

STILLWATER CITY NEWS

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STILLWATER VOTERS WILL CONSIDER LOCAL SALES TAX TO SUPPORT RIVERFRONT PARKS INVESTMENTS

During the November elections, Stillwater residents will vote on a referendum that seeks a half-percent (0.5%) local sales tax to raise \$6.2 million for the Riverfront Renewal plan. The city proposes to invest a total of \$13.5 million to enhance access and amenities at Lumberjack Landing and Bridgeview Parks. The city has already secured more than half of the funding (\$7.3 million) through a combination of state legislature support, private donations, grants, and city contributions.

If voters approve the sales tax, the city will move forward with a range of projects at both parks, which include restoring aging buildings, adding new amenities for outdoor activities, managing vegetation, stabilizing the riverbank, and creating new paved trails.

“Residents have told us that they want greater access to the riverfront,” said Mayor Ted Kozlowski. “This initiative presents a chance to enhance the parks and link both residents and visitors to the natural beauty of Lumberjack Landing and Bridgeview Parks.”

To provide more information about the referendum and the investment plan, the City of Stillwater launched a new website, StillwaterRiverfrontRenewal.org. The website will be updated regularly and offers residents the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. “We created the website to give residents the information they need when making this important community decision,” said City Administrator Joe Kohlmann.

The City Council proposed a sales tax instead of a property tax increase, so that local homeowners and commercial property owners wouldn’t bear the cost of nearly half the investment plan. A study by the University of Minnesota found that 50.4% of the sales tax would be paid by nonresidents who make purchases in Stillwater, contributing more than \$3.1 million to the investment plan. “If the local sales tax is approved, less than one-quarter of the cost of the projects will be paid by city residents,” said Kohlmann.

State legislation permits the local sales tax to remain in effect for up to 10 years or until \$6.2 million, plus any financing costs, has been collected, whichever happens first. Essential goods would be exempt from the tax, including groceries, clothing, baby products and medications.

The Riverfront Renewal plan has been in development for many years, with the city working alongside experts, planners, and residents to integrate various plans, assessments, and visions for the riverfront parks. “We think this plan reflects the priorities of our residents,” Kozlowski said.

Residents are encouraged to visit StillwaterRiverfrontRenewal.org to learn more about the Riverfront Renewal plan and the sales tax referendum to support it.

RIVERFRONT RENEWAL
INVESTING IN STILLWATER'S PARKS

A Plan to Connect With Our Riverfront

Visit our referendum website:
StillwaterRiverfrontRenewal.org

TIPS TO WINTERIZING TREES AND SHRUBS

Here are some tips to help your trees and shrubs get through the tough winter conditions:

Water up until the first freeze – Trees endure winter conditions better when watered, especially young trees.

Deep water 4 to 5 times in late September to early November.

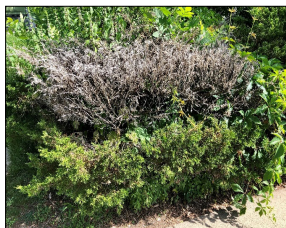
Wrap evergreens especially arborvitae or juniper plants in burlap. Winter winds dry out and kill these tender needles.

Wrap thin-barked tree stems

in white tree wrap to reflect sunlight and manage the temperature fluctuations that cause sunscald and frost crack. Maples and Lindens are especially vulnerable. Remove wrap once temperatures warm up in spring.

Protect young trees with a chicken wire fence and load it up with leaves for insulation.

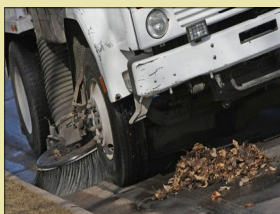
Schedule tree pruning – Winter is almost always the best time to prune trees for improved structure or removing any dead or diseased wood.



STREET SWEEPING

Public Works performs curb-to-curb street sweeping on streets throughout the city. During the comprehensive fall street sweep, crews will clean up about 100 miles of city streets.

It is against the law for residents to push leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into City streets. It's also bad for lakes and waterways. Please discard appropriately or compost them.



