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Leadership Transition

Mayor Jo Emerson is setting down the gavel after serving 12 years as Mayor of White Bear Lake. First elected in 2010, Jo invested significant time to her position attending year-round community events and representing the City on metro and state-wide boards, including serving as President of the Minnesota League of Cities. Mayor Emerson has led the City through many years of change and was instrumental in the establishment of several community initiatives, most recently including the Welcoming & Inclusive Community Initiative, the Housing Task Force, Erd-Geist Gazebo Renovation and the

Climate Smart Municipalities steering committee. Mayor Emerson will wrap up her tenure as Mayor with the selection of a new City Manager, as the current City Manager, Ellen Hiniker, transitions out of municipal government management at the end of this year.

The Mayor and Council will be interviewing candidates for a new City Manager at the end of October in anticipation of selecting a finalist to assume the position by the start of a new year. Stay tuned by following updates provided on the City's website at whitebearlake.org.

City Sets Preliminary Tax Levy September 28

Truth-in-Taxation Hearing on December 14, 2021

On September 28, the City Council will pass a preliminary tax levy that will be included on property tax statements sent out by the county to property owners in November. The preliminary tax levy represents revenues raised through property taxes to support the City's General Fund operations. Final adoption of the tax levy to support the 2022 Municipal Budget will be considered by the Council following its Truth in Taxation hearing on December 14, 2021.

The preliminary levy adopted end of September can be lowered by the Council in December, but not increased. At time of publication, the preliminary levy had not yet been adopted; readers are encouraged to visit the City's website at whitebearlake.org after September 28 for a summary of the adopted preliminary tax levy.

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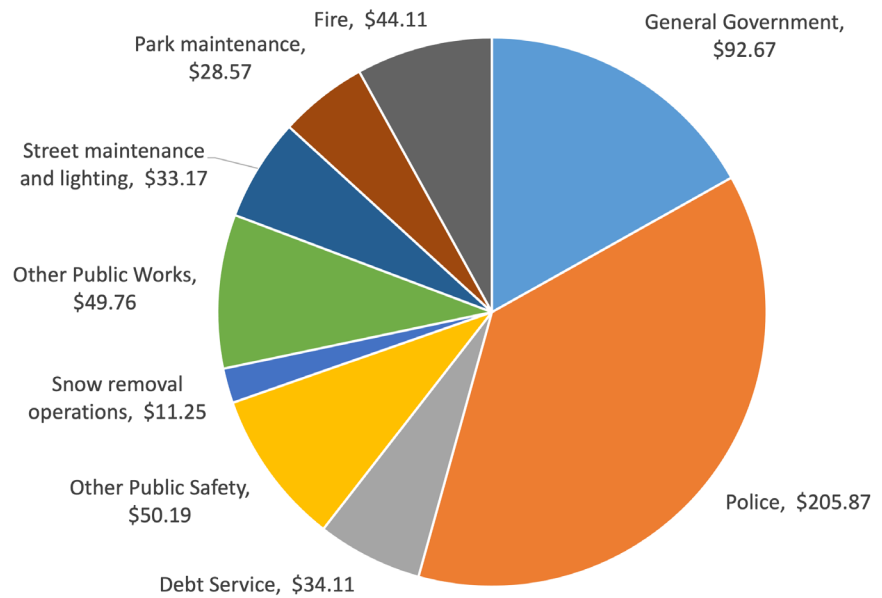
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Where do your annual City property taxes go?

Median Value Home: \$260,300
Annual City Taxes \$549.70

– Preliminary Tax Levy continued



Where do my property taxes go?

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 of approximately \$41 million. The City’s property tax levy raises revenues to support operating expenditures necessary to provide basic services, such as police, fire, snow removal, street & park maintenance and general administration.

The remaining 2/3 of the City’s budget supports the City’s capital and infrastructure projects and purchases, as well as its Enterprise Funds. Revenues for these funds are generated through utility and service fees, grants, state aid and proceeds from the issuance of bonds (resulting in debt service payments supported by the tax levy).



What will be in the 2022 proposed budget?

In addition to reflecting the City’s continued commitment to maintaining core programs and services, the proposed 2022 budget will include increased expenditures related to the hiring of additional Fire Department response personnel.

