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Calling all residents! Help shape the City of White Bear Lake using POLCO, a new tool for community engagement. POLCO poses questions and provides background information to residents on different topics and issues. Residents’ responses provide valuable feedback to help inform local policy decisions. The more information policy makers have, the better decisions they can make for the residents they represent.

Benchmark questions are generated on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, except December. These are standardized questions that are posed to all cities using POLCO, and residents’ responses are compared between cities to provide a ranking of sorts. Questions posed by staff and Councilmembers are generated on Thursday mornings and are more specific to White Bear Lake.

POLCO is free and easy to use. To participate, download the POLCO app on your smartphone, or visit whitebearlake.org/engage to register.

The Annual Community Survey comes out on October 8, 2019.
City Sets Preliminary Tax Levy
Truth-in-Taxation Hearing on November 26, 2019

On September 10, the City Council passed a preliminary tax levy of approximately $6.9 million, which can be lowered when the budget is adopted in December, but not increased. The preliminary tax levy is what is included on property tax statements mailed out by the county to property owners in November. This levy reflects an increase of $563,000 over last year. At $6.9 million, White Bear Lake would have the lowest property tax per capita in the state when compared to cities with populations 16,000 – 37,000.

What is the General Fund?
Revenues raised through property taxes help support the City's General Fund. The General Fund accounts for one-third (1/3) of the City’s total annual budget, which is approximately $36 million. It represents revenues and expenditures necessary to provide basic services, such as police, fire, public works, zoning and general administration.

The remaining 2/3 of the City’s budget supports street improvements, sewer and water operations/improvements, refuse service, capital projects, major equipment purchases, ambulance operations and other enterprise funds. Revenues for these funds outside of the General Fund are utility and service fees, grants, state aid and proceeds from the issuance of bonds, (resulting in debt service payments supported by the tax levy).

The proposed 2020 General Fund expenditures total $11,935,531. Nearly half of these expenditures are dedicated to Police and Fire services.

Preliminary 2020 General Fund budget and corresponding tax levy
The Council reviewed city staff’s preliminary General Fund budget at a work session in August, and again at its regular meeting in September. As proposed, the 2020 General Fund budget of $11.9 million would require an additional $563,000 in property tax revenues. A portion of this additional revenue ($81,000) is for annual debt service payments related to bonds issued by the City to support its 2019 infrastructure improvements.

The levy is a major source of revenue for the City’s General Fund budget, which must account for inflation and general increases in the cost of doing business. The City employs the equivalent of 188 full-time people; when accounting for a cost of living adjustment, personnel costs represent approximately 82% of this increase. New to the 2020 budget is the addition of one full-time police officer, with plans to hire another officer in 2021.

Impact of Proposed 2019 Tax Levy
The portion of the City’s tax levy paid by a property owner depends upon the following: the City’s total taxable property value, the value of the property itself, and the property’s classification (residential, commercial/industrial, agricultural).
On average, residential property values have increased 9.3% since last year as compared to 6.9% the previous year, with some homes increasing as much as 17% in value in 2019. The median valued White Bear Lake home in 2018 was $222,500. This year, the median valued home jumped to $243,100. As a home’s value increases, so does its property taxes.

**Truth-in-Taxation Hearing**
The City Council will hold a Truth-in-Taxation hearing at its regular meeting on November 26 at 7:00pm. Residents are encouraged to participate in this process. The final budget and corresponding tax levy will then be adopted at the December 10 City Council meeting.

**Questions?**
A copy of the City’s preliminary 2020 budget will be available on-line or at City Hall by November 8. For questions, please contact the City Manager, Ellen Hiniker, at 651-429-8516 or the Finance Director, Kerri Kindsvater, at 651-429-8517.

For more information about how a property tax is calculated, go to the Minnesota Department of Revenue’s website at [www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us) and type “property tax fact sheets” into the Search box.

**Automated Vehicle Pilot Project**
Earlier this year, a committee of representatives from our local non-profits, state and local schools and local businesses began working on a concept to introduce emerging automated vehicle (AV) technology to our community.

The Minnesota State Legislature appropriated funding to the Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for an Automated Vehicle Pilot Project grant program and the committee believes that the concept they have since developed would be a strong candidate for funding.