TRAIL USE AND ETIQUETTE

Stillwater trails are classified as “multi-use” and designed for both pedestrians and bicycles. Here are some guidelines to follow so all users remain safe:

Pedestrians Should: Stay to the right of the trail and yield to oncoming traffic, keep your dog leashed, and keep volume down when using earbuds or headsets so you can hear your surroundings.

Bicyclists Should: Ride single-file and yield to slower path users. When not bicycling, move completely off the trail. Avoid using listening devices while riding. Control your speed, slow down. Use caution when overtaking other users, and announce your intentions. Obey all traffic signs and signals at crossings. Use proper lights before during low light conditions.



INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

Japanese Hop – *Humulus japonicus* recently discovered at Pioneer Park and the surrounding neighborhood. This annual vine is listed as “Prohibited – Eradicate” on the MN Noxious Weed List.

Japanese Hop can grow 30ft per year and release thousands of seeds each fall. Left unchecked, Japanese hop vines will crawl, climb, smother and often kill off native vegetation. Seeds are dispersed by wind, water and birds.



This is the first occurrence in Washington County. If you see this plant in Stillwater, please report it immediately to Andrew Coyne, Natural Resources, at 651-430-8836 or email acoyne@stillwatermn.gov.

LEAVES ARE EVERYWHERE HELP KEEP WATERWAYS CLEAN

As the leaves begin to fall to the ground and you head outside to prep your yard for the long winter, take a look at your nearby gutters and storm drains. It's not the most glamorous of work, but keeping leaves out of the gutters and storm drains is one of the most beneficial things you can do for your community.

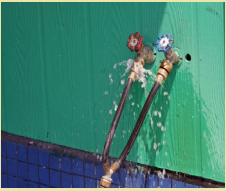
Storm sewers are not designed to handle leaves and plant matter in any amount; they are designed strictly for water. Anything else leads to serious problems, such as flooding. Because leaves don't break down quickly enough, they mix in with water, freeze, and cause clogging and backups. Perhaps the most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



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If you're serious about keeping waterways clean, you can adopt a storm drain. Visit the Adopt-a-Drain.org website and find a storm drain that hasn't been claimed. There are many still available and you can even give it a name!

WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER IN FALL



In Minnesota, most outdoor water use occurs during the hotter summer months. Excessive watering can strain water resources. There are ways to reduce consumption while retaining an attractive landscape. Check all of your outdoor plumbing before it gets too cold outside. Look for broken and leaking hose bibs/fixtures. If left unrepaired it could cause serious damage to your piping system and lead to hundreds and thousands of dollars to fix.



Daily water application is unnecessary for healthy established turf. Before watering, verify that the grass needs watering. Turn off automatic irrigation completely and use only during dry spells. Lawns need about 1 inch of rain or water per week. Watch the weather and disconnect your irrigation system before the ground freezes and don't forget to flush your irrigation system.



Faucets in kitchens and restrooms are the fourth largest source of home water consumption. Using a water efficient faucet can limit the output water to approximately 1.5 gallons/minute. With Thanksgiving and Christmas around the corner, installing a low flow faucet could save you water and money when it comes to cooking or washing dishes. Proactive efforts to find and fix leaks save water and money and prevent water damage. Did you know, toilet leaks can waste over 200 gallons of water every day? They are usually caused by a bad flapper or other easy-to-repair parts. Use food coloring or leak detection tablets to find leaks.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS

Always carry a bag to immediately pick up your pet's droppings to help keep Stillwater safe and clean.

Pet waste left on the ground washes bacteria, viruses and parasites into local lakes and ponds, which can threaten the health of humans and animals.

Pet waste also contains nutrients that promote weed and algae growth, turning waterbodies into a mucky, smelly mess. Picking it up helps keep recreation areas clean, safe and beautiful.



HELP SAVE THE BIRDS DURING MIGRATION

August 15 to October 31

Most birds migrate at night and can be drawn off course by lighted structures in their flight path. Many birds are killed or injured in collisions with buildings or drop from exhaustion after circling them, reluctant to fly out of the light. We all can dramatically reduce the number of collisions and ensure the friendly flyers arrive at their destination safely by participating in Lights Outs.



Please turn off exterior decorative lighting (except security lights). Dim lobby lighting and turn off interior lights, especially upper floors through migration.

