

STILLWATER CITY NEWS

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CHESTNUT STREET PLAZA PROJECT — MAIN STREET DETOUR

Chestnut Street plaza improvements are moving fast! During construction **local businesses are open!** Follow the dedicated walkways to access these businesses during construction.

There is no pedestrian connection on Chestnut Street from Main Street to the St Croix River. Pedestrians should utilize Myrtle Street or Nelson Street to access the St Croix River and Lift Bridge loop trail.

Water Street will be closed to through traffic until June 24th.

Pedestrians can cross Main Street at Chestnut Street, but this will stay as an uncontrolled crossing until after July 17th.

On July 17th, Main Street at Chestnut Street will be closed for a 2-month period. Vehicles will be detoured. The closure will allow crews to finish the project including utility installation, new traffic signal, lighting, and sidewalk.

CHANGE IN PAY LOT PARKING

Starting June 1, the City will again start charging for parking in existing Pay Lots (Lots 1 and 2) and the City Parking Ramp.

The City has implemented new payment options to better meet your parking needs. The City now offers Passport Parking mobile payment option to streamline your payment. The City still offers payment options at credit card terminals.

The City also now allows payments in smaller increments and timeframes to better match your actual parking duration.

The City approved an expansion of the Pay Zone for Downtown Parking, but it won't take effect until September 1, 2023 in recognition of impacts from the flood conditions this spring and ongoing construction on Chestnut Street Plaza this summer. The intent of these changes is to increase parking availability, boost funds for maintaining parking facilities, and improve the downtown visitor, employee, and resident experience.

More information will be available soon on the City's website at www.stillwatermn.gov/parking or you may email City staff at parking@stillwatermn.gov.



FIREWORKS SAFETY - DID YOU KNOW?

More than 30% of fireworks injuries are from sparklers. There is an average of 73 hospital visits each year in Minnesota due to fireworks injuries. Approximately 40% of fireworks injuries each year happen to children. Fireworks that shoot into the air are illegal in Minnesota.



Only use Minnesota-legal fireworks like sparklers, fountains, ground spinners and snappers. Point fireworks away from people and animals. Use fireworks in an open area away from trees and houses. Extinguish and dispose of spent fireworks in a bucket of water. Do not try to relight a dud.

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

SAVE A PET'S LIFE IN A HOT CAR

When temperatures outside are in the 90's, the temperature inside the car can quickly reach 125°, causing brain damage or death.



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Cracking the car window does not help, the inside still gets dangerously hot. When leaving your car ensure your pet is with you or better yet, keep your pets at home.



SAVE THE DATE!

Night to Unite is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1st.

It's time to start planning and register your block party.

Contact Community Resource Officer Brad Junker at 651-351-4930 or email him at bjunker@stillwatermn.gov

The City also hosts a Night to Unite event at Washington Square. Watch for details coming soon to the City of Stillwater website and Facebook page.

BURNING RESTRICTIONS

Before you light a fire, visit the MN DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions

The fire danger and burning restriction maps located on the DNR website provide information on the current conditions so you can know when its safe to enjoy having a recreational fire.

HEAT SAFETY AWARENESS

Always lock parked cars even if you don't have a child of your own. A child in your neighborhood could get into your unlocked vehicle, with tragic consequences. Over 900 children have died inside hot vehicles since 1998. Some were due to children accessing a parked car without supervision. If you can't find your child, you should always check the vehicle including the trunk. Everyone is at risk from the dangers of extreme heat. Here are some tips:

- Protect yourself from heat and sun
- Avoid overexertion and stay hydrated and avoid alcohol
- Apply sunscreen every two hours
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting and light-colored clothing
- Take regular breaks in the shade
- Assist those who are at higher risk for heat-related illness including newborns, children, pregnant people, older adults and people with chronic illness.

**Extreme Heat
Safety Tips**

GOT A TICKET?

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT HEARING OFFICE CAN HANDLE IT

Please note this refers to the County issued tickets. If you receive a ticket from City of Stillwater it will be a yellow/gold envelope style parking ticket and these are taken care of directly though the City of Stillwater. However if the yellow ticket is not taken care of, the registered owner of the vehicle in violation will then be sent a county ticket via certified mail.

