old Mr. Grinch.

The hard part is that they are getting more savvy, sophisticated, and flexible. Remember these tips:

- Shop safely. Before shopping on line, make sure the website uses secure technology.
- Watch for phishing scams. These scams use fraudulent emails and websites to trick users into disclosing private account and /or login information.
- Be wary of unusual payment request: Keep in mind – a reputable business will not ask you to purchase gift cards, debit cards, iTunes cards or virtual currency such as bitcoin for payment.
- Do not open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or click on links or attachments if you're not certain of the sender.
- Do not respond to phone calls or emails asking about your computer or asking for remote access. Even if they mention a well-known company. If you didn't reach out to them – they are not looking out for you.
- Remember to lock your vehicles and remove any valuables from plain sight. "Crimes of Opportunity" are one of the leading causes theft. Don't get caught with your guard down.



Just knowing and understanding that scammers exist can be helpful in protecting yourself and your loved ones. Keep a watchful eye out for those in your life who are the most vulnerable especially the elderly and other vulnerable adults. As always if you someone you know suspects something suspicious – don't hesitate to call Law Enforcement.

STILLWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, January 3, 2023
8:00 am – 1:00 pm



The need for Blood never stops. Consider making a lifesaving difference in your community. The Stillwater Fire Department will be hosting a Blood Mobile at the fire station located at 250 Maryknoll Drive North, Stillwater. Visit https://www.mbcherohub.club/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/70765 to schedule an appointment.



♥ Memorial Blood Centers HEROHUB

WHERE DOES YOUR CITY TAX DOLLAR GO?



Public Safety
34%

Debt Service
24%

General Government
19%

Parks
7%

Public Works
7%

Library
9%

Public Safety includes Police, Fire, Building Inspections and Emergency Management.

Debt Service is when the City obtains bonds (loans) to pay for road improvements, equipment purchases, city building repairs and parks and trail improvement projects.

General Government includes operating City Hall departments such as City Council, Community Development, Elections, Finance, Human Resources, IT and Legal.

Public Works includes Engineering, Forestry and Streets.

MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST

The City of Stillwater Human Rights Commission is hosting an event to celebrate Dr. King's bold vision, leadership and fight for equal rights. Join them on:

Monday, January 16, 2023
7 am - 9:30 am



The breakfast will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 115 4th St N, Stillwater. Visit the City's www.ci.stillwater.mn.us to sign-up.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The City of Stillwater has recently approved a number of projects of note.

The Miller is a 61-unit rental apartment development at the intersection of Myrtle Street and 2nd Street in Downtown Stillwater. This project was previously known as 200 Chestnut and is currently under construction and is anticipated to open in the summer of 2023. For more information, please visit the project webpage at www.themillermn.com.

Central Commons is a mixed-use development at the south east quadrant of the new Manning Avenue/Highway 36 Interchange. Proposed development includes a large-format grocer (HyVee), housing and convenience retail. The project requires extension of infrastructure such as roads and utilities. The major infrastructure piece is the construction of a frontage road (58th Street) planned for 2025.

Caribou Coffee is currently constructing a Caribou Cabin modeled drive-through coffee shop on Washington Avenue near the intersection with Highway 36. A majority of the site work and building shell is complete. However, utility work has been delayed due to supply chain issues. Exact opening date is still to be determined.

Chapel Hill Apartments is a 21-unit rental apartment development at the intersection of 3rd Street and Myrtle Street. Construction is anticipated to commence sometime in 2023. Parking and traffic were major review points, and the project was made possible through a parking credit granted in 2008 as part of the construction of the City's Public Parking Ramp.

For more information on these, or any other development projects in the City of Stillwater, please contact the Community Development Department at 651-430-8820 or planningdept@ci.stillwater.mn.us.

CITY REVISES SHORT TERM (VACATION) HOME RENTAL REQUIREMENTS

The City of Stillwater is fortunate to be a premier regional tourism destination. The increasing popularity of Stillwater for visitors has increased the demand for short-term lodging in the area. Stillwater is blessed to have a variety of lodging options ranging from Hotels to Bed and Breakfasts to Short Term Home Rentals (also known as Vacation Home Rentals). These Short Term Home Rentals, together with other local lodging options, play an important role in economic development for the Greater Stillwater Area. Short Term Home Rentals also contribute to the local Lodging Tax that fund the Stillwater/Oak Park Heights Convention and Visitors Bureau known as Discover Stillwater.