WATER EFFICIENCY REBATE STILL AVAILABLE

The City is still offering rebates to Stillwater properties that are connected to the City Water Supply systems who replace their washing machines, toilets or their 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% of 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 for the cost of the device only and excludes sales tax and any installation/labor costs. Rebates will show as a credit on your utility bill. Submit a copy of the receipt with the rebate application to the City of Stillwater by mail or online. The rebate application can be found on the City's website at stillwatermn.gov/waterrebate. Any questions, contact the Public Works Utility Department at 651-275-4100.



WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

Odd/even winter parking regulations will begin on November 1st and go through March 31st.

On the odd numbered days cars parked in the street must be on the side of the street with odd numbered addresses.



On the even numbered days cars parked in the street must be on the side of the street with even numbered addresses.

Vehicles may park on either side of the street between 7 pm and midnight each day. Additionally, in downtown Stillwater there is no parking on any city streets from 2 am to 6 am during these same months.

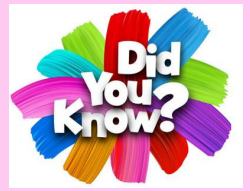
If your car is not moved to the correct side of the street on the appropriate day, you are in violation of this parking ordinance.

Parking signs are enforced throughout the year (i.e. parking lots and other parking zones) so please observe all signs. Questions contact the Stillwater Police Department 651-351-4900.



SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Special assessments are an additional tax levied on private property for public improvements that enhance the value of the property (i.e. road improvement). If you are currently paying a special assessment with your annual property tax payments, you have the option to pay it off early or make additional payments towards the assessment principal. By doing either of these options, you can save money in annual interest costs.



To reduce or eliminate your special assessment, contact the City's Finance Department at 651-430-8813 to confirm your assessment payoff amount.

Payments must be made to the City by November 15th.

HELP SHAPE MYRTLE STREET



Scan the QR code to learn how you can impact the planning of the **Myrtle Street Reconstruction Project!**

bit.ly/Myrtle-Street_ISG



City of Stillwater, MN MYRTLE STREET RECONSTRUCTION

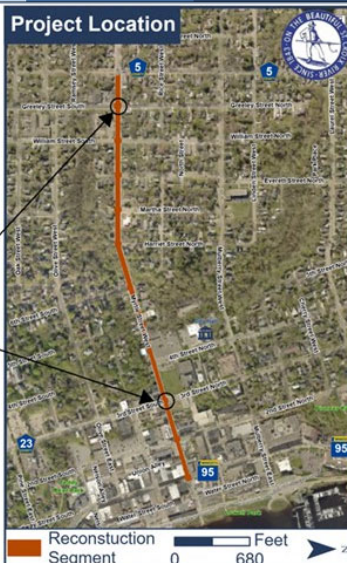
Project Goals:

- 1 Increase pedestrian & bicycle accessibility
- 2 Reduce carbon emissions
- 3 Develop urban forestry
- 4 Reduce impervious surface
- 5 Improve intersection safety (Greeley & Third)
- 6 Improve road surfaces

Proposed Improvements

- 1 Reconstruct Myrtle Street from Owens Street (CSAH 5) to Main Street (TH 95)
- 2 Replace existing sidewalks and improve crosswalks
- 3 Add bicycle lanes for East and Westbound traffic

Project Location



LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

The first Little Free Library (LFL) was built in 2009 in Hudson WI by Todd Bol a Stillwater High School Class of 1974. His philosophy is "I believe people can fix their neighborhoods, fix their communities, develop systems of sharing, learn from each other, and see that they have a better place on this planet to live." There are now over 150,000 registered LFL's plus countless others scattered across all 7 continents.

The Persisters for Human Rights, based in the St. Croix Valley, recently installed a LFL at Lily Lake Park. It is decorated with various paint acquired from the donation shelf at the Washington County Environmental Center.

Following the LFL's Read in Color Pledge, the focus of this library is to make accessible children's and adult books on diversity, hoping readers will

imagine themselves in all aspects of life and open their hearts to all of humanity. This LFL is not the only one in town. There are dozens waiting for you to explore. Visit littelfreelibrary.org to find other registered LFL locations near you. Take a Book, Leave a Book!