People who receive traffic or parking tickets in Washington County have a third option for getting them resolved via the Court Hearing Office. Washington County court hearing officers have the authority to work with most traffic offenses and parking tickets. They can resolve disputes and suspensions, negotiate payment plans and extensions, reduce the severity of the punishment, and even offer options to keep the ticket off your driving record.

Meetings with court hearing officers are done remotely, from a cell phone or computer. They're also relatively short, alleviating the need for most people to take time off of work. The Court Hearing Office doesn't only provide benefits to people with tickets, it also frees up the court calendar so judges can handle more serious cases. However, meeting with a hearing officer doesn't prevent people from going to court if they so choose. Those who don't like the outcome from the Court Hearing Office have the option to have their case heard by a judge. To schedule an appointment to have the Washington County Court Hearing Office resolve your ticket, call 651-281-3219 or 800-657-3611 and press 2 at the prompt or email: 10thWashingtonHearingOffice@courts.state.mn.us.

WATER EFFICIENCY REBATE AVAILABLE



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, which ever 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. **Program runs through June 30, 2024.**

Rebates are available on a first come first served basis. It is your responsibility to verify funds are still available. Copies of receipts for qualifying devices 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 excludes sales tax and any installation/labor costs. New construction and new development are ineligible. Rebates will show as a credit on your utility bill. Rebate application available on the City's website at www.stillwatermn.gov/waterrebate. Questions contact Public Works Utility Department at 651-275-4100.

STILLWATER 2022 DRINKING WATER REPORT

Making Safe Drinking Water



Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: eight wells ranging from 83 to 305 feet deep, that draw water from the Prairie Du Chien-Jordan and Jordan aquifers. Stillwater works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The report provides information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources. Contact Robert Benson, Utilities Superintendent, at 651-430-8740 or rbenson@stillwatermn.gov with questions about Stillwater's drinking water. You can also inquire on how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

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

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

Stillwater Monitoring Results

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2022. We work with the MN Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health. Learn more by visiting the MN Department of Health's webpage on Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html> or <https://www.stillwatermn.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/2320/638233768520550056>

UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

The City of Stillwater has switched banks and closing it's old bank account. If you use Bill Pay through your bank, the payments will



no longer come to the City directly via ACH. Instead Bill Pay will process your payment and issue a paper check which is mailed to the City and takes additional days to receive. To avoid late fees, please plan to submit your Bill Pay payment earlier.

Another option is to sign up for Auto Pay direct debit at www.stillwatermn.gov or fill out the back side of your utility statement. Auto payment dates are February 10, May 10, August 10 and November 15. Statements will continue to be mailed to you or you can sign up for electronic billing.

To pay online anytime with a credit card visit stillwater.merchantransact.com/Login and setup an account.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAYOFF

Did you know, if you are currently paying annually on your special assessment with your tax payment, you have the option to pay it off? And you can even make a larger payment towards your principal to pay it down to save yourself annual interest costs! Interest on special assessments currently range from 2.55% to 4.5% per year and terms range from 3 to 15 years depending on the assessment.



For those looking to reduce or eliminate their as-

essment on their 2024 tax bill, contact 651-430-8813 for your payoff amount and submit your payment to the City of Stillwater no later than November 15th, 2023.

Catalytic Converter Marking Event



Catalytic converters are an essential part of your vehicle to help control harmful exhaust emissions getting into the atmosphere. They do this by filtering your car's exhaust through a chamber that contains a number of valuable metals and minerals. These devices are fairly accessible on your vehicle and makes them prime targets for theft. You can do your part by marking them with a unique identifier making them easier to trace in the unfortunate circumstance that you do fall victim to theft.

The Stillwater Police Department, along with the Minnesota Department of Commerce and Fraud is once again teaming up to offer a Catalytic Converter Marking event. Since 2021, we have been partnering with them to administer this theft prevention program and are excited to offer this again to the community.