In 2017, the City began regulating these Short Term Home Rentals through the requirement of a License. In Stillwater, Short Term Home Rentals are rentals that are rented for periods of less than 30 days. The purpose of regulating these uses is to ensure that they do not create safety or nuisance issues for surrounding residential neighborhoods and business districts.

Earlier this year, the City Council reviewed the effectiveness of the program to look for ways to improve the process while still protecting surrounding areas. The City established several goals in evaluating the current program including, but not limited to the following:

- Continue to ensure Short Term Home Rentals do not present a nuisance of nearby Residential Neighborhoods and Business Districts
- Streamline the process and reduce confusion due to multiple License Types and Building Occupancy Classifications
- Ensure fairness and equity with other lodging options such as Hotels, Bed and Breakfasts
- Address changes in Minnesota State Building Code approved in 2020

New requirements approved in 2022 will apply to new Short Term Home Rentals. Existing Short Term Home Rentals will be allowed to continue as originally approved. Highlights of program changes include, but are not limited to the following:

- Consolidate previous four (4) license categories into a single Short Term Home Rental License
- Increase the availability of licenses due to demand
- Require all parking requirements be met on individual property, not through issuance of Downtown Parking Permits (until a broader Downtown Parking Discussion is concluded in 2023)
- Clarification of State Building Code Requirements for Short Term Home Rental Conversions
- Clarification that Background Checks on Short Term Home Rental Owners are required



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2023

Lumberjack Landing.

Development of the City park north of downtown along the St. Croix River includes ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch, trail access to the River, fishing pier, and a new road surface. Future phases include renovation of the existing building, a picnic shelter and access to the Brown's Creek Trail.

72nd Street Road and Trail Improvements.

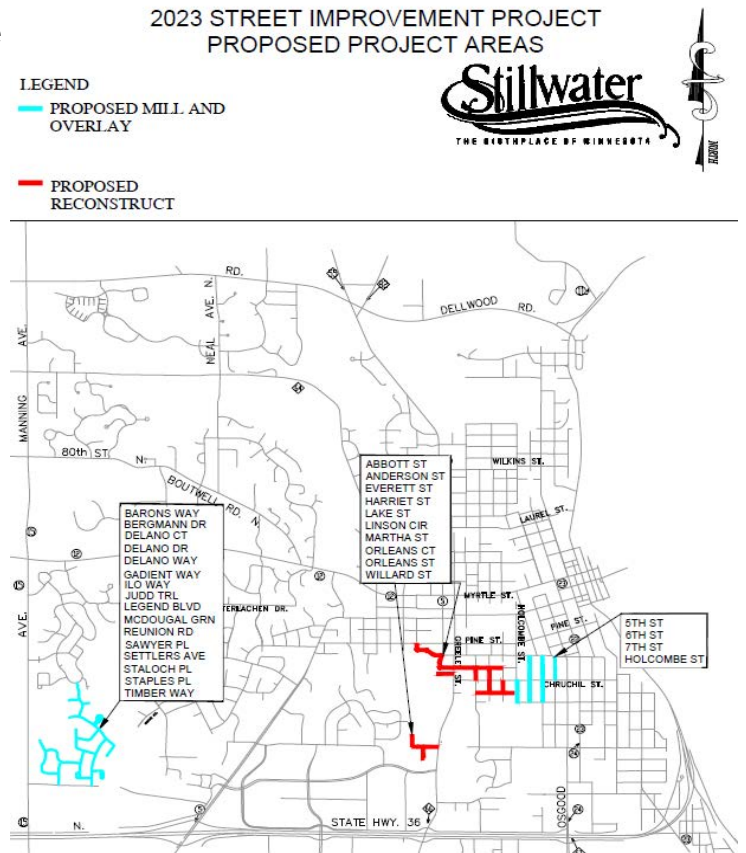
A feasibility study is in progress looking at possible improvements to 72nd Street between Northland Avenue and Rutherford Road. Improvements include a new asphalt road, and a new paved trail.

Owens Street (CSAH 5) Improvements

Washington County has planned road and sidewalk improvements for Owens Street between Olive Street and Sycamore Street.