2024 GENERAL ELECTION — NOVEMBER 5TH



Register to Vote

Register to vote online at mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/VoterRegistration/index
You can also register or update your registration when you vote at your polling place on Election Day or at an early voting location like Washington County Government Center.

Vote Early In Person

You can cast an absentee ballot at the Washington County Government starting September 20th. Hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday.

Vote Early By Mail

To request a paper application be mailed to you, apply online at mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/abrequest/index or call Washington County Elections at 651-430-6790. Absentee ballots are not accepted at polling sites or City Hall.

Track Your Ballot

You can track the status of your absentee ballot and confirm that it was received and counted online at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus

Municipal Elections

The City of Stillwater has two seats for City Council on the 2024 election ballot: Councilmember for Ward 2 and Councilmember for Ward 3. Polling places are open from 7 am to 8 pm.

Stillwater Polling Sites (W=Ward, P=Precinct)

Find where to vote online at pollfinder.sos.mn.gov or call City Hall at 651-430-8800.

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| W1 P1 | St. Paul Lutheran Church
605 5th St S |
| W2 P2 | Trinity Lutheran Church
115 4th St N |
| W3 P3 | Stillwater Evangelical Free Church
7671 Manning Ave N |
| W4 P4 | Our Saviors Lutheran Church
1616 Olive St W |



COUNCILMEMBER DAVE JUNKER RETIRES

After 33 years of service to the Stillwater community, Councilmember Dave Junker will bid a fond goodbye at the end of his term on January 7th, 2025. Dave is one of the longest tenure's serving the City having spent 14 years on City Council, 13 years on the Parks and Recreation Commission and 6 years on the Downtown Parking Commission.



While serving as a Councilmember, Dave was a liaison to the City's Planning Commission, Heritage Preservation Commission, Downtown Parking Commission, Joint Board and Middle St. Croix Watershed District. In addition he served on the Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce Board, St. Croix Area United Way Campaign Committee, and the Salvation Army Youth Advisory Board.

Dave provided exemplary leadership on many projects such as the expansion of the 1902 Carnegie Library, over 1400 new housing units including 2 senior housing projects, installation of the new Chestnut Street Plaza, and being part of making Stillwater a year round destination City.

Councilmember Junker expressed, "I have loved being involved and making decisions based on discussion and doing the homework needed to make these decisions. It's been quite the honor and quite the privilege to serve." The City is greatly appreciative of his collaboration and dedicated service. We will miss him dearly. Enjoy your retirement Dave!

WHY DOES STILLWATER HAVE AN ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE

The Energy Action Team is a collaborative initiative aimed at reducing energy costs for the community. This team emerged from the need to address energy challenges without overextending the City's budget.



Initially, the City was approached with a proposal to hire a consultant for \$100,000 to develop a climate plan. Recognizing the importance of the project, but the financial impracticality, City Councilmember Odebrecht explored alternatives and drafted an energy plan at no additional cost to the City.

To ensure a well-rounded approach, a diverse committee, including local leaders, environmental experts, a student, a communications specialist, and a representative from a conservation group were assembled. This team worked tirelessly over the course of a year, resulting in an energy plan projected to save Stillwater approximately \$450,000 in the coming years, and City Council has endorsed the plan.

This initiative showcases that when we focus on practical, shared benefits, we can achieve meaningful results for the community.

WASTE REDUCTION NEWS

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. Stillwater city residents can place the bulky items curbside but must contact Waste Management to arrange for pickup. Each resident has yearly limits of large bulky items 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, windows, mattresses, oversize toys, etc.)

If you have additional large items beyond the allowed limits, the cost is \$15/item. Visit the City's website for more details.

SEARCH THE DISPOSAL DIRECTORY



Search the 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 WashCoRecycles.com/Disposal or scan the QR code for more information.



Thank you for
keeping our
parks clean.

KEEP IT CLEAN AT LOCAL PARKS

Whether you're planning an event at a picnic shelter, having a wedding in the gazebo, or taking your family biking on the trails, it is important to leave no trace during your visit to City parks or on the trail system.

Before you leave, make sure to pick up your trash and recycling and place items in the appropriate containers.