Join us for this free crime prevention opportunity on:

Saturday, July 22 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Stillwater Public Works Facility
3325 Boutwell Road, Stillwater, MN

WATER-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING TIPS



Many studies indicate that you and your neighbors believe having a lawn that is safe for the environment is very important. Unfortunately, some lawn care practices can create water quality problems. Many chemicals (nitrogen and phosphorus) found in fertilizers run off our properties into local waterbodies and create algal blooms that make for cloudy water and remove oxygen. Some simple things you can do to maintain your lawn and be safe for the environment are:

- ♦ **Choose the right grass seed.** Consider limiting lawn area and choose grass varieties that require less maintenance.
- ♦ **Test your soil.** The U of M Extension will test your soil and provide you with recommendations on your fertilizer needs. Visit UMN Extension website for more information. www.extension.umn.edu/yard-and-garden-news/test-your-soil-spring
- ♦ **Don't overwater.** 1" of water per week is typically enough. Overwatering can lead to runoff and contaminants making it into our groundwater.
- ♦ **Mow Smart.** Mow grass 3" or higher. Cut no more than 1/3 of the blade to encourage longer, stronger turf grass roots. Leave the clippings after mowing to provide a source of slow-release nutrients. Remove grass clippings from streets, sidewalks, and driveways. NEVER dispose of clippings in drainage areas, storm drains, wetlands or water bodies!

WATERING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT: JUNE 1 – OCTOBER 1

Water your lawn on your designated day before 10am OR after 5pm:

Even addresses
Only on dates ending in 0,2,4,6,8

Odd addresses
Only on dates ending in 1,3,5,7,9

<https://www.stillwatermn.gov/waterrestrictions>



ARBOR DAY 2023 - BIG TREE CONTEST RESULTS

Over the winter, the City of Stillwater hosted a big tree contest in celebration of Arbor Day 2023. Residents were encouraged to measure and submit their biggest trees into one of four categories: Forest Giants, White Pines, Other Conifers, and Other Deciduous. The contest was a huge success with a total of 46 trees entered by 40 different residents. The rankings are listed below, along with winners pictured next to their giant trees. Thanks for joining the City in celebrating these magnificent old trees!

Rankings	Tree Species	Circumference (inches)	Category	Owner
1st	Silver Maple	289	Forest Giants	Lorna Wille
2nd	Silver Maple	225	Forest Giants	James & Stacy Decaro
3rd	Cottonwood	218	Forest Giants	Mary Jo Bennett
1st	Black Walnut	169	Deciduous	Todd Englund
2nd	Weeping Willow	163	Deciduous	Tom Fischer
3rd	Basswood	135	Deciduous	Tara Kelly
1st	White Pine	129	White Pines	John Fresonke
2nd	White Pine	109	White Pines	Elizabeth Connor
3rd (Tie)	White Pine	107	White Pines	Greg Collins
3rd (Tie)	White Pine	107	White Pines	Lynn Patrick
1st	Norway Spruce	141	Coniferous	Brad Stevensen
2nd	Norway Spruce	102	Coniferous	Molly Krakowski
3rd	European Larch	97	Coniferous	Faith Herman

Some more fun takeaways from the results:

- Most Common Species: Silver Maple with 10 trees entered.
- Since white pines have a larger potential mature size than other conifers found in Minnesota, a separate category was created for them. However, the largest conifer overall was a Norway spruce!
- Similarly, oaks were included in the Forest Giants category due to their record sizes being much larger than other deciduous trees. It appears that Stillwater's oaks, large as they are, are no match for the mighty cottonwoods and silver maples of the St. Croix valley. As such, we would like to highlight a few notable oak trees entered in our contest. Northern Red Oak, 168 inches by Steve Zoller, White Oak, 160 inches by Mike Costello and Bur Oak, 152 inches by Doug Gusarson.

1ST PLACE WINNERS



Other Deciduous:
Black Walnut, 169"
Todd Englund and family



Other Conifers:
Norway Spruce, 141"
Brad Stevensen



Forest Giants:
Silver Maple, 289"
Lorna Wille



White Pines:
Eastern White Pine, 129"
John Fresonke & family



Summer reading isn't just for kids. Adults, read (or listen) to books and enter into a drawing to win weekly prizes from local businesses. Submit your books at the library or online at stillwaterbayportlibrary.beanstack.org. The more weeks you participate by reading at least one book or writing a review, the more chances you'll have of winning!

EXPLORE TECHNOLOGY

Explore Virtual Reality

Try virtual reality at the library! Sign up for an hour-long, individual session to get familiar with Meta Quest 2 and test out a game or video.

