

# STILLWATER CITY NEWS

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## SANITARY SEWER & WATER RATE INCREASE

As of January 1, 2023 sanitary sewer and water rate were increased and you will see this adjustment on your April utility statement.

The new quarterly base rate for sanitary sewer is \$72.85 for the 1st 10,000 gallons used, and the



average rate is \$10.40 for every 1,000 gallons used after that. Storm sewer rates increased

to \$13.75 per quarter, street lighting increased to \$9 per quarter and water rates increased 3%.

All accounts have a water base fee. Residential water rates will be used for single family homes, duplexes, multi-units, condos and apartments.

## SNOW PLOWING DAMAGE?

If, over the course of the winter, a City plow hit your mailbox or tore up some boulevard grass please report it to the Public Works Department before June 1st.

Mailboxes that have been struck by the plow will be repaired and/or replaced. Mailboxes damaged by snow or ice coming from the plow blade will not be repaired or replaced.



Report damaged grass before June 1st, so crews can make sure that when the weather is conducive the grass can be repaired with topsoil and re-seeded. Send an email to [pubwrks@ci.stillwater.mn.us](mailto:pubwrks@ci.stillwater.mn.us) and include your name and address or call 651-275-4100.

## STILLWATER HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



Nominations for the Stillwater Human Rights Award are now being accepted. Nominees can be individuals, businesses or organizations that resides, works or volunteers in the City of Stillwater, and whose actions promoting respect for all people. Nominations are due by May 31st. Visit the City's website to obtain a nomination form.

## BIG TREE CONTEST

In celebration of Arbor Day on April 28, 2023 - we're looking for the biggest trees in Stillwater! Do you have one on your property? Let us know and enter into the Big Tree Contest.

### Contest rules:

- Trees must be on private property within the city limits.
- The property owner must give permission for the city forester to inspect the tree and take photos.
- One winner will be chosen from each category and featured in our June 2023 newsletter.
- Entries are accepted until April 15, 2023.



### Information needed with entry:

- Tree category (staff can assist in proper identification)
- Circumference (measured at 4.5 ft above the ground)
- Owner name, address/location, email, phone number

**Submit entries to** the City of Stillwater, Attn Andrew Coyne, or via email to [acoyne@ci.stillwater.mn.us](mailto:acoyne@ci.stillwater.mn.us).

**Questions** email Andrew or call 651-430-8836

## CATEGORIES

### WHITE PINES

Eastern White Pine - iconic Minnesota tree. Larger than all other native conifers.

### FOREST GIANTS

Cottonwood, Black Willow, Silver Maple, Bur Oak, Northern Red Oak, White Oak

### CONIFEROUS

All other coniferous trees: Pine, Fir, Spruce, Juniper, Cedar, Tamarack, etc.

### DECIDUOUS

All other deciduous trees: Maple, Basswood, Ash, Hackberry, Walnut, Elm, Hickory, Catalpa, Cherry, Honeylocust, etc.

## SPRING TREE CARE TIPS

Spring is a time of renewal, and for trees in Minnesota, it's a crucial time to prepare for the growing season ahead. Proper tree care in the spring can ensure healthy growth, prevent damage, and prolong the life of your trees. Here are some tips for tree care this spring:

**Inspect:** The first step in spring tree care is to inspect your trees for any damage or signs of disease. Look for broken branches, cracks in the trunk, and abnormal growth patterns. Inspect the bark for signs of infestation or disease, such as holes, oozing sap, fungi, or discoloration.

**Prune:** Pruning promotes healthy growth and prevents damage. Remove dead, diseased, or damaged branches, and trim back any branches that are rubbing against each other. Make sure to use sharp, clean pruning tools, and clean your tools in an alcohol solution before using them on another tree. To avoid oak wilt infections, never prune oak trees between April and September. Spring flowering trees should be pruned only after blooming.

**Mulch:** Mulching is an excellent way to protect your trees' roots and help retain moisture in the soil. Apply a layer of mulch around the base of your trees, but make sure not to touch the trunk. A 3 to 4-inch layer of mulch is sufficient. Avoid using plastic sheets or landscaping fabric under the mulch, as it can lead to soil saturation and root suffocation.

**Water:** Watering your trees is crucial in the spring, especially after a dry winter. Trees need about an inch of water per week, either from rainfall or manual watering. Make sure to water the soil around the roots, not the leaves or trunk. Use watering bags on newly planted trees to make things easy!