Since 2018 when the department transitioned from a mostly paid on call (POC) response model to a combination Full-time/POC model, calls for service have increased 20%, reflecting the community’s aging population and growing reliance on ambulance services. The department currently has 12 full-time firefighter/paramedics who provide 24/7 coverage with two crews; the third 24/7 response crew is covered by POC employees who sign up for shifts as available. As recruitment and retention of POC emergency response staff becomes increasingly difficult nation-wide, there is a growing need to hire additional full-time staff to cover the third response crew.

In response to the continued increase in calls for service and diminishing availability of POC personnel, the City plans to hire six additional firefighter/paramedics over the next three years; six firefighter/paramedics are needed to fill out a 24/7 crew complement. However, 75% of the cost for these additional firefighter/paramedics

will be assigned to the City’s Ambulance Fund, which does not rely on property taxes, but rather, is supported by direct user fees. The remaining 25% cost for the additional personnel will be supported through the City’s property tax levy.



What is the impact of an increase in the City’s tax levy on homeowners?

The City Council will adopt a preliminary tax levy for the 2022 budget year on September 28. Again, at that time, the preliminary levy can be decreased before final adoption of the 2022 Budget in December, but cannot be increased.

If the City Council were to adopt a 10% preliminary levy increase, the impact of the City’s property taxes on the median-valued home in White Bear Lake is shown on the pie chart above.

Information on the adopted preliminary levy and projected property tax impacts will be available on the City’s website after September 28. Residents are encouraged to review the information and contact the City Manager or Finance Director with any questions in advance of the Truth in Taxation Hearing scheduled for December 14, 2021, at which time the Council will consider final adoption of a tax levy to support the 2022 Budget.



Questions?

In addition to more information about the preliminary tax levy posted at the end of September, a copy of the City’s preliminary 2022 budget will be available online 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 and type “property tax fact sheets” into the Search box.



General Election - Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Municipal and School District elections take place in odd years. Election Day Polls are open on Tuesday, November 2nd from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

School Board Elections

Precincts in White Bear Lake cover three school board districts: ISD 624 White Bear Lake, ISD 622 North St. Paul/Maplewood/Oakdale, and ISD 832 Mahtomedi. To see what's on your ballot, visit the Secretary of State's website at mnvotes.org or myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us.

Prepare to vote

If you have not voted in the last four years, or if your name and/or address has changed, you will need to update your voter registration before you can vote. You can register to vote or update your registration before October 12th at mnvotes.org. You may also register to vote at your polling place on Election Day with the proper proof of residency documents.

Vote by mail or return your ballot in person (non-excuse absentee voting)

In Minnesota, all voters can vote early (absentee voting) without any reason. To initiate this process, request, complete and return your absentee ballot application to Ramsey County Elections. Complete the absentee ballot application at rcelections.org, or call Ramsey County Elections at 651-266-2171 for more information.

Find your polling location

Find your Election Day polling location at mnvotes.org. Early Voting is available through November 1, 2021, at select Ramsey County locations. Find options for voting early at rcelections.org.



On the ballot	Candidates	Election Day Polls - Nov. 2nd Only
Mayor	2 candidates	Ward 1 White Bear Lake City Hall 4701 Highway 61
School Board Members	Vote for up to four members	
Mayor	2 candidates	Ward 2 Ramsey County Library 2150 2nd Street
Councilmember Ward 2	2 candidates	
School Board Members	Vote for up to four members	
Mayor	2 candidates	Ward 3 (Precincts 1 & 2) Sunrise Middle School 2399 Cedar Avenue
School Board Members	Vote for up to four members	
Mayor	2 candidates	Ward 4 (Precincts 1 & 2) Golfview Building 2449 Orchard Lane
Councilmember Ward 4	1 candidate	
*School Board Member(s) *School Board Question(s)	*Voting for 3 different school districts in these Precincts	
Mayor	2 candidates	Ward 5 St. Stephen's Lutheran Church 1965 County Road E
School Board Members	Vote for up to four members	

*Find what's on your ballot: myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us

White Bear Lake License Bureau Services and Hours of Operation



The White Bear Lake License Bureau is expanding its hours of operation to the public. Beginning Monday, September 13th, new hours will be:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30am – 5:00pm
Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am – 6:00pm

The License Bureau now accepts walk-in for all services. Please be aware that REAL and Enhanced Driver's License/Identification Card acceptance hours begin at 8:30 a.m. and end 45 minutes before close every day. Appointments are no longer offered, however, existing appointments will be honored through the first week in November.