The proposed route for this pilot project lies between Phoenix Alternatives on Linden Avenue and the YMCA on Orchard Lane, (see map of proposed route). A certified attendant employed by Newtrax would be on the vehicle at all times, which would travel at speeds of approximately 20 MPH. The proposed route would run on weekdays between 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for a 12-month period, providing a connection for clients of Phoenix Alternatives, residents of the senior apartments along the route, and the public to access programming at the YMCA.

The purpose of this pilot would be to evaluate the benefits and challenges of automated vehicles, and more specifically, the potential for automated vehicles to provide future transportation options for persons with disabilities and the aging populations.

A grant application is being put together with some exciting elements from many partners including Newtrax looking for transportation options for persons with disabilities, programming through the YMCA, White Bear Schools developing a curriculum for AV, cooperation with Century College for Career Pathways and work with the University of Minnesota Transportation Studies programs.

If successful, the City would act as the lead agency receiving the money and navigating contracts. An international engineering firm, AECOM would act as the project managers. Look for more information as White Bear Lake progresses through this exciting opportunity.

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**FALL CLEAN-UP**

**Saturday, October 5**

4200 Hoffman Road | 7 am – 1 pm

Bring non-hazardous, non-organic waste and proof of White Bear Lake residency. Cash or check only (fees vary based on load size) and loads larger than a standard pick-up truck or 4’ x 8’ trailer are not accepted. For more, visit [whitebearlake.org](http://whitebearlake.org) or call Public Works at 651-747-3650.
General Election - Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Municipal and School District elections take place in odd years. Election Day Polls are open on Tuesday, November 5th from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Washington County residents in Ward 4, Precinct 2 do not have an election this year.

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White Bear Lake City Hall  
4701 Highway 61 |
| School Bond Referendum | (vote for up to three members) |  |
| School Board Member |  | Ward 2  
Ramsey County Library  
2150 2nd Street |
| School Bond Referendum | (vote for up to three members) |  |
| School Board Member |  | Ward 3 (Precincts 1 & 2)  
Sunrise Middle School  
2399 Cedar Avenue |
| Councilmember Ward 3 | Dan Jones (unopposed) | Ward 4 (Precinct 1 ONLY)  
Golfview Building  
2449 Orchard Lane |
| School Bond Referendum | (vote for up to three members) |  |
| School Board Member |  |  |
| School Bond Referendum | (vote for up to three members) |  |
| School Board Member |  |  |
| Councilmember Ward 5 | Steven Engstran  
Jim Berry | Ward 5  
St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church  
1965 County Road E |
| School Bond Referendum | (vote for up to three members) |  |
| School Board Member |  |  |

School Board Members (vote for up to three)
- Scott Arcand  
- Angela Thompson  
- Patrick Battaglia  
- Scott A. Wilson  
- Margaret Ann Newmaster

School Board Referendum
All White Bear Lake Area School District residents will have an opportunity to vote whether to provide funding for building needs across the district. If approved, bond funding would provide space for growing enrollment, improve school safety and security, address deferred maintenance needs and update classrooms. For more information visit: [isd624.org/about/facilities-planning/building-our-future](http://isd624.org/about/facilities-planning/building-our-future).

Early voting: October 29 – November 4
Registered voters can vote early at many different locations in Ramsey County. Visit [ramseycounty.us/elections](http://ramseycounty.us/elections) for a complete listing, but the closest early voting locations and hours are:

**EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS**
- Ramsey County Libraries:
  - White Bear Lake – 2150 2nd St.
  - Shoreview – 4560 N Victoria St.
  - Roseville – 2180 Hamline Ave N.
- Ramsey County Election Office  
90 W Plato Blvd, Suite 160, Saint Paul

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Which Ward do I live in?
If you are not sure what ward you live in, search your address online at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) to find your polling location, or search “elections” at [whitebearlake.org](http://whitebearlake.org) for an interactive Ward Map.