**Hire an Arborist:** Tree work is often intimidating and can yield catastrophic results if (or when) things go wrong. If you have a large or complicated tree, it's best to hire a certified arborist. They can inspect your trees, identify problems, and provide expert advice and services. A list of licensed tree contractors can be found at on the city's website. If you have any questions about your trees, contact the city at 651-430-8836 or [acoyne@ci.stillwater.mn.us](mailto:acoyne@ci.stillwater.mn.us).



## HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN NO MOW MAY

The City of Stillwater is proud to participate in No Mow May. On February 7, 2023, Mayor Kozlowski read a Proclamation encouraging residents to participate in this climate friendly movement. The City of Stillwater supports increasing crucial, pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator-friendly lawn-care practices.

In May, as daylight hours increase and the days get warmer, bees and other pollinators emerge from dormancy to feed on Spring blooming native plants. The early spring flowers of violets and pussy toes, dandelions, white clover, and even creeping Charlie, supply both food and habitat for pollinators. The idea is that not mowing lawns in May will increase pollen and other foraging resources for pollinators that are emerging from dormancy.

To participate, residents simply refrain from mowing their lawns during the month of May, or limit mowing to once or twice during the month. Signs in your yard are not required to participate but will be available, on a limited basis, at the Stillwater Climate Fair sponsored by Sustainable Stillwater on April 29<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 p.m. at Pioneer Park.

The City will refrain from enforcing the weed and lawn height ordinances for the month of May. Simply let us know if you will be participating. Email [planningdept@ci.stillwater.mn.us](mailto:planningdept@ci.stillwater.mn.us) or signup on the City's website. Heading into June, residents will need to return to more conventional mowing practice to come back into compliance with City code. Mow in stages, starting as high as the mower can reach. Gradually lower the blade so as not to shock or harm your grass. Take a second pass on the same height to help break down the clippings. Keeping the grass clippings on the lawn for a year is about the equivalent to one application of synthetic fertilizer. Let's all water less, save money, help pollinators and reduce emissions this May!



## CHESTNUT STREET PLAZA PROJECT UPDATE

The project work for Chestnut Street Pedestrian Plaza in Downtown Stillwater will begin again in the Spring of 2023. The contractor completed a good portion of work in 2022 including a large majority of the underground work. 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, install new curb and gutter and place the new traffic signal. Thank you for your patience during construction and we will look forward to completing this project in the Summer of 2023!



## 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% on the cost of a new US EPA WaterSense labeled smart controller, whichever is less, (excluding 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 [www.ci.stillwater.mn.us/waterrebate](http://www.ci.stillwater.mn.us/waterrebate). Any questions, contact the Public Works Utility Department at 651-275-4100.



## STORMWATER - ILLICIT DISCHARGE

Storm sewer systems carry water directly into our lakes, rivers, and wetlands. If anything other than storm water enters the system, it is an illicit discharge. Substances such as oil, chemicals, sediment, and more are not allowed in the storm sewer system.

Report any hazardous spills immediately to City of Stillwater. Residents should follow these tips:

- Take used oil to a recycle center or a fast oil-change business
- Wash your car on the grass
- Revegetate bare or eroding areas
- Secure your trash when placed on the street
- Do not pour fats, oils, and grease into your sink or sewer
- Do not over fertilize your lawn
- Pump your septic tank every 3 years
- Take all old chemicals, including paint and automobile fluids to the Washington County Environmental Center. Call 651-275-7475 or visit [www.co.washington.mn.us/604/Environmental-Center](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/604/Environmental-Center) for more information.



## EXCESS LIGHTS OUT, STILLWATER! SAVES BIRDS - SAVES ENERGY - SAVES MONEY



As part of the City of Stillwater's city wide proclamation and Bird City designation, citizens are encouraged to participate in the "Lights Out" initiative. Over 250 species of birds migrate through Stillwater, up the St. Croix River Valley through Minnesota, each spring and fall. Birds migrate at night and can be drawn off their flight path by lit structures. High mortality at lighted structures has been documented across a wide geographic area and a broad range of species. Many birds have been known to collide or drop from exhaustion after circling brightly lit buildings, reluctant to fly out of the light.

Lights Out is a voluntary program developed by the National Audubon Society, in which building owners, managers, tenants, and residents work together to ensure that unnecessary lighting is turned off at certain times of the year. Some examples are: turn off exterior lighting (leave security lights on as needed for safety), dim lobby and atrium lighting and turn off interior lighting - especially upper floors. A blackout is not required.