You have plenty of time to apply for the REAL ID! The REAL ID deadline is now May, 1st 2023.

To reduce your time spent at the License Bureau or frustrations caused by not having the correct documents, complete the pre-application and review the identification requirements. The pre-application is available on the State of Minnesota's website: drive.mn.gov. The identification requirements lists for REAL and Enhanced Licenses are available on the City of White Bear Lake's website whitebearlake.org/lb. Below, you will find an infographic detailing the most commonly used documents presented to us for the REAL ID.

Did you know?

The License Bureau Division located in White Bear Lake City Hall is not funded with tax payer dollars. Rather, it operates as an Enterprise Fund through which the income from various DMV transactions fund the operation. Fees for all transactions are set by the State of Minnesota and collected by local DMVs on the state's behalf.

Why are lines longer than in past years?

With the introduction of REAL and Enhanced ID's for Minnesotans, the transaction time needed to process these products has increased significantly. While processing times have increased considerably, the state fees for processing these transactions have not been adjusted. Staffing is dependent upon fee revenues collected.



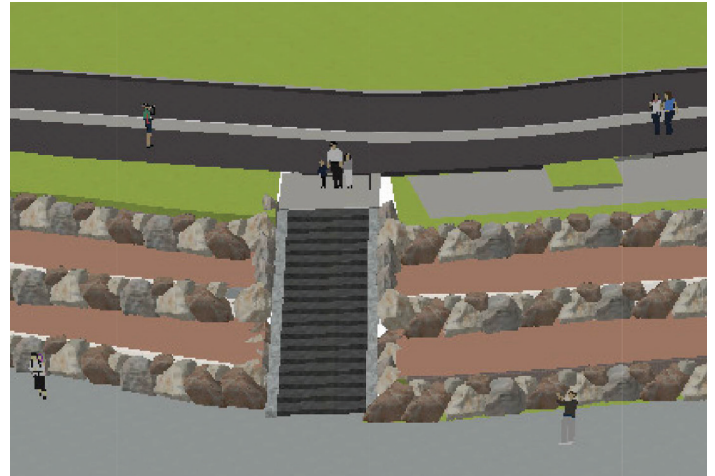
Parks and Trails Update

The City maintains a Park Improvement Plan as part of its 5-year Comprehensive Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Members of the Park Advisory Commission meet monthly to discuss park conditions and evaluate the merits of potential maintenance, replacement and/or new park projects. These major park projects are financed through the City's Park Improvement Fund.

ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND – LAKEWOOD HILLS PARK

The White Bear Lake Lions Club has donated \$300,000 to the City's Park Improvement Fund toward design and construction of an All Abilities Playground. The proposed All Abilities Playground is pictured here, which will be installed next to the existing playground at Lakewood Hills Park. In addition to being accessible, the playground will be inclusive for children of all abilities and developmental stages to play in the same space and create a nurturing environment for all to enjoy.

The Lakewood Hills parking lot is being resurfaced this fall and construction of the All Abilities Playground will begin in 2022!



MEMORIAL BEACH RETAINING WALL

This project includes construction of a 3-tiered boulder wall which matches the other walls already in the park along with a set of stone steps with concrete edging and handrails. The area between the wall tiers will be mulched with a variety of plantings.

This design will eliminate the need to mow the slope, provide a safe short cut down for beach users and also maximize the flat area off the upper trail to provide areas to sit and look out over the lake. To allow for maximum use of the beach all summer long, the retaining wall project begins this fall.