2023 Street Improvement Project

Every year the City of Stillwater reconstructs 3.5 to 4.5 miles of streets in the City. The goal is to update all the streets in the city with concrete curb and gutter and a full section of bituminous pavement. Also to mill and overlay streets that were reconstructed in the past 20-25 years. Streets proposed for 2023 are shown in the drawing.



WATER EFFICIENCY REBATE AVAILABLE

The City of Stillwater was awarded a \$25,000 Metropolitan Grant as part of the Council's 2022-2024 Water Efficiency Grant Program. Stillwater is one of many cities in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area that applied for and was accepted into this grant program. Grant funds will be used for the City's water conservation program. The City is offering rebates to Stillwater properties that are connected to the City Water Supply systems who replace their washing machines, replace toilets or by replacing their irrigation controller with a smart irrigation controller. Rebate categories and amounts are as follows:

- **Clothes Washers** - Rebate \$200 or 80% the cost of a new US DOE Energy Star labeled clothes washer, whichever is less, (excluding sales tax and labor/installation costs).
- **Toilets** - Rebate up to \$100 or 80% of the cost of a new EPA WaterSense labeled toilet, whichever is less, (excluding sales tax and labor/installation costs).
- **Smart Irrigation Controllers** - Rebate up to \$150 or 80% the cost of a new US EPA WaterSense labeled smart controller, whichever is less, (excluding sales tax and labor/installation costs).

Rebates are for replacement of existing devices only. New construction and new developments are not eligible. Rebates are available on a first come first served basis are not guaranteed.

Program runs from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

It is the customers responsibility to verify if funds are still available or not. A copy of the receipt for a qualifying device must be provided with rebate request form and all supplemental information must be submitted to the City of Stillwater by mail, or online. Rebate is for the cost of the device only and excluded sales tax and any installation/labor costs. New construction and new development are ineligible. Rebates will show as a credit of your utility bill. Rebate application can be found on the City's website at <http://www.ci.stillwater.mn.us/waterrebate>. Any questions, contact the utility department at 651-275-4100.

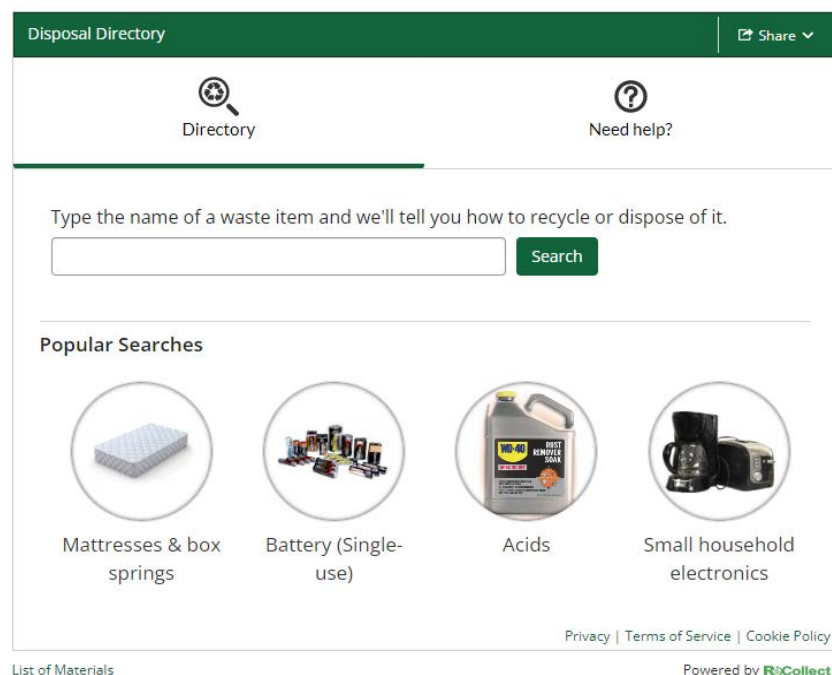


WASTE REDUCTION NEWS

WHERE TO RECYCLE ITEMS

Washington County has a new Disposal Directory tool that makes it easier to lookup where to recycle items you can't place in your recycling tote. You can find the directory on the Washington County website at: WashCoRecycles.com/Disposal

