

White Bear Facts

a city of lakes and legends



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Fall & Winter 2023

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Police Department Welcomes New Chief

At the September 12, 2023 City Council meeting, Dale Hager, former administrative police captain, was sworn in as Chief of Police. Chief Hager has been serving the White Bear Lake community since 2014 and brings 26 years of law enforcement experience. At the swearing in, City Manager Lindy Crawford shared about Chief Hager, "His commitment to community policing, respect for officers, and city administration, and approachable demeanor has served, and will continue to serve, our community and organization very well." [continued **page 4**]



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**WHITE BEAR LAKE
FALL CLEANUP DAY**

**Saturday
October 7**

7 a.m.-1 p.m.
4200 Hoffman Road
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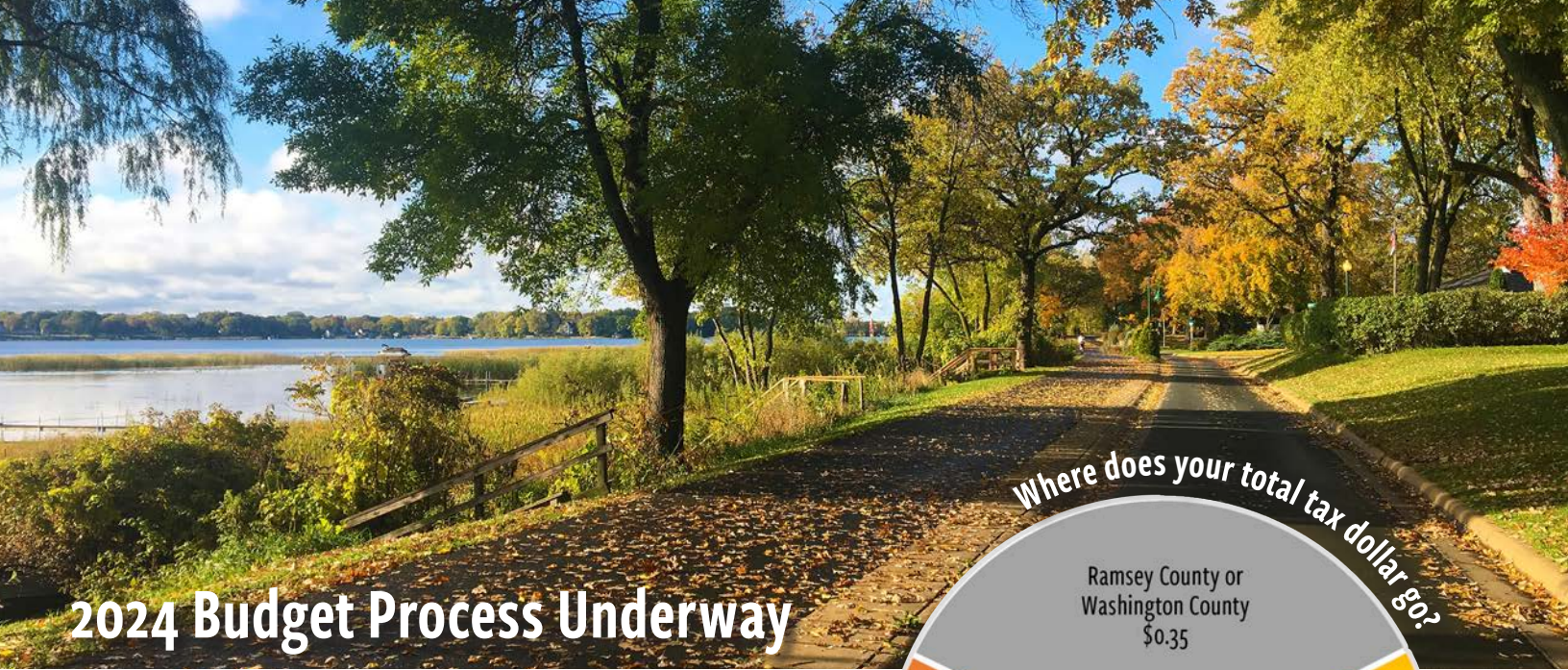


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2024 Budget Process Underway

The City is in the midst of creating the 2024 Budget, a process that began in January. The beginning phases focus on updating both the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan and the Financial Management Plans appropriate funds. Once these phases are complete, the work shifts to creating operating expenditure budgets and revenue estimates.

Each August, the City Council work session offers a time to discuss the budgets for funds with tax-supported operations, such as the General Fund, Debt Service Funds and occasionally Capital Improvement Funds.

Each September, the Council adopts a preliminary tax levy and establishes a Truth-in-Taxation hearing date for December to receive public feedback on the budget.

The Council participates in a second work session each October to discuss the budgets for all funds that do not receive tax revenues to support operations; such as the Water Fund and Stormwater Fund.