Join the effort by turning off excess lights from midnight until dawn during March 15 to May 31 for spring migration and August 15 to October 31 for fall migration. For more information or to sign up visit: [www.mn.audubon.org/conservation/lights-out-program](http://www.mn.audubon.org/conservation/lights-out-program)

### CITY PARK RESERVATIONS NOW ONLINE

Park reservations for the City of Stillwater parks are now online! Simply visit the City's website and click on the "Parks" icon on the homepage. You'll be directed to our reservations page. From here you can view a calendar of available dates, look at pictures of the reservable facilities, and book your reservation. Payment is required at the time of booking. Don't hesitate to call 651-275-4100 if you have any questions about the online system.



Jobs



Parks



Forms



Police  
Department



Parking

### PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENTS IN TWO PARKS

This summer two playgrounds will be replaced with new up-to-date play equipment. The structure at the Old Athletic field is being replaced as well as the wooden equipment at Washington Square. In addition to replacing the wooden structures at Washington Square, most of the sand will be removed and replaced with a wood fiber. Please note, Abbott Street west of Greeley is part of the 2023 Street Improvement Project so it will be under construction this summer. Washington Square will remain open to the public during construction but there will be no parking on Abbott during the street construction. Please keep these two projects in mind if you're considering making a park reservation for Washington Square this summer.



Organ donation is a generous, selfless gift. More than 7,000 people a year (almost 1 per hour) pass away because the organs they need are not donated in time. Just 1 donor can heal more than 75 lives through eye and tissue donation and 1 donor can save up to 8 lives through organ donation. Help us raise awareness about donation and encourage your family, friends and coworkers to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation. We wish you a Happy National Donate Life Month! Visit [lifesource.org](https://lifesource.org) for more information.

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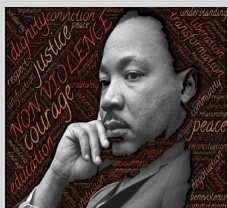
**APRIL 17TH THRU APRIL 21ST**

Thursday, April 20th is statewide Tornado Drill Day. Outdoor warning sirens will sound in a simulated tornado warning. The first drill at 1:55 pm is intended for institutions. The evening drill at 6:55 pm is intended for second shift workers and families.



This annual public education event is designed to remind individuals, families, businesses, schools, and institutions that it's essential to plan ahead of Minnesota's severe spring and summer weather. An informed, involved community is more resilient to disaster.

On January 16, 2023, nearly 100 people came together to celebrate Dr. King's bold vision for equal rights. The event, held at Trinity Lutheran Church, was co-hosted by the Stillwater Human Rights Commission (SHRC), Trinity Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church. The program included presentations by SHRC and members of the Stillwater Area High School's Student Leadership Council (SHRC's 2022 Human Rights Award recipient) and featured live music by Eric Davis and Randy Ralston. The Student Leadership Council recognized prior awardees and shared their inspiring plans for promoting equity at their school. The audience then enjoyed a live broadcast of the MLK event being held at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Highlights included a stirring speech by Dr. Michael Lomax, president and CEO of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), and a Q&A with Valerie Jarrett, Chief Executive Officer of the Obama Foundation and former senior advisor to President Obama. In total, the Stillwater event generated \$519 in donations to the UNCF.