Tech Help

Work individually with a technology assistant at the library on topics such as using a computer, getting on the internet, or accessing library eBooks and other resources with an electronic device.

Genealogy Help

Sign up for an hour-long session to work individually with a genealogy specialist volunteer.

These one-on-one explore technology sessions are available at various dates and times. Register at library.stillwatermn.gov/calendar.

EXPLORE BOOKS

Romance Book Club

(online, registration required)

Tuesday, June 13, July 11, and August 8 at 6 PM

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, June 21, July 19, August 16 at 6:30 PM

EXPLORE COMMUNITY

Stillwater Police Present Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

Thursday, June 8, 10:30 AM

Serving Up Fresh Reads at the Stillwater

Farmer's Market: Saturday, June 10 & July 15, 8 AM

Balanced Wellness Series for 55+

Exercising for Brain Health: Wednesday, June 14, 1 PM

Healthier Meal Hacks: Wednesday, July 12, 1 PM

Healthy & Hydrated: Wednesday, August 9, 1 PM

Demystifying Astrology

Monday, June 26, 6 PM

EXPLORE THE ARTS

Painting with Karen Chan (registration required)

Selected online and in-person sessions in June, July, and August. Register at library.stillwatermn.gov.

Meet the Gallery Artist: Erik Sletten

Thursday, July 13, 5-8 PM

Concert on Terrace with Valley Concert Winds

Thursday, July 20, 6:30 PM

Sunflower Cross-Stitch Bookmark (registration required): Wednesday, July 26, 6 PM

Make Your Own Paper (registration required): Thursday, August 24, 6 PM

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
10 AM to 8 PM

Friday & Saturday
10 AM to 5 PM

Sunday
Closed Sundays in summer. Sunday hours resume on September 10 from 1 to 5 PM.



CELEBRATE JULY 4TH AT THE LIBRARY!

Stillwater Public Library Foundation's annual [Light a Spark](#) event fuels funding for materials, programs, services, and historic preservation for the library. A community event held on the library's Johnson Terrace, Light a Spark is a perfect spot to enjoy the City of Stillwater's 4th of July fireworks display.

Tickets go on sale to the public on June 7 for advance purchase only. Sponsorship packages are also available.

- Individuals \$25
- Couples \$40
- Families \$80 (up to 6)
- Reserved parking \$10

Doors open at 7:30 PM.
Magic show at 8 PM.
Fireworks at 10 PM.

Visit stillwaterlibraryfoundation.org for more details.

Stillwater
Public Library

BLAST OFF WITH SUMMER READING

Explore the universe with us this summer! Read, write, and discover with Commander Owliver and his owlie astronauts during our summer reading program for kids. Summer Star Explorers is a collaboration between Stillwater and Bayport public libraries and is made possible thanks to the generous donors of the Stillwater Public Library Foundation, the Foundation for Bayport Public Library, and the Friends of the Stillwater Public Library.

Register online at stillwaterbayportlibrary.beanstack.org. You may also register at the library starting on June 10. **Once you have registered, stop by beginning June 10 to pick up your mission guide and a free book to keep.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Brodini Comedy Magic Show
Saturday, June 10, 10:30 AM