Preparing to vote
If you have an address change, name change, or have not voted in the last four years, you need to update your voter registration before you can vote. You can register to vote or update your registration before October 15th at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org). You may also register to vote at your polling place on Election Day with the proper documents.
We Count White Bear!
The 2020 Census will be here before we know it! Since 1790 the Census Bureau has worked to count every resident in the United States every ten years. An accurate count of the population is critically important to all residents of White Bear Lake for a variety of reasons:

- **Funding:** Census data guides the allocation of approximately $675 billion to local communities every year. Even one uncounted person could be a loss of $15,000 in funding over ten years. This includes funding for roads, hospitals, schools, supportive housing for the elderly, small business development centers and much more.

- **Representation:** Census data determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as our local representation in the Minnesota House of Representatives. If a few thousand less people had been counted in Minnesota in 2010 we would have only seven U.S. representatives instead of the eight we currently have. We are at significant risk of losing our eighth seat when congressional seats are reapportioned, but if everyone in Minnesota is counted the odds of retaining it increase.

- **Planning:** Census data helps guide future planning for roads, schools, hospitals, senior centers, emergency services and more.

- **Business:** Census data assists businesses in locating factories, stores, recruiting employees and conducting market research.

**How does it work?**
The 2020 Census will be the first to have the option of completing the survey online. Information on completing the census will be sent in March 2020. Everyone will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. Beginning in April or May, census workers (enumerators) will visit addresses that have not responded to collect information in person. Initial census data will be made available to the public in 2021 at [Census.gov](https://www.census.gov).

**Who should be counted?**
Everyone living in the United States regardless of age or citizenship status as well as military or civilian employees of the U.S. Government stationed or assigned outside the United States on Census Day (April 1, 2020).

**Who is likely to be missed in the count?**
In Ramsey County there are 108,192 people likely to be uncounted including 3,409 people in White Bear Lake (approximately 13% of our current estimated population of 25,512). Some of the demographics of people likely to be under counted include children under 5, renters, young adults (age 18-24), racial and ethnic minorities, people with mental or physical disabilities, and snowbirds. Everyone’s participation is critical.

**Are my responses confidential?**
The Census Bureau collects data for statistical purposes only. They combine your responses with information from other households or businesses to produce statistics, which never identify your household, any person in your household, or business. Your information is **CONFIDENTIAL**. They never identify you individually. It is illegal for the Census Bureau, or its employees, to share your personal information with any other government agency and violating this law is a crime with severe penalties. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to $250,000, imprisonment of up to 5 years, or both.

For more information visit [whitebearlake.org/administration/page/2020-census](http://whitebearlake.org/administration/page/2020-census).
What is the Real ID Act?
Passed by Congress in 2005, the Real ID Act establishes minimum security standards for state-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards. It refers to regulations that control access to federal facilities (such as military bases) and commercial aircraft.

How does this affect me?
Effective October 1, 2020, your standard driver’s license will no longer be an acceptable form of identification to board a domestic flight or enter a federal facility. You must present one of the following for domestic flights or when entering a federal facility.

- Real ID
- Enhanced Driver’s License/ID
- Passport

Is there a difference between a Real and Enhanced Driver’s License or Identification Card?
Yes. The Real DL/ID can be used to board domestic flights and enter federal facilities. The Enhanced DL/ID may also be used to board domestic flights and enter federal facilities, but also allows for land or sea border crossings into Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. It is NOT acceptable for international flight – you are still required to have a passport book for this. You must be a U.S. citizen to apply for the Enhanced DL or ID. The Enhanced DL/ID is an extra $15 in addition to the standard license fee.

Am I required to get a Real or Enhanced DL/ID?
Neither the Real nor Enhanced DL/ID are required. You may opt for using a passport book or card as federal identification. The standard Minnesota driver’s license will continue to be offered indefinitely. It is valid for identification and lawful driving purposes. The standard DL/ID will NOT be an acceptable form of identification for domestic travel or entering a federal facility starting October 1st, 2020.

What forms do I need to apply for a Real DL/ID?
You must provide one document proving identity, date of birth and legal presence in the United States, one document to show proof of social security number and two documents proving current residency in Minnesota. If your name differs on any of your documents, you must provide proof of name change in the form of an original, certified marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court-ordered name change.