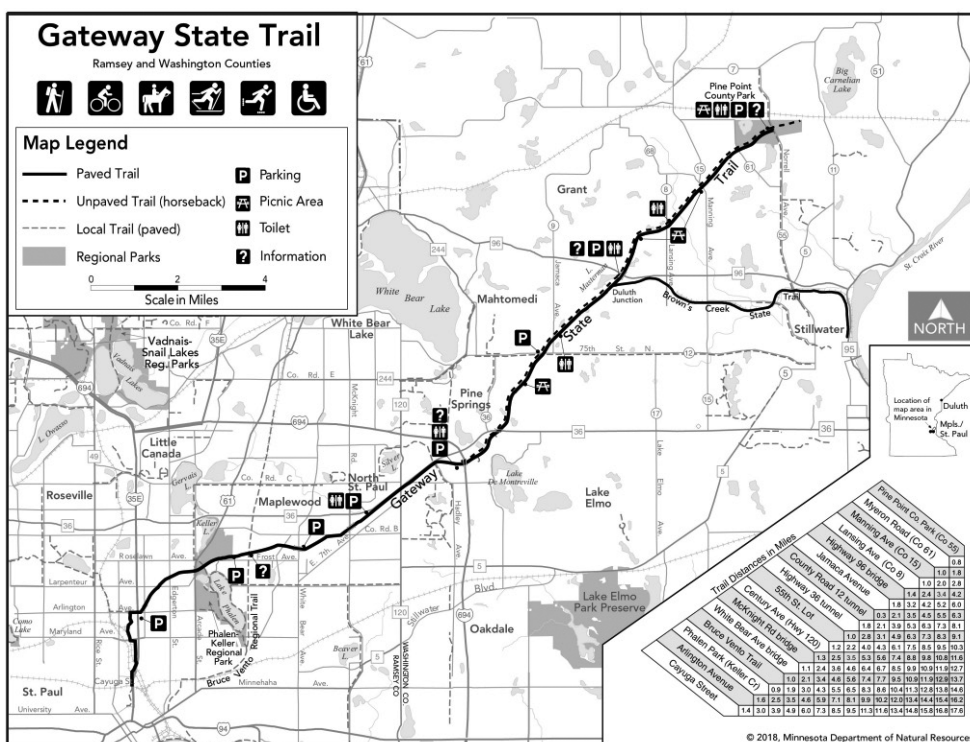


Massage therapists work in an array of settings, such as spas and offices of other health practitioners. Some also travel to local events or clients' homes. Being a massage therapist in the City of Stillwater now requires a license. Background and credential checks are completed on each massage therapists making it illegal for anyone to work as a massage therapist unless he or she has a license. Licensing helps keep the consumer safe in knowing a massage therapist has the proper requirements to practice.



The Gateway State Trail is an 18 mile multiple use trail that runs from the City of St. Paul to Pine Point Park, just north of Stillwater. Located on a former Soo Line Railroad grade, the trail is generally level and wheelchair accessible. Along the trail from I-694 to Pine Point Park, an adjacent unpaved trail is available for horseback riding, or carriage driving.

During winter months the western portion between Jamaca Ave. in Grant and Cayuga St. in St. Paul is plowed. The eastern portion between Jamaca Ave. and Pine Point Park is groomed for cross-country skiing. Use the Brown's Creek State Trail to connect to the Gateway State Trail and enjoy miles of beautiful scenery.





## 2022 | YEAR IN REVIEW

### Top 10 Checked Out Books



### 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.



### SPRING BOOK SALE

Book lovers and bargain hunters — you are in for a treat! Friends of the Stillwater Public Library are hosting their annual spring used book sale on April 26-29, 2023. Proceeds benefit the library and will enhance materials and programs. Cash or check only. Most items priced at \$1-\$2.

### Members Only Preview Sale\*:

Wed., Apr. 26 5:00-7:30 PM  
\*Not a member of Friends of the Stillwater Public Library? Join at the door.

### Open to the Public:

Thu., Apr. 27 10:15 AM-7:30 PM  
Fri., Apr. 28 10:15 AM-4:30 PM  
Sat., Apr. 29 10:15 AM-4:30 PM  
Bag sale all day on Saturday!

### Donate Your Books!

Saturday, April 22  
10:30 AM-3:00 PM

Donate gently used books. 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.

Help raise money for the library one book at a time!

### Highlights



One-on-one tech help sessions launched

DVD players and extra hotspots added to the Library of Things



Late night telescopes on terrace for all ages

Summer Wednesdays on the lawn with weekly crowds of 150-275



Program held on Native American Initiatives with MN Historical Society



Flight lab wind tunnel gifted to children's area as reward for 135,000 minutes read over summer