**Amazing Adaptations
with Carpenter Nature Center**
Monday, June 12, 1 PM

Bill the Juggler
Saturday, July 8, 10:30 AM

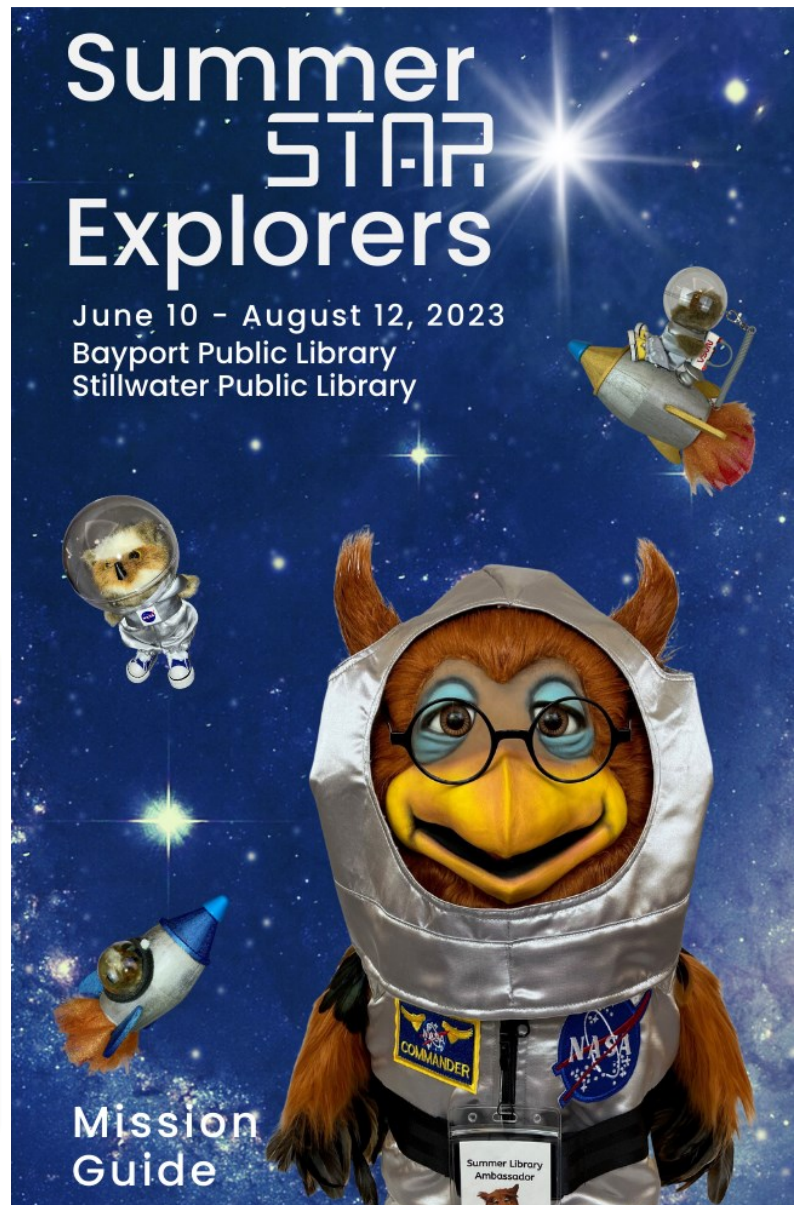
**Beastly Bodies
with Carpenter Nature Center**
Tuesday, July 11, 10:30 AM

Puppet Show: The Poetry of Puppetry
Wednesday, August 9, 10:30 AM
Saturday, August 12, 10:30 AM

Summer Wednesdays, 10:30 AM
June 14: **Circus Manduhai**
June 21: **Bill the Juggler**
June 28: **Dazzling Dave Yo-Yo Master**
July 5: **Brodini Comedy Magic Show**
July 12: **Hooperina**
July 19: **Rap, Rock & Read with Miss Nina**
July 26: **Wendy's Wiggle, Jiggle & Jam**



**TAKE A SELFIE AT
THE LIBRARY**
For Star Wars fans, sci-fi lovers, and explorers young and old, stop into the library for a photo op in the cockpit of the Millennium Falcon.



CLASSES REQUIRING REGISTRATION

Felted Rainbow Pins for Teens
Thursday, June 8, 6 PM, ages 12-17

Junkasaurus with Art Start
Thursday, June 15, 10:30 AM, ages 8-12

Tiny Clay Creatures with Silly Millies
Tuesday, June 20, 10:30 AM, ages 8-12

Dragonflies - Master Hunters
Thursday, June 22, 10:30 AM, ages 6-12

Project Artemis with Space St. Croix
Thursday, June 29, 2 PM, ages 8-12

Exploring Macroinvertebrates
Thursday, July 13, 1 PM, ages 6-12

Clay Dragons with Silly Millies
Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 AM, ages 6-12

Of Bees and Butterflies
Thursday, July 27, 10:30 AM, ages 6-12

Tie Dye Tote Bag for Teens
Thursday, July 27, 6 PM, ages 12-17

FAMILY FUN IN THE DISCOVERY ROOM

This summer, the Discovery Room will be transformed into a galactic mission station. Learn about outer space with activities such as exploring constellations, pretending to research plant growth in zero gravity, experimenting with the flight lab, and preparing pretend space food. Open during library hours, the Discovery Room is a place for kids and caregivers to play and imagine together. Themes periodically change throughout the year for ongoing learning and fun.