Housing Task Force Update



Welcoming & Inclusive Community Initiative

The City of White Bear Lake launched its Welcoming & Inclusive Community initiative last spring with the appointment of a Task Force assigned to guide this process. Since then, a community survey has been released and remains open through mid-October to solicit feedback on people's experiences living and working in this community. Later this fall, the Task Force will summarize its findings from the survey and other community engagement efforts in a report to the Mayor and City Council. The report will include recommendations for the City Council to consider as the City continues to strive toward the provision of services and amenities that are welcoming and inclusive to all that we serve.

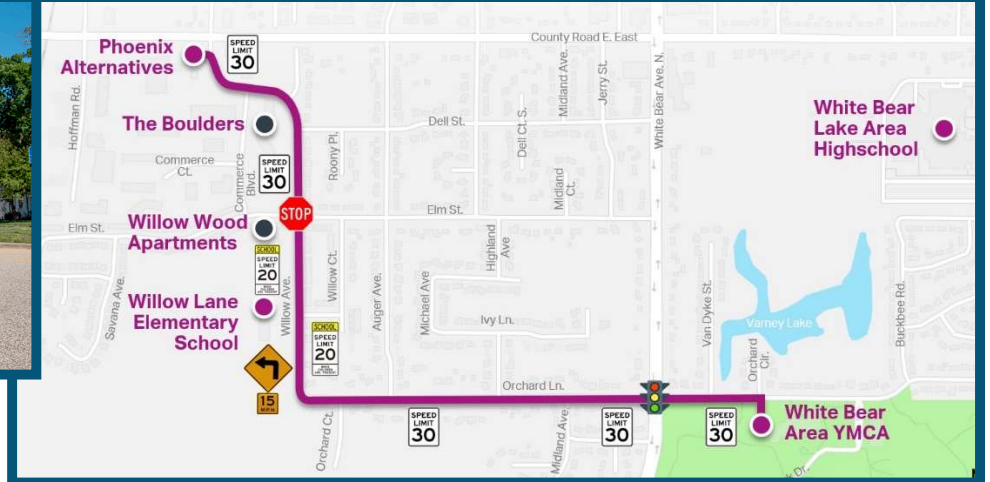
We invite you to participate by taking the survey and consider participating in a one-hour conversation using the online meeting platform offered through this initiative. The online format is designed to facilitate small group conversations around this topic. For more information on the online community conversations, or to take the community survey, please go to whitebearlake.org/WE.

The Housing Task Force is a group of stakeholders representing various experiences and viewpoints including diversity in age, tenure in White Bear Lake, professional experience, race, level of income, civic involvement and renter versus homeowner status. Recognizing the importance of housing infrastructure to the continued vitality of the community, 20 community members were appointed by the Mayor and Council to the Housing Task Force in an effort to identify housing related challenges and opportunities facing the city and how they might be addressed.

Task force members have been meeting since April to assess White Bear Lake's most pressing housing issues. This effort has been informed by a variety of information and data including a comprehensive local housing market study, a community survey, city staff expertise, census data, a panel of housing experts, community feedback and personal experiences. Using this information, the Task Force has drafted a report that includes recommendations for housing policies, programs, development priorities and processes for consideration of redevelopment proposals that the City Council will consider for adoption in late fall. A current draft of the report can be found at: whitebearlake.org/housing

The Mayor, Council and staff would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated in this process including those who completed the survey, attended the housing forums, applied for the task force and, most notably, the task force members who have dedicated their time and energy to creating a report of recommendations.

White Bear Lake AV Shuttle Route



The Automated Shuttle Bus is Coming!

In early 2019, a group of local leaders representing the City, WBL Chamber of Commerce, WBLA Schools, YMCA, U of MN and Newtrax began working on a concept to introduce emerging automated vehicle (AV) technology to the White Bear Lake community. This group had the great fortune of forging a partnership with AECOM, an international infrastructure consulting firm based in Minneapolis, which has donated considerable time and expertise toward the development of a proposal on behalf of the project team for consideration by MnDOT's Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAV) Challenge program established to advance emerging technology in Minnesota. Ultimately, the proposal was accepted and work toward the development of a contract ensued with AECOM slated to serve as the project manager. While the process was delayed in 2020 due to COVID, the contract is now in its final stages of approval with hopes for an October launch date.