OCTOBER MATTRESS CLEAN-UP

Do you have a mattress or box spring that needs to be thrown away? Don't put it in your trash, instead recycle it! Over 95% of your mattress is recyclable. Stillwater is collaborating again this year with Ramsey/Washington County Recycling and Energy to offer free mattress and box spring recycling collection by Second Chance Recycling.



Every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the month of October, residents will be able to place mattresses, box springs and crib mattresses out for collection without it counting towards the large bulky item collection.

Residents simply schedule a date online with Second Chance Recycling to pick up the mattresses or box springs and then set them out curbside on the scheduled date for collection. When selecting a date, please choose a day other than your trash pickup so not to confuse the trash hauler. **Stay tuned to the City's website and Facebook page for the link to sign-up online!**

This program is being done by Second Chance Recycling, for only the month of October, and for City of Stillwater residents only. There is no cost for the collection, but there is a limit up to four per household.

PUMPKIN RECYCLING

One of the best ways to dispose of your pumpkin is through composting. It's a sustainable method that can enrich your garden soil. Pumpkins are nutrient-rich and make an excellent addition to your compost pile. Pumpkins that end up in landfills have a hard time breaking down because landfills function to store material and don't have much oxygen to allow organics to decompose properly.

When it's time to throw your pumpkin away, don't put it in the same bin as your household

rubbish or general waste, instead pumpkins can be dropped off at the food scraps drop-off dumpster at the Washington County Environmental Center, located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury. Pumpkins must be free of glitter, paint, wax and candles.



RECYCLING AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



Become a Recycling Ambassador and help inspire your community to reduce waste. Recycling Ambassadors take a six-week training program to learn more about environmental health, waste systems and recycling. Topics include food scraps recycling, climate change, environmental justice, household hazardous waste, and general recycling.

Training takes place virtually 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Tuesdays: Sept. 10, Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, Oct. 8 and Oct. 15. Visit www.washingtoncountymn.gov/631/Education-Resources to sign up today.

FALL LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Grass clippings, leaves and small branches are collected curbside by Waste Management from April 15th to November 30th, weather permitting.

Place these items into your yard waste cart and set it curbside by 6:30 am on your regular collection day, keeping it 3 feet away from obstacles (ie, mailbox, trees, vehicles) for automated collection.

Additional yard waste bags can be placed next to the cart for pickup. Yard waste carts must be used before bags will be collected. Please note, during peak season, collection may get delayed, so please be patient. Your yard waste will get picked up.

Tree branches and brush must be less than 3" in diameter and 4' in length. Bundled them no larger than 4' x 2' and be under 40 pounds.

No dirt, sod, rocks, gravel, trash, flower pots or lawn ornaments will be picked up.



You must use Waste Management's yard waste container first. They will not pickup yard waste in an unauthorized container.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS Stillwater Collection Day

Fall 2024

Saturday, September 21 · 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



Questions about items accepted? Call 651-275-7475



ADDITIONAL YARD WASTE?

Do you have a large cleanup project of branches and leaves? Residents of Washington County are able to drop off their yard waste, free of charge, at the Northern Yard Waste site, located at 5227 170th Street North in Hugo. Questions call: 651-275-7475

Items Accepted

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Lake weeds
- Garden waste
- Branches and twigs
- Tree waste and shrubs
- No stumps
- No sod or dirt

Food scraps (Keep separate from yard waste.)



Summer Hours: April–November

Wednesday	11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (or dusk)
Friday	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Winter Hours: December–March

Saturday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunday - Friday	Closed

Closed: New Year's Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

BE SMART ABOUT PROPANE

Do not throw propane tanks in your trash or recycling, even if you know its empty. Propane exchanges are available at many places propane is sold. Check with retailers to see if they take back empty tanks.

Propane tanks and cylinders are accepted free-of-charge at the Washington County Environmental Center.



Join the Stillwater Police Cadet Program



Stillwater Police Department

ABOUT THE POLICE CADET PROGRAM

Are you interested in a career in law enforcement and want to make a positive impact in your community? Join the Stillwater Police Department Cadet Unit!