Library's 120 year-old roof replaced

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### By the Numbers

344,718  
physical items checked out

64,564  
e-materials borrowed

110,553  
library visits

87,692  
visits to our website

228  
programs & activities

16,965  
participating adults, teens & children



1,437  
new cardholders

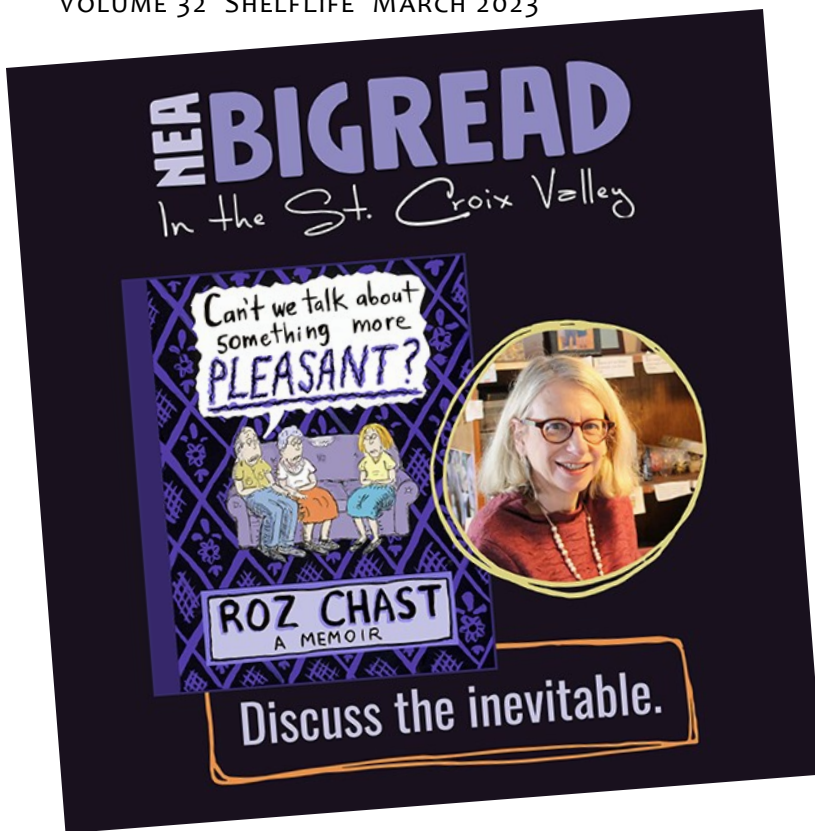
1,902  
volunteer hours

Note: 2022 statistics are preliminary. Final numbers will be submitted to the state this spring as part of the annual Minnesota Public Library Report.

Stillwater  
Public Library

Overheard at Stillwater Public Library:  
"I wish everything in life went as smoothly as going to the library."





For more Big Read events across the valley,  
go to [artreachstcroix.org/bigread/](http://artreachstcroix.org/bigread/).

## NEA BIG READ - APRIL 2023

### Discuss the inevitable

The **NEA Big Read in the St. Croix Valley** is a one book, one community program that brings together residents from throughout the St. Croix Valley around a common book. This year's pick is *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* by author and cartoonist Roz Chast.

Chast tells the story of her parents' final years through cartoons and prose. An adult child reluctantly becomes a caregiver for her aging parents and reflects a common story in all of its pity, love, resentment and bewilderment. It is filled with humor, cringe-worthy moments and unavoidable things that many are likely to face.

#### Meet the Artists

Wednesday, April 12 from 6:00-7:30 PM

Join us for a reception to celebrate the artists featured in the library's gallery in March-April 2023 as part of the NEA Big Read.

#### NEA Big Read Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 PM at Stillwater Public Library

Thursday, April 27 at 1:00 PM at FamilyMeans

Join us to discuss *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* by Roz Chast.

#### Help! My parents are getting older, what do I need to know?

Thursday, April 20 at 6:00 PM at Stillwater Public Library

As parents age, adult children provide more support for their parents. What do you know about their health history, financial assets, and long-term wishes? It is important to understand your changing roles and learn more about the resources that can help as your parent ages.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Stillwater Public Library provides free, quality programs for all ages. For the latest in upcoming events and to register to attend, view our online calendar at [stillwaterlibrary.org/calendar](http://stillwaterlibrary.org/calendar).

### Balanced Wellness Series

2nd Wednesdays in April through December at 1:00 PM

Starting in April, join us for a monthly educational wellness series for adults ages 55+. The classes will be held on the second Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2 PM. Each session will include 45 minutes of education with informational handouts, Q&A and a 15-minute chair fitness class. No registration required.

Apr. 12: Super Foods for Super Seniors  
May 10: Exercising with Arthritis  
June 14: Exercise for Brain Health  
July 12: Meal Hacks for Healthier Meals  
Aug. 9: Healthy & Hydrated  
Sep. 13: Falls Prevention  
Oct. 11: Exercise for Back Pain  
Nov. 8: Diabetes & Exercise  
Dec. 13: The Gift of the Present

### Tech Help

Selected dates and times monthly

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 a phone, tablet or e-reader to access library resources. View available times and register at [bit.ly/3J2qOfE](http://bit.ly/3J2qOfE) or call the library.