WASTE REDUCTION NEWS



If you missed the Household Hazardous One-Day Collection Event in May don't fret another one-day collection event will occur on September 23rd from 8 am to 2 pm at Lily Lake Park.

Or for free and convenient disposal of hazardous waste, electronics, and recyclables all year round, bring your items to the Washington County Environmental Center located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury.

Don't trash it, fix it! Washington County Fix-It Clinic volunteers demonstrate simple repairs and maintenance of everyday items.



YouTube videos from mending and sewing to How to replace a lamp socket are available to view. Check it out at: www.co.washington.mn.us/3175/Reduce-and-Reuse.

GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES INCREASE JULY 1, 2023



Residents will see a 2.5% rate increase on July 1 for collection services. This increase will not affect the rates for recycling, yard waste, bulk pickup or the environmental fee, which increase each January.

Besides garbage and recycling, the organized collection program offers curbside collection of two bulk items, four consumer electronics, three appliances, and unlimited yard waste. Additional service fees are incurred for additional bulk items, or garbage bags placed outside of a cart.

Compost Basics: It's Recycling

"Greens"

- ✓ Vegetables
- ✓ Fruits
- ✓ Fresh grass clippings
- ✓ Green leaves
- ✓ Fresh garden/yard debris
- ✓ Coffee grounds
- ✓ Tea bags
- ✓ Manure (plant eaters only)

"Browns"

- ✓ Brown leaves
- ✓ Old grass clippings
- ✓ Old garden/yard debris
- ✓ Straw
- ✓ Paper, cardboard
- ✓ Sawdust (untreated-small amount)



BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING

- Improves soil health
- Reduces water needs
- Saves money
- Reduces fertilizer and pesticide use
- Slows erosion
- Suppresses some plant diseases
- Reduces taxes by cutting transportation and handling costs. Manage at the source.

DO NOT ADD TO COMPOST

- ⊗ Meat and bones
- ⊗ Fats, oils, grease
- ⊗ Dairy products
- ⊗ Pet or human waste
- ⊗ Whole branches
- ⊗ Charcoal ash

“KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW” COLORING CONTEST TO HELP CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Residents of all ages were 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 this past April. 20 artists participated and 1st and 2nd place winners for each participating age group won a prize.



Artist Liam Schnobrich



Artist Lily Fahey

Congratulations to these winners

7 years old and younger

1st Place – Liam Schnobrich

2nd Place – Zoey Johnson

8 to 12 years old

1st Place – Lily Fahey

2nd Place – Norah Letcher & Stella Rutten

18+ years old

1st Place – Japs Lee

2nd Place – Michele Berthiaume



SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT

Join in some fun this summer learning about the environment, recycling and how you can make a difference. This is a free family show.

Tricia & The Toonies

Teddy Bear Park Amphitheater

207 East Nelson Street

Show starts at 10 am on Tuesday:

June 13	July 11	August 8
June 27	July 24	August 22

YARD WASTE FOR CITY OF STILLWATER RESIDENTS

Yard Waste is part of the City of Stillwater residents garbage fees and is collected curbside by Waste Management from April 15th thru November 30th, weather permitting. Place your yard waste curbside on your regular collection day. **Please note:** during peak season (spring or fall), collection may get delayed due to high volumes.

Use a compostable bag for grass clippings, small stems, and leaves. No dirt, sod, rocks, gravel, trash, flower pots or lawn ornaments. Purchase paper or clear compostable bags, that are compliant with Minnesota state law from retailers.

When bundling branches, bundle them no larger than 4' x 2' and the branches must be less than 3" in diameter and 4' in length. The total bundle must be under 40 pounds.

Or you can obtain a Yard Waste cart from Waste Management as an alternative to bundling or compostable bags. The cart is a 96 gallon cart and there is a one time charge of \$48 or \$2/month fee for the cart.

Garbage, Recycling, or Yard Waste Questions??