What forms do I need to apply for an Enhanced DL/ID?
You must provide proof of identity, full legal name, social security number, photographic identity, Minnesota residency and U.S. citizenship. Please note that if you have ever had a name change at any point in your lifetime, you must provide documentation of it. Proof consists of original, certified copies of marriage certificates, divorce/dissolution decrees, or court-ordered name changes.

Prepare ahead of time before coming to the License Bureau.
Visit www.whitebearlake.org/lb for a full list of identification requirements for the Real and Enhanced DLs/IDs. There is also an online self-service option available at drive.mn.gov which provides a pre-application to get you started. Paper applications are available at the White Bear Lake License Bureau.

Visit the License Bureau in White Bear Lake City Hall, 4701 Highway 61, M-F from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. – noon. We strive to provide courteous, efficient customer service for all transactions. Due to extensive documentation required for Real and Enhanced IDs, you must arrive prior to 3:45 p.m. weekdays and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.
Does my business need a license from the City?

The city regulates some businesses under its Municipal Code. Some common business licenses are listed below:

- Sale of Fireworks and Christmas Trees
- Tobacco and Alcohol
- Solicitors, Hawkers and Peddlers
- Massage and Adult Establishments
- Rubbish Haulers and Junk Dealers
- Public Benches
- Raffles/Gambling/Coin Operated Devices
- Building Trades and Tree Trimming
- Gasoline Stations
- Housing Rental Licenses

For a complete listing of businesses that are licensed by the city, view the Municipal Code online at www.whitebearlake.org. Questions, please contact (651) 429-8526 so your call may be directed to the most appropriate department depending on the license.

Can I operate a business out of my home?

Home businesses require city review and approval. The application fee and approval process vary based on the intensity of the proposed home occupation. Zoning Code Section 1302.120 sets forth governance of home occupations. Before setting up a home business, please call the Planning and Zoning Department: (651) 429-8561.

Three categories of businesses may be run out of your home in White Bear Lake:
1. Businesses that do not require customers or clients to visit the premises, have no employees and take place entirely in the primary dwelling may be registered with the Planning Department.
2. Businesses such as art studios, contractors’ offices, and private music lessons to single students may be allowed by a permit.
3. Businesses like hair salons, photography studios, or businesses in a garage may be allowed with a Special Home Occupation Permit, which must first be reviewed by the Planning Commission prior to City Council consideration.

What is a conditional use permit (CUP)?

A conditional use permit, often called a “C-U-P”, is authorization by the city for a specific use to be allowed in a particular zoning district, provided certain standards are met.

A Special Home Occupation permit is a type of CUP that involves an approval process whereby your neighbors are provided with an opportunity to express concerns related to a home business in the neighborhood. Two public meetings are provided for public input, one with the Planning Commission and one with the City Council.

Solicitors, Peddlers, Canvassers and Transient Merchants (including Food Trucks)

White Bear Lake issues peddler, solicitor and transient merchant licenses to individuals and businesses that pass a background check and have not registered more than three negative complaints within the preceding 12 months.

Solicitor: someone who asks for donations or attempts to take orders for goods for future delivery.

Peddler: someone who carries goods and offers them for sale from location to location.

Transient Merchant: someone who temporarily sells and delivers goods, who hires, leases, uses or occupies any building, structure, private parking lot, motor vehicle or trailer. Food trucks for example.

Under Municipal Code 1118, all solicitors, peddlers and transient merchants must be registered and should be able to produce a license issued by the City of White Bear Lake. The following rules apply:

- No sales or soliciting permitted between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- No sales or soliciting is allowed if displaying a “no soliciting” sign.
- No sales or soliciting is allowed on public property including the right-of-way

Canvasser: sometimes called an advocate, is someone who goes from location to location with the primary purpose of furthering religious, social, or political advocacy. A canvasser may ask for signatures on a petition; request support for a political candidate or position; espouse religious beliefs or causes; seek donations, organization memberships, or other financial support for their religious, social, or political organization or take orders for sale in order to raise money for a non-profit or other charitable organization’s operations (such as a school). A canvasser does not receive compensation for the performance of these activities and does not require a license from the city.

Farm and Garden: In accordance with Minnesota Statute 329.08, no license is required for persons selling products of the farm or garden, which they occupied and cultivated by themselves.