### Book Clubs

Do you enjoy talking about books or learning about what others have been reading? Join one of our book clubs: Connect Through Books (meets third Monday of month online at 7 PM), Mystery Book Club (meets third Wednesday of month in person at 6 PM), and Romance Book Club (meets second Tuesday of month online at 6 PM).

### Storytimes

Build early literacy skills with your child while having fun! Join us for Baby & Toddler Storytime (first and third Tuesday at 10:30 AM through April 18), Preschool Storytime (every Wednesday at 10:30 AM and again at 11:30 AM through May 3), and Second Saturday Storytime (second Saturday of month at 10:30 AM). No registration.

### Exploring Poetry Through Art

Friday, April 7 at 10:30 AM

Use words and drawings to learn about and explore poetry. For ages 6-12. Registration required.

### Circus Manduhai

Saturday, April 22 at 10:30 AM

The circus is coming! Circus Manduhai's 4-person troupe practices the traditional art of the Mongolian circus. Enjoy dazzling feats of balance and flexibility. All ages are welcome. No registration.

## LIBRARY COFFEE BREAK

Stillwater Public Library Foundation shares free coffee and tea at the library on the first Wednesday of each month to thank library users and Foundation donors. Stop by on the lower level near the Public Services Desk from 10 AM to Noon.

"I see books. I see coffee.  
I see a good day ahead."  
- Unknown



## A SUMMER PREVIEW

Mark your calendars to explore the universe with us this summer. Join Owliver and his owlie astronauts as we journey to the moon and beyond. Read, write, create, and discover during our summer reading programs for kids and adults.

Program made possible by donors to the Stillwater Public Library Foundation.



## BIKE SAFETY RODEO

Circle the wagons and your calendars for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 1 pm for the annual Stillwater Police Department Youth Bike Safety Rodeo. This is a free event open to all kids K-4<sup>th</sup> grade. Free bike tune up, helmet fitting, and more will help ready your child with safe riding habits to enjoy years of this lifelong activity. Look to the City of Stillwater website, and Stillwater MN Police Facebook page for additional information coming soon. Questions contact Community Resource Officer Junker by calling 651-351-4930 or email [bjunker@ci.stillwater.mn.us](mailto:bjunker@ci.stillwater.mn.us)



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The City wants to hear from voices that reflect our community. Voices that want to move our community forward. Residents can become active participants by signing up and registering at [www.polco.us/Stillwater](http://www.polco.us/Stillwater). Each month a survey is emailed asking you to share your voice on topics.



## PUBLIC WORKS KNOWS SNOW

The City of Stillwater Public Works crew volunteered this past January to stomp snow for the World Snow Sculpting Competition. Stomping teams were in competition with each other, which is why the crew has "Beat Army" shirts on. And yes, they beat Army by 3 minutes. The sculpting team who won the World Snow Sculpting Competition used the cube of snow Public Works stomped. Great job Public Works and thanks for plowing our streets too!



## PARTNERING WITH PEOPLE TO OVERCOME POVERTY SERVE - EDUCATE - TRANSFORM

Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties offers a variety of services and programs. Their mission is to eliminate poverty, offer support, and deconstruct the systems that cause and perpetuate economic disparities for people in our community. Community Action not only provides services and programs that aim to reduce the causes of poverty but they



are a hub to other resources. Learn how they can help pay your heat and water bills, keep your home safe and warm, access Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, get your home weatherized, apply for a car loan, or assist you with filing your taxes.

You can help bring positive change to our community in many ways. Become a Partner in Action as a donor, volunteer your time, or join their mailing list to stay informed about important issues affecting your low-income neighbors. Contact 651-645-6445 or visit [caprw.org](http://caprw.org) for more information.



## WELCOME NEW HIRES

Cole Boelter  
Barb Mattick

## 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](http://www.ci.stillwater.mn.us/city-government/employment-opportunities).



## HAPPY RETIREMENT ROSE!

Congratulations to our IT Manager after working for the City of Stillwater for 25½ years. May you quilt to your hearts content and may you find fabric from many stores across the country. We certainly will miss her and her talents.



# WASTE REDUCTION NEWS

## COMPOST BARREL SALES

Home composting is a way for you to speed up the natural process of decomposition and return organic materials to the soil. By composting, you can convert organic wastes into a dark, crumbly mixture that can be used to improve the soil and reduce your use of fertilizer and water.