Through a competitive process, the project team selected an automated shuttle manufactured by NAVYA, a French-based firm involved in automated vehicle research and development. The automated shuttle will be programmed to travel a route between Phoenix Alternatives on Linden Avenue and the YMCA on Orchard Lane, which will run weekdays from 10am – 2pm. This route will ultimately connect clients of Phoenix Alternatives, residents of the senior apartments along the route and the public to access programming at the YMCA. Special public demonstration events will also be scheduled throughout the year. A 12-month pilot is planned to allow for self-driving operations and lessons learned in all Minnesota weather conditions.

Students and researchers from the WBLA School District, Century College and the University of Minnesota will have a variety of opportunities to interact with and learn from the emerging technologies demonstrated through this pilot project. The AV shuttle even made a sneak preview at a recent August student CAV summer camp held at the WBLA school south campus, in an effort to expose students to self-driving technology. Newtrax (a White Bear Lake non-profit that provides daily transportation for adults with disabilities) is also an instrumental project partner with particular interest in seeing how this emerging technology can provide future transportation options for persons with disabilities and aging populations.

Look for more information in the local press as the fall launch date nears.



Climate-Smart Municipalities

Climate-Smart Municipalities is a program funded by the Federal Republic of Germany in which cities are paired with award-winning climate-smart German communities to speed progress toward a cleaner and more efficient energy footprint. Since 2016, Duluth, Elk River, Morris, Rochester and Warren have been partnered with a German City. In 2019, the Federal Republic of Germany increased funding to add another city to the program and that is when White Bear Lake was chosen to partner with Lüdenscheid.

As a result of the City's involvement in the program, a steering committee was established to develop goals and strategies for community efforts in the areas of energy conservation, renewable energy, transportation, waste reduction, water supply, and natural resources. The steering committee is made up of representatives from local businesses, non-profits, schools, and the City of White Bear Lake.

Residents are encouraged to visit whitebearlake.org/climate to review daily dispatches which summarize the activities and experiences of the delegates as they learn about climate-smart initiatives from various German cities and businesses.

Spotlight on Sustainability

In 2019, the City received a \$15,000 grant from Xcel Energy to identify the potential environmental and financial benefits of replacing certain fleet vehicles with hybrid vehicles. Tracking devices were installed in twenty City vehicles, which monitored the daily miles driven and fuel economy among other metrics. The data collected demonstrated that, over time, the City would save money and reduce the amount of greenhouse gases emitted substantially if it invested in hybrid vehicles. The potential savings incentivized the City to purchase three hybrid vehicles, including one police car. Future city vehicle replacements will be evaluated to determine whether suitable hybrid vehicle alternatives are available for purchase.

There are many factors to consider when purchasing a new police vehicle, such as compatibility with the electronics and equipment, dimensions that fit cages, and perhaps most importantly, the ability to respond to the demands of the job. Options are currently limited, but one of the top manufacturers of police equipment has developed a hybrid specifically for police agencies, making the City's decision to purchase easier. The hybrid police vehicle has been a part of the fleet for just a few months, but is already making an impression.

Overall, the hybrid performs better than the standard police interceptors. The battery charges when the vehicle brakes, so there is no need to plug into a charging station, meaning the car is always ready for use. Comparable standard police vehicles, on average, get 17 miles per gallon (mpg) on city streets and 20 mpg on highways, whereas the hybrid gets 23 mpg on city streets and 24 mpg on highways. As a majority of the driving in White Bear Lake is on city streets, the savings add up. For example, a standard police vehicle needs to be refueled after every shift, but the hybrid can go two shifts before needing to gas up.

The biggest saving comes from the hybrid's impact on idling, which is necessary to keep the police equipment powered. The vehicle tracker study found that City vehicles idle 68% of the time they are being used. The hybrid police vehicle has the capability of shutting the engine off while still providing the battery power needed for the equipment when idling, saving fuel and reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

The Regional Indicator Initiative estimates that 38% of the total greenhouse gases emitted in White Bear Lake are from the transportation sector, so a shift to hybrid is a major way the City can reduce its environmental impact. The hybrid has proven to be reliable and efficient – a beacon for the future as the police department hopes to one day convert its entire fleet.