Please contact Waste Management with questions directly regarding garbage, recycling, or yard waste. If your service was missed, report it directly to Waste Management as a missed pick up. There is also an option on online, visit: www.wm.com/us/en/location/mn/stillwater/trash-pickup-stillwater-mn?cmp=ag_home_2018-11-15_usa_mn_stillwater. Scroll down to My WM Quick Access and there are options to make a payment, report missed pickup, repair or replace container, request a bulk pickup. Or scroll further down to WM Support with more options. The City doesn't have a special phone number to help, you need to work directly with Waste Management. They are a large company with large call volumes so please be patient.



COUNTY HIGHWAY 5 (OWENS STREET) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 2

Beginning June 12, southbound County Highway 5 (Owens Street) will be closed from Sycamore Street to Myrtle Street. This extends the current one-way section of Owens Street to allow work to progress to the north. Northbound traffic will continue to be maintained through the project site.

The sidewalk will remain closed between Olive & Myrtle to allow utility relocation work to be completed before pouring the new concrete sidewalk. Work began on May 15 between Myrtle Street and Laurel Street/McKusick Street on the west side of County Highway 5. On-street parking will be prohibited. Only northbound traffic will be allowed in this section of roadway. Natural gas work will continue to the north of Laurel Street/McKusick Street. For more information visit Washington County website at www.co.washington.mn.us/countyroad5.



MORE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

72nd Street Project

Paving work started the 1st week of June. The paving is planned to be constructed into two phases: work east of Mid Oaks and work west of Mid Oaks. A pedestrian trail will be installed on the north side of the road as well.

2023 Street Reconstruction Project

The 2023 street improvement project proposed construction schedule is as follows:

- ♦ In May the contractor started working on adding the parking lane around Bergmann Park.
- ♦ On June 8th the contractor started the milling and paving of the Legend and Stillwater Crossing areas.
- ♦ Reconstruction of Abbott Street and Anderson Street started May 22nd and will continue to August 1st.
- ♦ Mill and overlay at the 5th, 6th, and 7th Street area will start the week of July 3rd and continue to July 31st.
- ♦ Partial reconstruction in the Orleans Street West area will start the week of July 17th, and continue to the week of September 4th.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list for updates, call 651-430-8830.

PARTNERS IN ENERGY - CREATING A GREENER, ECONOMICALLY RESILIENT STILLWATER

Exciting times are ahead for the City of Stillwater, as we introduce the Energy Action Team. This pioneering initiative is a critical part of our preliminary Climate Action strategy - a proactive plan to address climate change, which our City Council wholeheartedly supports.

The Energy Action Team, composed of residents like you, will engage in five workshops over the next 18 months. These sessions are designed to generate insights that can lead to sustainable solutions. Participants will also invest some time in surveys and brainstorming exercises to deepen their understanding of local needs and opportunities.

The beauty of sustainability is that it's not just about the environment – it's about economics too. For instance, energy-efficient upgrades to our Public Works building can reduce costs and enhance longevity. Likewise, businesses can leverage tax credits for energy-efficient improvements to older buildings. Our Climate Action strategy is about nurturing a healthier environment and fostering economic resilience in our community.

We're fortunate to have Partners in Energy collaborating with us, offering invaluable expertise while minimizing the impact on our city resources. We also look to learn from neighboring communities engaged in similar efforts. However, we need your help.

We need a range of voices to make our Energy Action Team truly representative of our community. Your involvement is an opportunity to influence Stillwater's green transformation and ensure we remain a thriving, environmentally friendly city for future generations. Let's work together to make Stillwater a model of sustainability for today and the future. Contact Councilmember Larry Odebrecht at lodebrecht@stillwatermn.gov to join us on this journey toward creating a more sustainable future.