Home compost barrels are available from Washington County who has partnered with Recycling Association of Minnesota to sell discounted compost bins for \$56 to Washington County residents. Call 651-275-7475 to place your order. Pickup will be at the Environmental Center in Woodbury. Visit [www.WashCoRecycles.com/Barrels](http://www.WashCoRecycles.com/Barrels) website for more information.

### COMPOST RECIPE



## RECYCLING CARDBOARD CORRUGATED BOXES

Did you know cardboard (also known as corrugated) boxes can be recycled at least seven times and can be used to make new packaging boxes and even furniture. The best part is, recycling cardboard is easy. Almost all Americans having access to curbside recycling for their corrugated boxes. Just make sure they're empty, dry, clean, and flattened.



## ONE-DAY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS COLLECTION

Spring 2023

## Stillwater Collection Day

Saturday, May 20 · 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### Drop-off Procedures

- Stay in your vehicle.
- Place items for drop-off in the trunk, rear of SUV, or cargo bed.
- Keep items you do not want us to take separate from items you are dropping off.
- Provide your zip code to the attendant. No driver's license is required.



### Hazardous Materials Accepted

Hazardous materials will be accepted from households only.

#### Home Improvement:

- Paints, stains, varnishes, and preservatives
- Paint removers and thinners

#### Auto & Recreation:

- Antifreeze
- Motor oil and filters
- Propane tanks

#### Yard & Garden:

- Insect, roach, and ant killers
- Fertilizers and pesticides

#### Household Items:

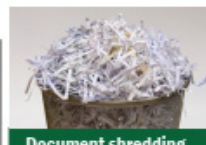
- Household cleaners
- Aerosol cans
- Fluorescent bulbs (DO NOT TAPE)
- Mercury thermometers and thermostats
- All batteries (No EV batteries)
- Household sharps - Place in sealed, sturdy container labeled "Household Sharps"
- Vaping devices and e-liquids



### Electronics Accepted

- Computers, monitors, and accessories
- TVs, DVD players, and VCRs
- Phones, cell phones, and fax machines
- Microwaves

Remove batteries from all electronic devices & bring separately.



### Document shredding

Document shredding will also be offered. In order to serve as many people as possible, no more than four boxes per customer will be accepted.

Please note that shredding capacity may be reached before the end of the event.

### Location

Lily Lake Ice Arena  
1208 S. Greeley St.  
Stillwater, MN  
55082



## RAIN BARREL SALES

A rain barrel collects runoff from your home's gutter system and it's a great way to conserve water. Rain barrels can be fancy or simple, but the basic structure is to have a barrel at the end of a downspout with a spigot or hose connector that lets you drain the water for use on your landscape. Rainwater harvesting provides an alternative to using city water for irrigation. Plants benefit from water that's free of the minerals in tap water. Rain barrels can reduce the volume of runoff entering the storm sewer, keeping pesticides, fertilizer and other chemicals out of nearby bodies of water. Collecting rainwater for later use also keeps it from entering your foundation, crawlspace or basement.



Washington County is selling the rain barrels for a discounted price of \$70 to Washington County residents. To place an order call 651-275-7475. Visit this website [www.WashCoRecycles.com/Barrels](http://www.WashCoRecycles.com/Barrels) for more information.



Questions about items accepted? Call 651-275-7475



## SEARCH THE NEW DISPOSAL DIRECTORY



Search the new Washington County disposal directory to find out how to recycle or dispose of almost anything! From easy-to-recycle items like cans and bottles, to mattresses, furniture, and holiday trees — find local reuse, recycling, and disposal options for things you no longer want or need.



Visit [www.WashCoRecycles.com/Disposal](http://www.WashCoRecycles.com/Disposal) or scan the QR code for more information.

### #RECYCLEBETTER

Help the environment and reduce landfill by following these simple guidelines: #Recyclebetter

**Yes** – Cartons Milk, soup, and juice cartons are recyclable! Empty and rinse them out before placing them in your recycling bin. Do not flatten or remove caps.

**Yes** – Glass bottles and jars are recyclable. Empty and rinse before putting them in the recycling bin.

**Yes** – Metal empty food and beverage cans belong in the recycling bin, not the trash. Clean out the cans but do not crush them.

**Yes** – Paper & cardboard can be recycled. This includes: cardboard boxes, food boxes, paper towel/toilet paper tubes, mail, magazines, office papers, and more! Flatten boxes and keep dry.