Applications are available on the city’s website, www.whitebearlake.org and are submitted with the appropriate documentation to the White Bear Lake Police Department. If you encounter an unlicensed solicitor, peddler or transient merchant who is not canvassing, please call non-emergency police dispatch: 651-429-8511.
If signs are in the public right of way, they are most likely not permitted. Signs can obstruct views, distract drivers and detract from the beauty of a city in general. No person may obstruct or excavate any right of way, install or place facilities in the right of way, without first having a permit to do so.

**What is public right of way?**

The public right of way is where streets, sidewalks, utilities and other public infrastructure are located. On average, it extends beyond the curb approximately 10 – 15 feet into the front yards of residents and businesses.

**What is the Right of Way Ordinance?**

The Right of Way ordinance, Chapter 906 of the City’s Municipal Code, states that the city strives to keep its right of ways in good repair and free from unnecessary clutter to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. A Municipal Code of a city establishes standards set forth by its residents to support the desired character of a city.

**What signs are permitted in the public right of way?**

Unless otherwise permitted, only official traffic control or regulatory signs should be in the right of way. All other signs for private purposes should be located on private property. Off-site signage is not allowed and a sign permit may be required. Before installing a sign on private property, please contact Sam Crosby, the Planning & Zoning Coordinator, to find out if a sign permit is necessary, scrosby@whitebearlake.org, or call (651) 429-8534.

**Sandwich Board Signs**

In the downtown, central business district only, sandwich boards may be placed on public sidewalks, directly in front of the business being advertised during hours of operation.

**What other items are permitted in the public right of way?**

Some other examples of features permitted in the public right of way include: utilities (phone cable, natural gas, water, sewer, fiber optic cable), delineators (posts) for these utilities, raingardens, driveways, sidewalks, trails, trees, shrubs, etc. Certain items do not require right of way permits, such as sprinkler systems, invisible dog fences and mailboxes.

**How do I get a right of way permit?**

Most work performed in the public right of way requires a permit. Permits are issued by the Engineering Department. The application for a right of way permit is available at www.whitebearlake.org or by calling Engineering (651) 429-8531.

**Why should residents care about the right of way?**

Sign regulation promotes the economic viability of the community, while protecting citizens from a proliferation of signs of a type, size, location and character that would adversely impact the aesthetics, health, safety or welfare of the community. Additionally, staking signs into the ground may damage the public right of way or utilities located therein.

**What happened to my sign?**

If you placed a sign in the public right of way and it is no longer there, it may be at the front desk of City Hall for you to pick up. If you placed a sign along a county or state road, the sign may have been removed by those entities and most likely destroyed.

**How do I report a sign issue?**

To report a sign issue, contact the Code Enforcement Officer, Marco Barton, mbarton@whitebearlake.org, visit www.whitebearlake.org to report a code violation online, or call: (651) 429-8595.

**How do I report work being done in the right of way?**

To report work being done in the public right of way, contact the Engineering Department at (651) 429-8531, visit www.whitebearlake.org to complete the “Contact Us” webform online.
Accessory Dwelling Units in White Bear Lake

It's hard to pick up a newspaper or turn on the TV these days without hearing about the affordable housing shortage. Simply put, many areas throughout the country, including the Twin Cities, do not have enough housing at price points affordable to much of the population. Perhaps even your adult children, aging parents, or other loved ones are having difficulty finding housing that is affordable to them.

Unless you work in the housing industry, you may feel this is a problem you cannot help solve. The truth is, there is no one easy solution and it will take many people across many sectors to improve the situation. If you own a single family home, you may be able to play a part in increasing the availability of housing with your own home! How you ask? By adding an accessory dwelling unit (ADU).

Commonly known as in-law apartments or carriage homes, accessory dwelling units are private living quarters with all the amenities you would expect in a home including a kitchen, bathroom and living space. They are secondary housing units to a primary single family residence and are commonly attached to a home, located in a basement or second level, above a garage or a tiny house in a backyard.

As the average number of people living in a household in White Bear Lake has dropped dramatically since the 1970’s many homeowners are finding they have more space than they need. Adding an ADU to your home offers the ability to provide housing for relatives, a caregiver or earn extra income by renting the space to a tenant.