Submit your Sustainable Project

With each newsletter, the City spotlights a different business or residential sustainability project, which could include projects that conserve energy, use renewable energy, provide alternative transportation, treat stormwater, conserve drinking water, increase pollinator and wildlife habitat, or reduce waste. If you would like to see your project featured in an upcoming newsletter, please email Ashton Miller, Planning Technician, at amiller@whitebearlake.org or call 651-429-8561.




Recycle Smart


Plastic bags, any type of battery (or items that contain them), and random metal items such as pots, pans, clothes hangers and car parts do not belong in your curbside recycling cart. They can cause hazards for workers at the sorting facility and increase the cost of recycling.

To learn how to properly dispose of these items and more, visit RamseyRecycles.com/AtoZ or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

Local Recycling Resources

 **Plastic Bags**
Some local grocery stores accept plastic bags for recycling. Bags must be clean and dry.


To find participating stores, visit: plasticfilmrecycling.org or look for plastic bag recycling bins inside store entrances

 **Batteries**
Ramsey County household hazardous waste collection sites
Phone: 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7
Website: RamseyRecycles.com/HHW

Washington County Environmental Center
Phone: 651-275-7475
Website: co.washington.mn.us/EnviroCenter

 **Household electronics**
Washington County Environmental Center
Phone: 651-275-7475
Website: co.washington.mn.us/EnviroCenter

City of White Bear Lake Spring and Fall Cleanup Events
Phone: 651-747-3650
Website: whitebearlake.org/ee/page/clean-days

 **Random metal items**
NRI Metals, Hugo MN
Phone: 651-407-0092
Website: nrimn.com



Residential Food Scraps Pick Up

You'll soon have a new way to recycle food scraps from home! Ramsey and Washington Counties are working together to bring a food scraps pick up service to all residents, with rollout beginning late 2022 into 2023.

Why: Over 20% of household trash is food scraps; like fruit peels, eggshells, coffee grounds and more. By separating your food scraps, you can help them turn back into soil instead of becoming waste.

Who: Residents of Ramsey and Washington counties – whether you live in an apartment, condo or house.

When: Rollout to begin late 2022 into 2023.

How: Food scraps will be picked up from your home along with your trash. To participate, you will sign up to receive thick, compostable bags that will be shipped to your home at no charge. You'll use these bags to collect your food scraps. Once a bag is full, you'll place it in your regular trash cart, and trash will be collected as usual. The bags will be mechanically sorted from the trash after collection so that they can be composted.

This new program is part of a larger system for managing food scraps. County food scraps drop-off sites will remain in operation, and some people may prefer to compost food scraps in their backyards. Do what works best for you!

Stay tuned for updates. In the meantime, visit RecyclingandEnergy.org/Food-Scraps-Collection for more information.

 **Recycle Smart**
These items don't belong in your curbside recycling cart.


No plastic bags


No batteries


No random metal items*

*Metal food and beverage cans are okay to go in your recycling cart.



Medicine Drop Box

Safely dispose of unwanted, expired and unused medicines for free at the medicine drop box located in the main lobby of the White Bear Lake Police and Fire Building at 4701 Highway 61 (behind City Hall). Drop-off hours are Monday – Friday, 8am - 4pm.

Guidelines

- Keep medicine in the original container for legal transport. Label any loose medicine in a clear plastic bag.
- Seal all containers in clear plastic bags, ideally one-gallon or smaller size.
- Place the bag with medicine into the drop box.

Accepted

Medicines from households are accepted in any form including prescription, over the counter, vitamins, supplements, and pet medicines. Needles must be capped.

Examples include:

Items Accepted

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| | Blister packs. | | Inhalers. | | Patches. |
| | Capsules and pills. | | IV bags. | | Powders. |
| | Creams and gels. | | Liquids and sprays. | | Vials. |

Not Accepted

No empty needles and syringes, no uncapped/unsealed needles and syringes. These items are accepted for free at the Washington County Environmental Center (visit co.washington.mn.us/EnviroCenter or call 651-275-7475) and Ramsey County’s household hazardous waste collection sites (visit RamseyRecycles.com or call 651-633 EASY (3279), answered 24/7).

Be a Battery Hero!