This hands-on program provides an incredible opportunity to learn from experienced safety professionals, gaining the knowledge, skills and practical experiences necessary to succeed in law enforcement.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to jump-start your future and make a difference in your community. Sign up for the Stillwater Police Department Cadet Unit today.



Meetings will occur every other Sunday starting September 15, 2024 to April 27, 2025 | 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM



Stillwater Police Department
216 4th St N
Stillwater, MN 55082

Qualifications

- Age 14-20
- Enrolled in school or have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Good moral character
- No prior arrests/convictions
- Must pass a background check
- Good physical health

How to Apply

- Email Officer Johnson to request 'Cadet Program Forms'
- Complete required forms
- Pass a background check

Applicants will be notified once background check is returned

Questions?

Officer Johnson

- Cjohnson@stillwatermn.gov
- 651-351-4905



www.stillwatermn.gov

ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

The Holidays will soon be among us and now is the time to remind you of common scams and schemes that plague us during the most wonderful time of the year. Here's what to look out for:

- Beware of phishing scams. Scammers often send fake emails or text messages posing as popular retailers, charities or delivery services. Be cautious of unsolicited messages and never click on links or provide personal information unless you are certain of the source.
- Be wary of anyone asking for payment via gift cards.
- Consider having packages delivered to a secure location, a trusted neighbor or at work. Even a delivery box outside your front door can help keep packages safe from thieves.

If you see anything suspicious call 911 and report it to law enforcement.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

As Halloween approaches, the Stillwater Police Department wants to ensure all our young trick-or-treaters have a fun and safe night.

Here are some important safety tips to keep in mind:

- Stick to well lit areas and familiar neighborhoods.
- Be aware of and avoid open flames like candles in jack-o'-lanterns. Use flame-resistant costumes.
- Always remember to look both ways when crossing streets.
- If you're driving, please remember to watch for pedestrians.
- Travel in a group.
- Walk, don't run and use sidewalks when possible.
- Avoid homemade treats and only eat factory-wrapped candy.





STILLWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 12

10 am — 1 pm

250 Maryknoll Drive North

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| • Firefighting Demonstrations | • Lakeview EMS |
| • Hands only CPR | • Flu/COVID Immunizations |
| • MN Toward Zero Deaths | • Blood Drive |
| • Freckles the Fire Dog | • Prizes |
| • Stillwater Police Department | • Refreshments |

STILLWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, October 12

8 am — 1 pm

250 Maryknoll Drive North

Sign up link: mbcherohub.club/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/73880

Memorial Blood Centers

FREE VACCINE CLINIC

Saturday, October 12

10 am — 1 pm

Stillwater Fire Department
250 Maryknoll Drive North



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Don't Wait — Check the Date!

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years



Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms. Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

1. Remove the alarm from the wall or ceiling.



2. Look on the back of the alarm for the manufacture date.



3. Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.



4. Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.



GARAGE FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

We may think about protecting the inside of our home but what about our garage? According to the National Fire Protection Association, garage fires are responsible for 10% of all fire-related property damage and injuries in homes. Here's how you can maintain a safe garage space:

- If your garage houses your water heater or boiler, keep all items at least 3 feet away from it.
- Outfit the garage with a smoke detector, heat alarm and a fire extinguisher. Make sure the alarms are connected to other alarms in your home.
- Store oil, gas, paint, propane and other flammable products in a shed away from your home. Keep other flammable materials, like newspaper or wood, on shelves and away from appliances.
- Plug only one charging appliance into a garage outlet at a time and avoid using an extension cord for charging.
- Watch for leaks and hazardous chemicals coming from vehicles.
- Consider replacing garage door with a new one made with heat and fire-resistant materials.





CHECK OUT STILLWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY



FOR BOOKS (OF COURSE!)