PARTNERS IN ENERGY
An Xcel Energy Community Collaboration

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit www.stillwatermn.gov for more details



June 10 - October 28
Stillwater Farmers Market
Each Saturday at Veterans
Memorial Parking Lot



June 14 - September 20
Cruisin' the Croix Car Show
Every Other Wednesday in
Downtown Stillwater



June 24
Lift Bridge Road Race
Ends at Lift Bridge Brewery



June 29
Shepherd in the Park
in Lowell Park
Downtown Stillwater



July 11 - August 15
Summer Tuesdays
in Lowell Park
Downtown Stillwater



July 14-16
Lumberjack Days
in Lowell Park
Downtown Stillwater



July 29
Opera on the River
in Lowell Park
Downtown Stillwater



July 29
St Croix Crossing
Half Marathon
Ends in Lowell Park



August 5
Relay for Life
in Lowell Park
Downtown Stillwater



August 13
Bridge the Valley
Bike Rally
Ends in Lowell Park
Downtown Stillwater

FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS

Valley Concert Winds will
be playing on:

Thursday, July 20, 6:30 pm
at Stillwater Public Library

Thursday, August 17, 6:30
pm at Heritage Square Park

2023 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION EVENT LINE UP



CIVIL WAR CANNONS

Battery I, 1st US Artillery will have cannon firing demonstrations at 3PM, 4PM and 5PM on Mulberry Point in Lowell Park - 201 Water Street

LIVE MUSIC SHOWS

Lowell Park Amphitheater Stage:
Enjoy a free concert from Capital Sons at 5:30PM, followed by Bootleg at 8PM

Pioneer Park Bandshell:
Enjoy the St Croix Jazz Orchestra from 7PM - 9PM, located at 515 N. 2nd.

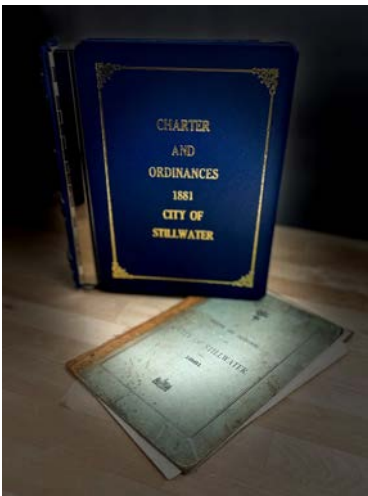
FIREWORKS

A spectacular fireworks show by RES Specialty Pyrotechnics will begin at dusk (approx 10PM) over the St. Croix River and Historic Lift Bridge.

Rain Date is July 5th, 2023



HISTORY HAS BEEN PRESERVED



The City of Stillwater has recently preserved their very first books of City Council meeting minutes, City ordinances and City Charter that were written in 1854 through 1918. The books are now safe from deteriorating and have a new life.

Residents are welcomed to view the books. Call 651-430-8800 to schedule a time to stop by and see them.



HAPPY RETIREMENT SANDRA!

Sandra Vetsch has been a police officer with the Stillwater Police Department for 23 years. Prior to Stillwater, Sandra worked at Caledonia Police Department since 1994. Over the years, Sandra spent roughly 6 years serving as a general detective, a juvenile detective and/or the School Resource Officer (SRO) and the remaining years were on general patrol responding to calls for service.



Sandra is the most senior patrol officer on the force and will leave big shoes to fill. Sandra leaves the department as the SRO at the Stillwater Middle School where she has undoubtedly left her imprint. We thank her for serving the community with professionalism and hard work. We wish her well on this new chapter of retirement and hope she enjoys her time at the cabin with her family.



Brian Mueller, Tom Ballis, Joe Kohlmann, Chad Rogness.

THE LEADERSHIP IN THE VALLEY (LITV)

Four City of Stillwater employees participated in this year's LITV program. They are Police Chief Mueller, Duty Fire Chief Ballis, City Administrator Kohlmann and Streets Public Works Superintendent Rogness.

The LITV program is designed to bring emerging and existing leaders, and consequently their organizations, together who welcome the opportunity to expand their involvement in community affairs and are willing to explore new leadership responsibilities in the community, enhance and grow their personal leadership skills, form beneficial professional relationships, stimulate an understanding of the forces and trends affecting the area, and become involved with a community project. LITV is a program of the Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce's Foundation.

HAPPY RETIREMENT NICK!

Congratulations to Nick Chaves on his retirement. Nick was with the City for 29 years in the Public Works Department. The last couple of years as the Public Works Superintendent. May the roads he travels in his 1949 Studebaker truck bring him much relaxation, enjoyment and avoid any potholes.



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.stillwatermn.gov/city-government/employment-opportunities.