If it lights up, makes noise or moves without a plug, it has a battery. Batteries make our daily lives more convenient. Once they are used, though, they must be disposed of properly.

If thrown in the trash or recycling, batteries may catch fire and pose a threat to people and property. Some batteries also contain toxic metals, such as cadmium, lead or mercury, which can pose a threat to our health and the environment.

With so many different kinds of batteries, it can be confusing to know how to dispose of batteries correctly. Ramsey County household hazardous waste collection sites and the Washington County Environmental Center accepts all batteries for safe disposal including rechargeable, button, and alkaline batteries.

For more information visit the Ramsey County website at RamseyRecycles.com/HHW or the Washington County website at co.washington.mn.us/EnviroCenter.

BE A BATTERY HERO
Put batteries in their place.
Batteries thrown in the trash or recycling may cause fires.
Find a drop-off site near you.

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Yard Waste Disposal

Dispose of leaves and other yard waste by signing up for curbside pickup or bringing them to a Ramsey County yard waste site. Keep leaves and other yard waste out of the trash and never dump yard waste in wetlands or buffer areas.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION:

Yard waste is picked up on the same day as trash and recycling. Residents have three choices for yard waste collection services. Please call Republic Services at 952-941-5174 to establish curbside service or arrange for a one-time pickup. Service choices are as follows:

- 1. Annual Service:** unlimited service at an annual rate of \$80/year, April 15 - November 30 (weather permitting). A yard waste container is provided by Republic Services for use, free of charge.
- 2. Seasonal Service:** \$50/year for the months of August through November (weather permitting). Residents must provide their own compostable bags for this service.
- 3. On-call Service:** \$2.50/bag of yard waste. There is a minimum charge of \$20.00 (8 bags). Residents must provide their own compostable bags for this service.

Once you sign up for annual or seasonal service, the service will automatically be renewed each year unless you call Republic Services and cancel.

YARD WASTE SITES:

Ramsey County provides free yard waste disposal at seven yard waste collection sites in the county. The closest site for White Bear Lake residents is located at 5900 Sherwood Road in White Bear Township. Both Ramsey County and Washington County residents may use the White Bear Township collection site. For more information, visit RamseyRecycles.com/YardWaste or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

The Washington County Northern Yard Waste Site at 5527 170th St. N in Hugo is open to both Ramsey County and Washington County residents for free. For more information, visit co.washington.mn.us/yardwaste or call 651-275-7475.



While you are tending to your yard this fall, take a moment to sweep leaves, grass clippings, and branches out of the street. When left in the street, they can clog storm drains and get washed into lakes. Leaves and grass clippings become a major source of phosphorus in lakes, the nutrient that allows algae to bloom in the summer.

Water Meter Replacement Project

Water meters lose accuracy as they age and the recommended life of a water meter is 15-20 years. Most of the City's water meters are in excess of 25 years old. Complicating the matter of accurate reads, the metering system consists of a variety of different manufacturers and styles that require several different meter reading technologies. And, depending on the meter that is installed at any particular residence, some meters require manual reads and others require driving by the residence to capture electronic reads.



As funding allowed, staff had been scheduling individual water meter replacements in White Bear Lake since 2014 and have successfully updated 1,600 residences out of 7,700 total so far. To complete the remaining replacement of 6,100 meters and ensure the same meters are utilized, the City has planned for a comprehensive meter replacement project in its Capital Improvement Program (CIP) at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million, or approximately \$400 per meter. This cost will be funded through bonding in which the debt service would be paid for through the infrastructure charge on utility bills.

If your water meter is included in the 6,100 that are due for replacement, a letter will be mailed to you by the end of October. These letters are providing two weeks' notice to schedule appointments for water meter replacement by contacting Ferguson Waterworks fergusonscheduling.com or by calling 1-877-737-7174. There is no upfront cost for the replacement meter, but you are required to have your meter replaced.



Fall Clean-Up

4200 Hoffman Road
Saturday, October 2 from
7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Bring non-hazardous, non-organic waste and proof of White Bear Lake residency. Wear masks and stay in your vehicle. Checks preferred over cash, payable to “City of White Bear Lake” (fees vary based on load size, size limits apply). For more information, visit whitebearlake.org and search “clean-up days” or call Public Works at 651-747-3650.