- Borrow books, audiobooks, movies, and music
- Use a telescope or nature backpack
- No late fines

FOR FREE CLASSES

- Adult wellness sessions, book clubs, art classes, musical performances
- Children's nature and STEM programs, art classes, Lego Club
- Chess club for all ages



FOR MEETINGS, WORK & STUDY

- Reservable meeting rooms
- Drop-in spaces to study or work
- Wi-Fi access



FOR EARLY LITERACY

- Baby & Toddler Storytime on Thursday mornings
- Preschool Storytime on Wednesday mornings
- Discovery Room



FOR HOMEWORK HELP

- Resources for assignments
- Practice tests for school exams
- Free online tutoring

FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

- Research family histories
- Learn a new language
- Tackle vehicle repairs



FOR TECHNOLOGY

- Laptops
- Wireless Wi-Fi hotspot connections
- Printing
- Tech help



FOR YOUR DIGITAL LIBRARY

- eBooks
- eAudiobooks
- eMagazines
- Help in-person or online

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
10 AM to 8 PM

Friday & Saturday
10 AM to 5 PM

Sunday (during school year)
1 PM to 5 PM



FALL BOOK SALE

Book lovers and bargain hunters — you are in for a treat! Friends of the Stillwater Public Library are hosting their annual fall used book sale on November 13-16, 2024. Proceeds benefit the library and enhance materials and programs. Cash or check only. Most items priced at \$1-\$2. \$35 charge for use of a scanner.

Members Only Preview Sale*:

Wednesday, November 13
5-7 PM

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

Open to the Public:

Thursday, November 14
10:15 AM-7 PM

Friday, November 15
10:15 AM-4:30 PM

Saturday, November 16
10:15 AM-4:30 PM
Bag sale all day on Saturday!

Donate Your Books!

Saturday, November 9
10:30 AM-3 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.

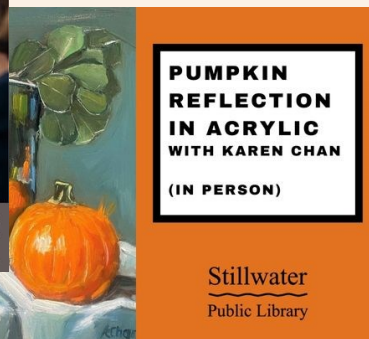
DISCOVER STILLWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY: From books and movies to meeting space and free classes, Stillwater Public Library offers something for everyone. Whether you're seeking knowledge, entertainment, or connection, check us out.

GET YOUR FREE LIBRARY CARD TODAY: Obtaining a library card is easy. Simply apply in person at the library or online. With your free card, you can access all of our services and resources.

STAY INFORMED WITH SHELLIFE: Don't miss out on library news and events! Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter, ShelfLife, to receive updates. For a limited time, sign up for ShelfLife and enter into a drawing to win a library mug. Fill out a sign-up slip at the library or subscribe online.

FALL ADULT PROGRAMS

Programs are free. Classes with an * require registration. Register to attend and find more events at library.stillwatermn.gov/calendar



Regularly Scheduled Adult Programs

Mystery Book Club

Third Wednesday of month, 6 PM

Tech Help (individual session)*

Fridays, 2 PM

Genealogy Help (individual session)*

Saturday, October 19, November 16, December 14, 1 PM

Karen Chan Painting Classes*

Thursday, October 17, November 21, December 19, 5:30 PM

Medicare Counseling with Senior Linkage Line (individual sessions)*

First Monday of month, 10 AM - 2 PM

Monday Meditation

Monday, October 7, 21 & 28; November 4, 18 & 25, 1 PM

Make a difference in our community! Apply to be a Stillwater Public Library Board Trustee and help govern the library, review policies, set goals, and advocate for library services. Learn more and apply online at library.stillwatermn.gov/trusteevacancy.

Adult Classes & Discussions

Medicare 101 Class with Trellis*

Wednesday, October 9, 6 PM

Painting on Glass with ArtStart*

Saturday, October 19, 2 PM

Native Plants: Harvesting, Cleaning and Storing*

Tuesday, October 22, 6:30 PM

Author Panel: Authors on the Road to Publication*

Wednesday, October 23, 6 PM

Unwrapping Music with MacPhail—Movie Musicals*

Wednesday, October 30, 6:30 PM

Exploring the Arts—Translating Painting into Poetry*

Monday, November 18, 6:30 PM

Artist Reception—Dan Petrov, Poetry of Paintings

Thursday, November 21, 6:30 PM

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition*

Saturday, December 7, 10:30 AM

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

Falconry with Mr. Weaver (ages 8 & up)