If you are interested in more information about adding an ADU to your home visit www.whitebearlake.org/communitydevelopment/page/accessory-dwelling-units.

The City of White Bear Lake and the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO) have teamed up with Adopt-a-Drain.org to protect local water quality. Adopt a Drain is a new volunteer-based program aimed at protecting lakes, rivers, and wetlands across the Twin Cities.

Did you know that every curb and storm drain is lakefront property? Trash, road salt, sediment, and harmful substances such as automotive leaks find their way to water bodies when they wash into storm drains. Even natural debris such as leaves and grass clippings are problematic. Unlike leaves that fall into a lake from trees on a shoreline, street runoff increases stormwater volume and boosts the incoming debris. This causes an imbalance in lake, creek, or wetland’s nutrient levels. Sediment in runoff can also clog ditches and waterways, alter wetland function, and choke out aquatic life.

While storm drain infrastructure works well for keeping our streets dry, the side effect it has on water quality wasn’t really on the radar when it was designed back in the ‘50s. Now that our communities have grown, the number of drains and the impact they have on water quality is immense.

While Adopt a Drain is available anywhere in the city, Goose Lake is a particular focus. As one of the City’s most impaired lakes, Goose Lake has nutrient levels above State standards, and the greatest need for people to adopt the drains. Several strategies are in place to improve Goose Lake but a single solution has never been the answer for shallow lakes such as this. To make a difference, various strategies within and around the lake need to act together. Reducing the amount of incoming nutrients and debris is large part of the puzzle, and that calls for a team effort.

Adopt-A-Drain today!

Residents and businesses in the Goose Lake subwatershed (pictured) will receive a free welcome packet and complimentary yard sign when they sign up on Adopt-a-Drain.org. Signing up is easy! From the homepage, entering your address will take you to your nearest drains on the map. Name it something clever like “A Grate Place”, and conduct drain cleanings on your own time schedule.

The website also gathers reports of how much debris is collected, which helps us understand the impact of the program with an estimate of the debris spared from the lake.

Visit VLAWMO.org/waterbodies for more information on Goose Lake and lake improvement projects. Cost-share grants are also available to help property owners install raingardens, native plants, and other stormwater improvement features. Follow VLAWMO on Facebook and Youtube, or sign-up to receive the seasonal newsletter from the VLAWMO.org homepage.

Reduce winter salting to keep chloride from running into storm drains. Keep leaves, grass clippings and chemicals out of the streets and storm drains.
Recycle It!

Below are some common items that don’t belong in your curbside trash and/or recycling carts, but can still be recycled or properly disposed of at other facilities.

**Batteries:** Non-alkaline batteries are considered hazardous waste and should never be placed in the trash or recycling. These types of batteries are accepted FREE of charge at Ramsey County household hazardous waste (HHW) collection sites or the Washington County Environmental Center. Only alkaline batteries can be thrown in the trash.

**Electronics:** Electronics do not belong in the trash because they may contain toxic materials. Electronics can be recycled at the City’s fall cleanup event (page 10) or the Washington County Environmental Center. Some companies accept and recycle electronics, including PCs for People in Saint Paul, which accepts electronic donations FREE of charge: pcsforpeople.org/individual-donations/.

**Holiday lights:** Holiday string lights and extension cords can be thrown in the trash, but consider recycling them instead at City Hall or the Sports Center from mid-November through the end of January. Year round holiday light recycling drop off centers include the Ramsey County HHW collection sites and the Washington County Environmental Center. Holiday string lights and extension cords should never be placed in your curbside recycling cart.

**Paint:** Paint is considered a hazardous waste and should not be placed in the trash. Drop off unwanted paint for FREE at the Ramsey County household hazardous waste (HHW) collection site or the Washington County Environmental Center. Go to paintcare.org to find a list of retail locations near you that accept leftover paint.

**Plastic bags:** Plastic bags can be thrown in the trash but do not belong in your curbside recycling cart. Plastic bags that are clean and dry can be recycled for FREE at many grocery stores. For a list of drop-off sites visit: RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ and search plastic bags.