New for the Fall Clean-Up event!

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity ReStore (a non-profit serving the Twin Cities area) truck will be onsite and will accept building and construction materials. Check out the accepted item list at restore.tchabitat.org prior to the Clean-up Event. Items donated to ReStore will be kept out of the landfill. All donations support Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity programs to create, preserve and promote homeownership in our community.

Food Scraps Collection Site in White Bear Lake

Drop off your food scraps at the Ramsey County collection site in White Bear Lake at 3950 Hoffman Road. Free compostable bags are located at the collection site. For a full list of accepted items, visit RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

Radon Test Kits

The Minnesota Department of Health recommends every home be tested for radon. Testing is easy and inexpensive. Radon test kits can be ordered from Ramsey County for \$2.00. To order a radon test kit, visit RamseyCounty.us/radon.

Fall & Winter Reminders



Holiday Trash and Recycling Collection

Trash and recycling collection will be delayed one day for Thanksgiving, meaning the regular Thursday route will be serviced Friday and the regular Friday route will be serviced Saturday. Christmas Day and New Year’s both fall on Saturday’s and will not affect collection schedules.

FREE Holiday Tree Collection

During the first two full weeks in January, Republic Services will collect holiday trees from White Bear Lake residents on the same day as regular trash service. Set trees out for collection next to your trash container on your regularly scheduled collection day. This service is provided at no additional cost to residents.

Preparation:

- Remove all decorations and stands.
- Place live trees next to your trash container by 6:00 a.m. on collection day to ensure collection.
- Wait until the day before or the day of your collection to set out your tree so it doesn’t get stuck in the snow or ice.
- No artificial trees.

Holiday trees can also be recycled at a Ramsey County yard waste collection site. For more, visit RamseyRecycles.com, or call the Recycling and Disposal Hotline at 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

Report Sewer Backups

Call the City’s Public Works Department first and foremost to report a sewer backup.

Normal hours: 651-747-3650
(M-F, 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

Public Works After Hours On-Call or Text: 651-485-8568

Winter Parking Restrictions

November 1 - April 1

Nothing may be parked on a city street without being moved within a 24-hour period. During a snow event all vehicles must be moved off the street until the street has been cleared from curb to curb.



Winter Snowplowing Reminders

1. During a snow event, all vehicles must be parked off the street until the streets have been completely plowed from curb to curb.
2. It is illegal to plow snow into the roadway (City Ordinance 903.010).
3. Garbage and recycling bins should be placed in your driveway, 3’ apart, behind the curb line during the winter months.
4. Public sidewalks will be cleared by the City after the roadways have been completely cleared. This often takes place a day or two following a snow event. Residents are highly encouraged to clear sidewalks themselves.

For more information regarding the City’s snow removal policies and procedures, visit the City’s website at whitebearlake.org and search “snow”.

Commission Vacancies

Now accepting applications for the Charter Commission, Environmental Advisory Commission and the Planning Commission. For more information on each of these volunteer commission positions, and to apply, visit whitebearlake.org/bc or contact the city clerk, clerk@whitebearlake.org, 651-429-8508.



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- Customer access to up to 24 months of billing and payment history online!
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Have your customer and account numbers handy, then visit whitebearlake.org and click “Bill Pay & Webstore” to sign up today!



What are you waiting for?

Residential water utility customers, grants funds are available when you replace high flow toilets with WaterSense Certified Toilets that flush 1.28 gallons or less. A receipt of purchase must be presented for reimbursement up to \$200.00 for each qualifying purchase, up to two toilets per residence.

Visit whitebearlake.org/rebate, for rebate guidelines and to apply. Or call Kara for more information: 651-429-8508.

Since 2016, the Metropolitan Council, through funding from the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment, has awarded the City of White Bear Lake a water efficiency grant with the goal of improving municipal water conservation.

The City pumps 3.5 million gallons of water each day. Each toilet replacement results in approximately 20,000 gallons of water saved annually. To date, grant funds totaling \$125,000 have been distributed, and the City has saved approximately 12 million gallons of water each year as a result of this appliance retrofit program.