Thursday, October 3, 4 PM - Bayport

Saturday, October 5, 10:15 AM - Stillwater

Family Engineering Night (ages 6-12)

Thursday, October 3, 6 PM

Babysitting Safety Course (grades 6-8)*

Saturday, October 5 & 12, 10:30 AM

Author Erin Soderberg Downing & Youth Writing Contest Winners

Thursday, October 10, 6 PM

Clay Bugs with Silly Millies (ages 8-12)*

Thursday, October 17, 1 PM

Amazing Animal Adaptations with Carpenter Nature Center (ages 6-12)

Saturday, October 19, 10:30 AM

Space Art with the Bell Museum (ages 6-12)*

Saturday, November 2, 10:30 AM

Cooking Up Adventure—Fruity Fun! (ages 8-12)*

Monday, November 18, 4 PM

Petite Concert (ages 0-5)*

Tuesday, November 19, 10:30 AM

Fantasy Writing (ages 12-15)*

Saturday, December 7, 1:30 PM

Clay with Silly Millies (ages 6-12)*

Saturday, December 21, 10:30 AM

Clay with Silly Millies for Teens*

Saturday, December 21, 12:30 PM

Programs are free. Classes with an * require registration.

Baby & Toddler Storytime (ages 0-2)

Thursdays in September–November 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)

Wednesdays in September–November 10:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Second Saturday of month 10:30 AM

Lego Club (ages 6-12)

Thursday, October 24 & November 21 4 PM

Chess Club (ages 8 & up)

1st and 3rd Tuesday 4 PM



EVENTS | HERE'S WHAT'S GOING ON!



Each Saturday thru
October 26
Stillwater Farmer's Market
Veterans Memorial
Parking Lot



September 21
Log Run Half Marathon
Starts at 8 am
Also a 10 mile, 10K & 5K



October 4 - 26
Rivertown Terror Trolley Tour
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Stillwater Trolley



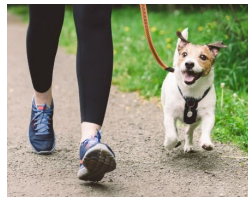
October 5 & 6
Rivertown Fall Art Festival
10 am - 5 pm
Lowell Park



October 12 & 13
Stillwater Harvest Festival
10 am - 10 pm
Lowell Park



October 12 - 26
Haunted History Trolley Tour
7 pm - 10 pm
River Siren Brewing



October 19
EmBARK at the Park Dog Walk
9:30 am - 1 pm
Lowell Park



November 11
Veterans Memorial Day Observation
11:30 am - 12:45 pm
Veterans Memorial



November 13
Shredding Event
8 am - 4:30 pm
Washington County Environmental Center



November 28
Turkey Trot 5K
8:30 am - 9:30 am
River Valley Athletic Club



DONATE TO TOYS FOR TOTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The Stillwater Police Department is proud to support the Toys for Tots program this holiday season!

From **November 14th to December 13th**, new and unwrapped toys can be donated to help children in need and bring joy to families who might otherwise go without.

Donation boxes will be located at the Stillwater Police Department, Stillwater City Hall, and Stillwater Public Library.

Together we can help ensure children in our community have a special and brighter holiday season! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION & BIRD FESTIVAL

September 21st from 10 am to 1 pm

Join us for this FREE, fun, family friendly nature event at Brown's Creek Park, 8312 Neal Ave N.

- Raptor show 11 am - 12 pm
- Live reptiles and amphibians
- UMN lawn care information
- Games and prizes
- Live music
- Fly fishing station
- Free ice cream
- Watershed district information and more!



STILLWATER IS HIRING

The City of Stillwater offers a "notify me" feature when a job is posted. To sign up for vacancy announcements or to view the City's current employment opportunities visit the City's website.

NEED CITY INFORMATION?

The City's website at stillwatermn.gov has a wealth of information pertaining to what is happening in Stillwater. At the bottom of the main page are icons you can select to either email us, see the City's Facebook page or to signup for our email mailing list.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The City is looking for residents interested in serving on an advisory committee. Currently there are openings on the Joint Cable Commission, Utilities Commission, and Library Board. Visit the City website and apply today!