**Medicine:** Safely dispose of unwanted, expired and unused medicine for FREE in the lobby of the White Bear Lake Public Safety building at 4701 Highway 61, M-F between 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. A year-round 24/7 drop box is available at the Maplewood Police Department (1830 County Rd. B East). Sharps are not allowed in the drop box but can be disposed of at Ramsey County HHW sites and the Washington County Environmental Center.

**Food Waste:** If you don’t compost on your property, food scraps and non-recyclable paper (greasy pizza boxes, paper egg cartons, tissues, paper towels, etc.) can be dropped off for FREE at an organics recycling dumpster located at all Ramsey County yard waste collection sites and the Washington County Environmental Center.

**Yard Waste:** State law prohibits the disposal of yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings, brush and other plant material in the trash. Ramsey County residents can utilize one of seven Ramsey County yard waste collection sites for FREE. White Bear Lake residents can sign up for curbside yard waste pickup by the City’s contract hauler, Republic Services, for a fee.

**For more information:**
Ramsey County HHW and Yard Waste Collection Sites: visit RamseyRecycles.com, or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7
Washington County Environmental Center: visit co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter, or call 651-275-7475

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**Tree Trust Program**

In March the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) settled with Water Gremlin over the release of too much trichloroethylene, or TCE, a solvent used as a cleaner and degreaser in metal manufacturing. MPCA fined Water Gremlin $4.5 million in addition to requiring them to pay $1 million for air monitoring at the site and an additional $1.5 million for environmental projects, including planting of 1,500 trees.

Tree Trust, a Minnesota-based nonprofit, is coordinating the planting of 1,500 trees throughout Gem Lake, White Bear Township and the City of White Bear Lake. They will also continue to maintain these trees for two years, providing water and mulch.

The mission of Tree Trust is to improve the community environment by investing in people. Tree Trust was created in 1976 to address Dutch elm disease threatening the tree canopy and the high unemployment and poverty rates for youth and adults at the time.

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**Volunteers Needed!**

**Saturday, October 12**

Podvin Park 1700 9th Street
10 am – 1 pm

City arborists are working with the Tree Trust to identify areas throughout the community that will provide the most environmental benefit. Planting will take place in the spring and fall seasons through 2021, with the help of community volunteers. People interested in volunteering to plant trees can go to the Tree Trust website to look for opportunities this fall and next spring treetrust.org/fall-2019-volunteer-opportunities.
Ready or not, winter is coming.

Please take a moment to review the following helpful tips and winter reminders.

❄ Remove all free standing basketball hoops, soccer/hockey nets, skate board equipment, etc. from the street and road right of way.

❄ Garbage and recycling containers:
  - Place behind the curb line and not in the street.
  - Allow at least 2 feet between carts and 5 feet between carts and other objects.
  - Secure lids on carts - materials should not extend beyond the container rim.

❄ All mailboxes should meet the US Postal Service specifications for installation. Please check the integrity and placement of your mailbox and repair any weak or broken posts, paying special attention to the location. If a mailbox is installed correctly with proper materials it will not be damaged during snow removal operations. The city is not responsible to replace any mailboxes that do not meet the US Postal Service standards.

❄ Curbside landscaping pots or removable garden ornaments need to be put away for the season. It is impossible to identify anything under the snow, so please remove items that could potentially become a projectile during snow removal operations.

❄ Hydrant flags should be in place for the winter season. Please notify Public Works 651-747-3650 if you have a hydrant that is missing a flag. There are over 500 hydrants within the city so your assistance with notifications and snow clearing around hydrants is appreciated.

❄ Please remove vehicles or equipment parked on city streets that are either immobile or in a state of disrepair. November 1st is the start of the winter parking restrictions in the city, which means nothing may be parked on a city street without being moved within a 24-hour period.

To avoid citations or towing, please remove your vehicles from the streets during all snow events and until the snow has been cleared from curb to curb.

WHITE BEAR LAKE PD CROSSWALK ENFORCEMENT

2019 REPORT

During the summer of 2019, officers from the White Bear Lake Police Department conducted five (5) 4-hour pedestrian crosswalk safety initiatives at a total of eleven (11) different marked crosswalk locations in the City of White Bear Lake and one (1) marked crosswalk in the City of Gem Lake.