Disposal Directory



The screenshot shows the 'Disposal Directory' website. At the top, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a 'Need help?' link. Below the search bar, there is a text input field with the placeholder text 'Type the name of a waste item and we'll tell you how to recycle or dispose of it.' and a 'Search' button. Underneath, there is a 'Popular Searches' section with four circular icons representing different waste categories: 'Mattresses & box springs', 'Battery (Single-use)', 'Acids', and 'Small household electronics'. At the bottom of the page, there are links for 'Privacy', 'Terms of Service', and 'Cookie Policy', and a note 'Powered by ReCollect'.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF LARGE ITEMS

Large bulky items are considered anything that is too large to fit inside the cart or is prohibited by law from being placed in your trash cart. Waste Management collects bulky items year round as part of the City's trash hauling contract.



Stillwater city residents can place the bulky items curbside but must call Waste Management to arrange for pickup. Each resident has yearly limits of large bulky items and they are as follows:

- Appliances - 3 per year (refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, air conditioners, etc.)
- Electronics - 4 per year (televisions, computers, printers, DVD players, etc.)
- Other Bulky Items - 2 per year (furniture, mattresses, windows, oversize toys, etc.)

If you have additional large items beyond the allowed limits, the cost is \$15/item. You must call Waste Management to arrange for pickup.

FOOD, TOO GOOD TO WASTE

Reducing food waste saves you money and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. When we waste food, it's not just the food that goes to waste, but also all the resources that went into producing that food (like water for growing crops and fuel for transporting them).

Did you know that about 1/3 of all food in the U.S. never gets eaten, and most of that waste is produced at the household level? This issue may seem too big to tackle, but there are many ways to make the most of your groceries and save yourself money.

Visit <https://recyclingandenergy.org/food-waste-reduction/> to learn more about why reducing food waste matters, and how to keep your food fresh for as long as possible. The website has a quiz about food waste reduction. It has only nine questions and provides great information. Take the quiz and find out how much knowledge you have on food waste reduction.



DID YOU KNOW?

Ramsey and Washington Counties have worked together to manage waste responsibly since the 1980's. They work jointly through Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy



**RAMSEY/WASHINGTON
RECYCLING & ENERGY**

(R&E). They manage about 450,000 tons of trash per year.

For 2021, fuel produced at the R&E Center and delivered to Xcel power plants produced enough electricity to power 12,300 homes for a year, and over 13,000 tons of metal were recovered from the trash for recycling.

The Washington County Environmental Charge (CEC) is a 35 percent charge on garbage service. This type of fee has been collected since the mid-1980s. Revenue from the CEC is used for solid and hazardous waste services such as Environmental Center household hazardous waste collections, recycling grants to cities and townships, and environmental education programs.

EIGHT WAYS TO REDUCE WASTE

The average American produces 4.4 pounds of trash per day. Learn how you can make small changes that are eco-friendly and will have a lasting impact.

1. Use a reusable bottle/cup for beverages on the go
2. Use reusable grocery bags, and not just for groceries
3. Purchase wisely and recycle
4. Compost it!
5. Avoid single-use food and drink containers and utensils
6. Buy secondhand items and donate used goods
7. Shop local farmers markets and buy in bulk to reduce packaging
8. Curb your use of paper: mail, receipts, or magazines



MATTRESS CLEAN-UP WAS A SUCCESS!

The City Stillwater collaborated with Ramsey/Washington County Recycling and Energy to offer free mattress and box spring recycling collection without counting towards the large bulky item collection limits. The collection was done by Second Chance Recycling this past October.

131 households participated and 235 mattresses and box springs were collected.

Thank you Stillwater for helping to keep these items out of the trash collection system as seen in this picture. The City hopes to make this collection an annual event.



DON'T CRUSH PLASTIC

Crushing items may save space, but it makes it harder for optical sorting technology to properly sort plastic items. Help plastic recyclables get sorted correctly by leaving them in their original shape.

When in doubt, keep it out. Putting these items in your recycling cart does more harm than good.

NO!