**Yes** – Empty plastic bottles and containers stamped with the numbers 1, 2 and 5 can go into your recycling cart. Leave caps on.

**No** – Bagged recyclables. Just place recycling loose in your cart, don't bag them. Use an unlined bin to collect recycling in your home.

**No** - Plastic bags. These bags jam sorting equipment at recycling facilities. Instead drop off plastic bags at participating drop-off locations near you.

**No** – Shredded paper can cause big issues at recycling facilities. It is best to keep shredded paper separated from your household recyclables. Instead, bring your paper to Lily Lake Park on May 20, 2023 during the one-day hazardous household collection event and have them shredded onsite.

**No** – Tanglers like cords, wire hangers, and string lights must be kept out of your recycling bin. As the name suggests, these items get tangled in the equipment at recycling facilities. You can take these items to the Washington County Environmental Center in Woodbury.

#### PAPER

- Boxboard including corrugated cardboard (OCC)
- Envelopes- window and metal clasps acceptable
- Magazines and catalogs
- Mail, office and school papers
- Newspaper and inserts
- Phone books

#### CARTONS

- Milk and broth cartons
- Juice boxes

#### METAL

- Food and beverage aluminum/tin/bimetal cans

#### GLASS

- Food and beverage bottles and jars

#### PLASTICS

- PET (#1)
  - water, soda and juice bottles
  - ketchup and salad dressing bottles
- HDPE (#2)
  - Milk and juice jugs
  - Dish soap bottles and detergent jugs
  - Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles
- PP (#5)
  - Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups
  - Margarine, cottage cheese and other tubs

# NO!

**Do Not Bag  
Recyclables**

**No Plastic  
Bags or Wrap**

**No Tanglers**  
(No hoses, wires,  
or string lights)

**No Shredded  
Paper**



## **"KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW"**

### **COLORING CONTEST TO HELP CELEBRATE EARTH DAY**

April 22nd is Earth Day, and while every day is technically a day to be kind to the planet, this is a day to show appreciation and get into new habits. There are so many little things you can do to celebrate and help save the Earth, and we'd love to see your great ideas. Residents of all ages are invited to showcase their artistic talent and their commitment to reduce, reuse and recycle by participating in the City of Stillwater "Know Before You Throw" coloring contest.

Recycling benefits your community and the environment. Making recycling work depends on all of us. No action is too small! Tell us how you help protect our earth by using Tip 1, Tip 2, or both below. Artwork entries should be designed around the theme "Know Before You Throw". Be creative and have fun!

**Tip 1:** It's very important to Know Before You Throw so check your recycling guide to learn what materials belong in the recycling bin. Items accepted for recycling from your home include paper, cartons, certain metal, glass and plastics 1, 2 and 5.

**Tip 2:** When in Doubt, Throw it Out! If you're not sure if something is recyclable, it's best not to place it in the recycling bin. Here are some common items that don't belong in your recycling bin: plastic bags, plastic film, electronics, batteries, food or liquids, yard waste, shredded paper or tangles like cords or string lights.

Prizes will be given in each age category to artists who convey the theme with visual clarity, creativity and quality. 1st place is \$100 gift card and 2nd place is \$50 gift card.

Artwork will be grouped into the following age groups: 7 years old and younger, 8 to 12 years old, 13 to 17 years old, 18 to 64 years old, and 65 years and older.

Winning artwork will be used to celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd and to promote recycling in the City's newsletter, social media and possible future contests.

**SUBMISSIONS.** Artists may use watercolor, pen/ink, crayons or markers and add recyclable materials to artwork. One entry per person. Additional copies of contest page (see back cover) is available on the City's website. Artist must be a City of Stillwater, MN resident.

Mail your artwork to City of Stillwater, 216 4th Street N. or drop it off at City Hall by **April 10, 2023**. Winners will be announced at the April 18th City Council meeting. Each submission must be accompanied with the following release.



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#### **"KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW" COLORING CONTEST RELEASE**

**Artist Name:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Email:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Address:**\_\_\_\_\_, Stillwater

*I hereby certify that this submission was created entirely by the Artist named above and is original artwork. I agree that it may be offered for public display or publication at some time during or after the contest. I understand that this becomes the property of the City of Stillwater and may be reproduced without remuneration to the artist. The only information that will be released is the Artist's name and age or age group.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Artist's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**"KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW" COLORING CONTEST TO HELP CELEBRATE EARTH DAY**



How do you help protect our earth?

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age or Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_