This initiative was designed to educate the public on Minnesota crosswalk laws and ultimately help prevent pedestrian involved motor vehicle crashes in crosswalks.

Statistics:

- 107 vehicles were stopped by officers.
- 90 drivers were cited for failing to yield to the right-of-way of a pedestrian in a marked crosswalk. 1 of these drivers was cited twice within two months.
- 8 drivers did not have a driver’s license or their license was suspended, revoked, or cancelled.
- 4 drivers were given a verbal warning for failing to yield to the right-of-way of a pedestrian in a marked crosswalk.
- 3 drivers were cited for not wearing a seat belt.
- 2 drivers were cited for speeding.
- 1 missing vulnerable adult was located.
- 100% compliance was achieved at the intersection of Bald Eagle Avenue & 9th Street on July 8th. Officers were at the intersection for 1 hour and every vehicle stopped for the pedestrians in the marked crosswalk.

The purpose of crosswalk enforcement is to reduce the number of pedestrians struck by vehicles in crosswalks as well as to reduce the severity of crashes involving pedestrians.

To accomplish this, we will be educating the public, enforcing statutes, and partnering with the local media and citizen volunteers.

Enforcement Findings:

Of the 107 vehicles stopped by officers, many of the cited drivers reported they were not distracted and saw the pedestrians in the crosswalk; most stated they didn’t know they needed to stop. One driver told an officer, “My husband yells at me all the time for not stopping for pedestrians.” Other statements made by cited drivers included: “I was speeding and couldn’t stop safely.” “I was distracted by my GPS.” “I was eating.” “I had tunnel vision.” “I was on the phone.” “I was distracted, looking for a garage sale.”

November 1st - April 1st

Winter Parking Restrictions

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City Hall  651-429-826
Administration  651-429-8508
License Bureau  651-429-8525
Passports  651-407-5300
Building  651-429-8518
Planning  651-429-8561
Engineering  651-429-8531
Police  651-429-8550
Fire  651-429-8568
Public Works  651-747-3650
Sports Center / Armory  651-429-8571
Utility Billing  651-429-8565
City Website  www.whitebearlake.org

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Fire Prevention Open House
October 1
McKnight Rd & County Rd E | 5 pm – 8 pm
White Bear Lake South Fire Station 920 is holding an Open House as part of Fire Prevention Week: October 6 – October 12. This family friendly event provides fun activities for kids while learning about fire prevention. For details, visit whitebearlake.org/publicsafety.

Citizen’s Police Academy
October - November
4701 Miller Avenue | 6 pm – 9 pm
Registration required for this FREE, eight week academy. Get an in-depth look into police and EMS operations and procedures with a combination of classroom and “hands on” experiences. For more information and registration, visit whitebearlake.org/publicsafety.

Annual Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest
Last week of October
Visit the White Bear Lake Police Facebook to vote for your favorite pumpkin. Be sure to click on the pumpkin photo to cast your vote! All pumpkins will be displayed in the Public Safety building lobby.

Safety Information Night
November 6
3551 McKnight Road – 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Registration required for this FREE event for parents only. Start with pizza then breaks into sessions on human trafficking, youth mental health, internet safety, traffic safety, and youth drug use and awareness. Visit whitebearlake.org/publicsafety to register.

Credentialed CPR Class
November 12
McKnight Rd & County Rd E | 6 pm
The American Heart Association certified class covers adult, child and infant CPR, airway obstructions and an AED module. Class held at South Fire Station 920. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. Visit whitebearlake.org/publicsafety to register.

Holiday Trash and Recycling Pickup
Holiday Trees: Pickup is delayed one day for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. Pickup will continue one day off the regular schedule through the end of the week. Holiday trees are picked up during the first two weeks in January – FREE!

Holiday Gift Card Drive
December 2019
4701 Highway 61 N.  7 am – 4 pm
The White Bear Lake Police Department is assisting the White Bear Lake Area School District and White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation by accepting gift card donations for families in need. Mail donations to: Public Safety, 4701 Highway 61 N, White Bear Lake, MN  55110

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