Do Not Bag
Recyclables

No Plastic
Bags or Wrap

No Tangles
(No hoses, wires,
or string lights)

No Shredded
Paper

WRAPPING PAPER AND TISSUE
PAPER cannot be recycled.
Please throw in the trash.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS can be brought to the Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury. Call for their hours 651-275-7475 or visit www.co.washington.mn.us/604/Environmental-Center

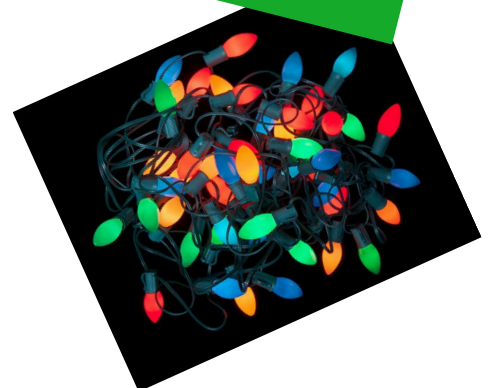
RECYCLING CLOTHES

An option for recycling clothes, shoes and household textiles is to find your local USAGAIN drop box.

They accept clothes, shoes, household textiles in reusable condition. Household textiles include tablecloths, towels, bedding, blankets, bedspreads, etc.

Clothes, shoes and textiles must be clean and dry and dropped off in tied bags. A sturdy bag protects the clothes from dirt and simplifies handling.

You can go to their website and look up where the nearest drop box is located by visiting: <https://usagain.com/find-treemachine>



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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.



LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Wednesday Preschool Storytimes: Join us at 10:30 AM or at 11:30 AM (same program will repeat) for stories, songs, and more! On the first Wednesday of each month, special guests will present Preschool Music & Movement Storytime. On all other Wednesdays, Baby Bear and Miss Kim will be your hosts. Storytimes are created with fun and learning in mind, specifically designed to engage young children and build early literacy. No registration is required.

Second Saturday Preschool Storytime: On the weekends, meet Baby Bear & Miss Kim at storytime on the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 AM.

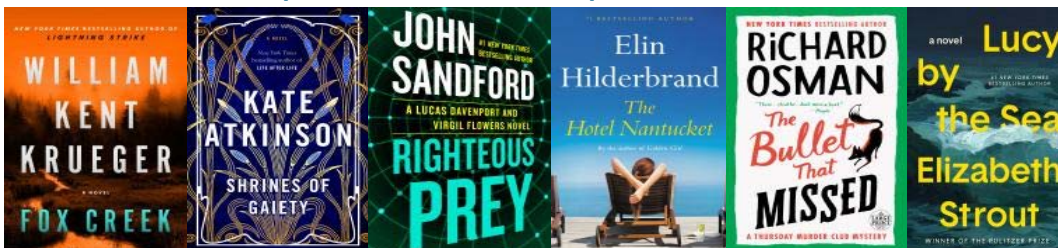
Baby & Toddler Storytime: For the littlest learners, join Miss Kim and Puppy Pete at 10:30 AM on the first and third Tuesdays in January through April. Activities include books, songs, puppets, fingerplays, and body movement.

ADULT WINTER READS

Warm up with a good book this winter (and some hot cocoa)! Participate in our adult winter reading program in January and February. Settle in with a wintry read, create with a take & make kit or art class, or explore and learn with a tech program. Back by popular demand is the Winter Reads' Reading Challenge. To take part, all you need to do is read or listen to a book (any book). Submit an entry online or at the library. Entries will be drawn for a variety of cool prizes at the end of February!

WHAT STILLWATER HAS BEEN READING

Here are some of the top titles borrowed over the past 3 months:



Learn, Connect and Discover



eBooks, eAudio and eMagazines

Access more than 290,000 free eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines to keep informed or entertained. Get started with the Libby App by visiting stillwaterlibrary.org/e-books or scheduling a Tech Help appointment.



Library Book Clubs

Talk about your recent reads and find out which authors and books others like. Join one of our book clubs—Connect Through Books, Mystery Book Club, or Romance Book Club. Each group meets monthly. Come for one meeting or many.



Career Coaching & Job Help

Get free career coaching, resume help, and interview practice at JobNow from Brainfuse. Online experts are available daily from 1 to 11 PM. To fine-tune your job skills, access LinkedIn Learning to watch top quality video tutorials taught by industry leaders.



Tech Help

Sign up for an hour-long session to work individually with a technology assistant. We offer a wide range of tech help, including using a computer, getting on the internet, or using an iPhone, iPad, eReader, or Android device to access library resources.



Genealogy Help

Work on your family history search with our genealogy specialist librarian. We can help you explore our local history materials, as well as regional and national resources such as Ancestry (Library Edition) and Census. Sign up for an hour-long session.



Homework Help

Access free, live online tutoring from 1 PM - 11 PM daily through HelpNow by Brainfuse. Get help in math, science, social studies, and writing. Tutoring available for grades K-12 and College. Brainfuse also offers assistance with completing the FAFSA.

A SNEAK PEEK: UPCOMING CULTURAL PROGRAM

Taiko: Japanese Drumming Art

Thursday, February 23, 6-7 PM

In February, experience movement infused, heart-pounding, dynamic group drumming . . . at the library! Minnesota-based TaikoArts Midwest promises to deliver a loud, energetic event incorporating music, dance, culture, and pure athleticism. The program will be a combination of performance, lecture, and interactive activities. Audience members will learn the history and cultural context of taiko drumming in Japan and the United States. They will also learn about taiko drums, how they are made, a general vocabulary for the art form, and kuchishoka - how we say and teach rhythms. This all-ages event is funded through Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



Stillwater
Public Library

Stillwater Public Library offers a variety of programs for patrons of all ages. For the latest in upcoming events and to register to attend, view our online calendar at stillwaterlibrary.org/calendar.

Mission: To connect members of our community with the power of knowledge, the possibility of new ideas, and the opportunity to engage with one another.

ICE SKATING LESSONS



The Learn-to-Skate program at the Stillwater St. Croix Recreation Center is a great way to learn how to skate or improve skating skills for hockey, figure skating, and recreational skating. Classes are available for ages 3½ to Adults. Skate purchase and rentals are available through the facility. Class registration also includes 10 FREE open skate passes

Winter 2023

Tuesday Afternoon

12:30 pm, 1:00 pm
or 1:30 pm
Jan 3 – Feb 28
8 Lessons - \$99

Tuesday Evening

5:45 pm, 6:15 pm
or 6:45 pm
Jan 3 – Feb 28
8 Lessons - \$99

Saturday Morning

9:45 am, 10:15 am
or 10:45 am
Jan 28 – March 11
7 Lessons - \$87
Spring LTS Starts
Feb 22 & 26



Beginner Classes

Tiny Tots: Ages 3 ½ - 5

Tots: Ages 6 – 9

Pre-Alpha: Ages 9 and up

Adult: Any age/level
will cater to skater's needs/
abilities.

Non-Beginner Classes

Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta,
Freestyle Elements

Register online at www.stcroixrecenter.com/learn2skate.
Email skatedirector@ci.stillwater.mn.us or call
651.430.2601 for more information

LEADERSHIP IN THE VALLEY

The Leadership in the Valley is a program through the Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce designed to bring emerging and existing leaders together to broaden perspectives and gain increased understanding of community dynamics and public issues.

The City recently hosted the Leadership in the Valley program to expand their



understanding of local Government. The day started at Stillwater City Hall Council Chambers and then the group took a tour of the Public Works facility (pictured above).

CITY OF STILLWATER EMPLOYEES ENJOY BIKING AT WORK

In December 2021, the City of Stillwater was recognized as Minnesota's newest Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. The City's Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community Award reflects years of hard work to make Stillwater an attractive biking destination for residents and visitors alike.

In keeping with the City's strong commitment to bicycling and employee wellness, Stillwater has partnered with Living Healthy Washington County to support biking in the workplace.

In March 2022, the City of Stillwater used Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) funding to purchase four bicycles. The City also purchased bike helmets, air pumps, and a bike fix-it starter kit so that 102 City employees would have what they need to safely enjoy biking during their breaks.

This summer, employees enjoyed riding the bikes. Some riders were one-time users, and many were repeat customers. Michael Eng, City employee from the Building Inspection Department

shared, "I was able to take a bike out for a ride this summer. It was great to get out on Stillwater's local trails and get some exercise during my lunch break." Starting in Spring 2023,

the City is looking to expand employee access to the bikes to before and after work hours.



WELCOME NEW HIRES

Kaitlin Kubizewski

ANNIVERSARIES

5 YEARS - Reabar Abdullah

10 YEARS - Joel Jordan

25 YEARS - Nate Meredith

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR TEAM?

The City of Stillwater offers a "notify me" feature when a job opening is posted. To sign up for vacancy announcements or to view the City's employment opportunities visit www.ci.stillwater.mn.us/city-government/employment-opportunities.