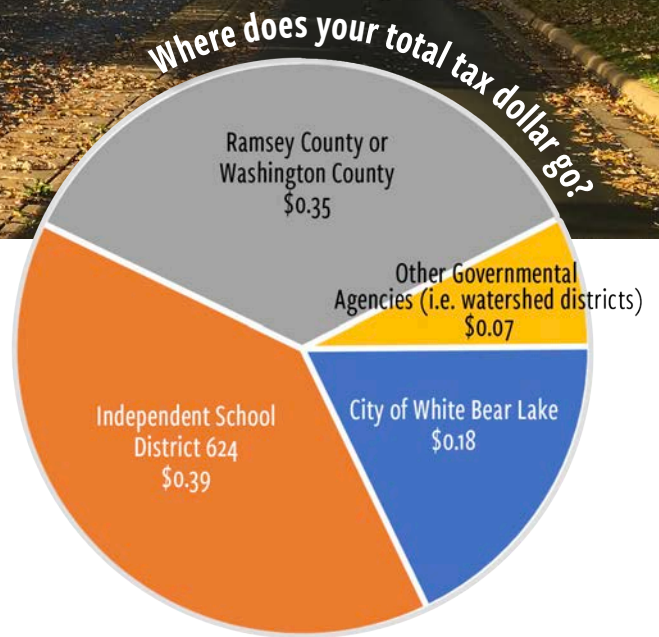
A draft of the budget document will be available for review on the City's website after November 20.

In December, the Council holds the Truth-in-Taxation hearing and adopts the tax levy that will be collected the following year, a revised budget for the current year and a budget for the next year.

Truth-in-Taxation Hearing on December 12, 2023

Each September, the City Council passes a preliminary tax levy that is included on county property tax statements sent 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 2024 Budget will be considered by the Council following its Truth-in-Taxation hearing on December 12, 2023 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 4701 Highway 61, White Bear Lake.

The preliminary levy adopted in September can be decreased by the Council in December, but not increased.



Where do my property taxes go?

Revenues raised through property taxes help support the City's operations and capital and infrastructure projects. A General Fund levy supports operating expenditures necessary to provide basic services, such as police, fire, snow removal, street and park maintenance and general administration. Debt Service Fund levies support payments related to the issuance of bonds for street improvement projects, capital equipment purchases and public facility projects. The City's remaining funds generate support through utility and service fees, grants and state aid.

Questions?

A copy of the City's preliminary 2024 budget will be available online or at City Hall by November 20, 2023. Residents are encouraged to contact City Manager Lindy Crawford at 651-429-8516 or Finance Director Kerri Kindsvater at 651-429-8517 with any questions in advance of the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing, scheduled for December 12, 2023, at which time the Council will consider final adoption of a tax levy to support the 2024 Budget.

For more information about how a property tax is calculated, go to the Minnesota Department of Revenue website at www.revenue.state.mn.us and type "property tax fact sheets" into the search box.

Election Day Polls are open Tuesday, November 7 from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

On the Ballot – Local Election

White Bear Lake residents living in Wards 1, 3 and 5 will be voting for their City Councilmember.

- **Ward 1** Vote at White Bear Lake City Hall
 - Bill Walsh (unopposed)
- **Ward 3** Vote at Sunrise Park Middle School
 - Andrea West
 - John Ficcadenti
- **Ward 5** Vote at WBLAS South Campus
 - Steven Engstran (unopposed)

Prepare to Vote

1. **Register** - 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 may register to vote or update your registration before October 17 at mnvotes.org. You may also register to vote at your polling place on Election Day with the proper proof of residency documents.
2. **Find Your Polling Location** - Find your Election Day polling location at mnvotes.org.

Vote Before Election Day

In Person: White Bear Lake residents may vote in person beginning 46 days before Election Day at an absentee voting location, regardless of their home address. Ballots do not need to be requested in advance. In-person early voting is available September 22-November 6, 2023, at the locations listed below. Hours vary, so go to ramseycounty.us/vote to plan your visit.

Early Voting – September 22-November 6:

- Ramsey County Elections - Plato Building

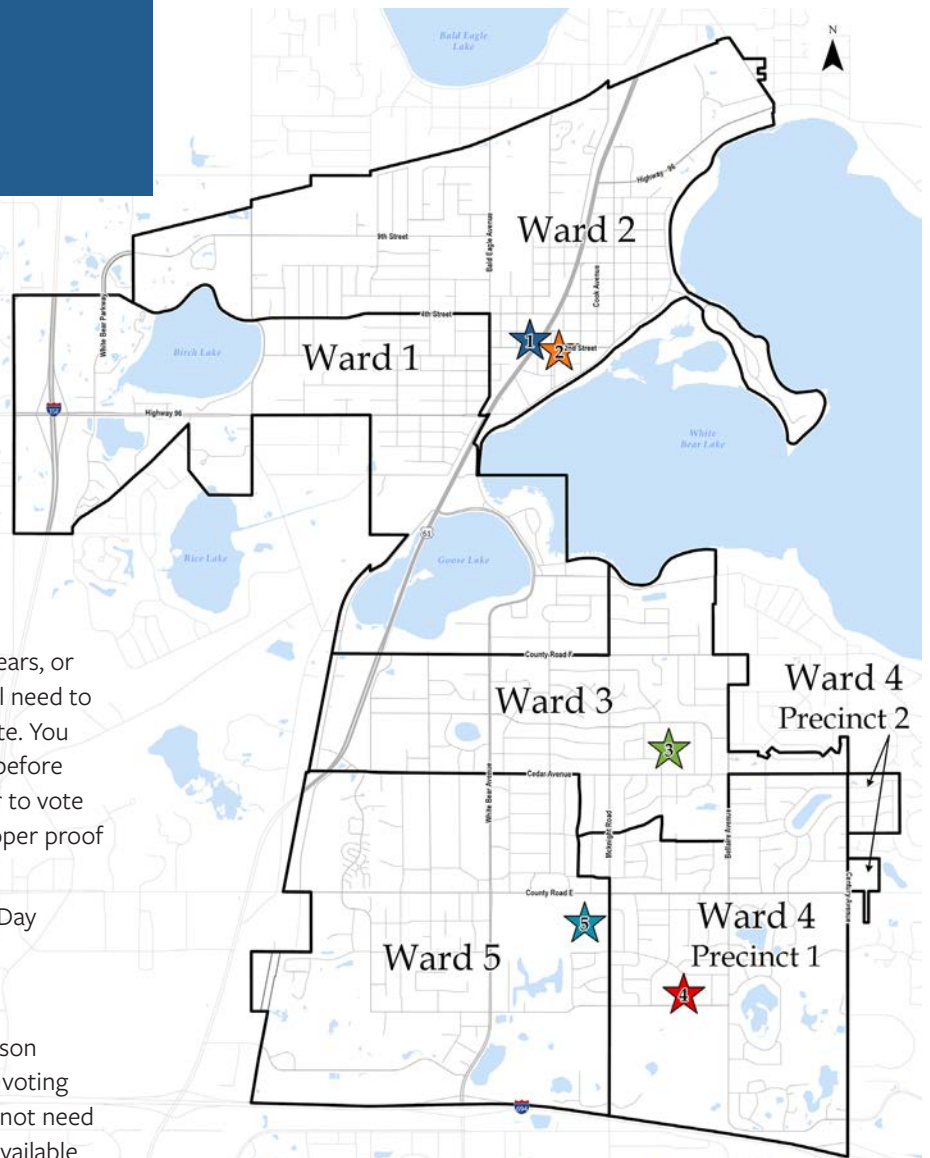
Early Voting – October 20-November 6:

- Ramsey County Elections - Plato Building
- Arlington Hill Community Center
- Frogtown Community Center
- Ramsey County Library - Roseville

Absentee Ballot By Mail or Return In Person

Fill out a ballot at home or from afar. You do not need to provide a reason to vote by mail. To receive an absentee ballot, voters need to submit an application by mail, email, or drop off at the Ramsey County Elections Plato Building. Completed absentee ballots can be returned by mail or in person at early in-person voting locations (listed above), or returned on Election Day at the Ramsey County Elections Office Plato Building. Access the absentee ballot application at ramseycounty.us/vote.

For more information, visit ramseycounty.us/vote or call Ramsey County Elections at 651-266-2171.



Election Day Voting Locations

WARD 1	White Bear Lake City Hall 4701 Hwy 61 North
WARD 2	Ramsey County White Bear Lake Library 2150 2nd Street
WARD 3	Sunrise Park Middle School Gym 2399 Cedar Avenue
WARD 4	White Bear Lake Area Learning Center 2449 Orchard Lane
WARD 5	White Bear Lake Area Schools – South Campus 3551 McKnight Road

Residents of Ward 2 and Ward 4 (Precincts 1 and 2): You do **not** have questions on the ballot for this municipal general election.

Attention: Polling Places for March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary

Polling locations for the Presidential Primary may differ from the General Election in November. In March, before you head out to vote, verify your polling location at mnvotes.org.



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Administrative Police Captain Promoted to Police Chief

The Police Department’s newest chief of police is a familiar face to the City and the Department. Chief Dale Hager, former administrative captain, assumed the role on August 28, 2023. Chief Hager has been an instrumental leader in the White Bear Lake community since 2014 and brings 26 years of law enforcement experience. He has served as a Narcotic Task Force Member; Firearms, Field Training and Defensive Tactics Instructor; K9 Handler; Investigator, and School Resource and DARE Officer throughout his career. He served as sergeant at the Lino Lakes Police Department prior to serving as White Bear Lake administrative captain.

“Whether it be Night to Unite, Marketfest, the Farmer’s Market or one of our many outreach events, Chief Hager has been a familiar and welcoming face to this community,” City Manager Lindy Crawford shared during his swearing in. Upon his promotion to chief of police, Hager said he looked forward to “continuing the great relationship [the] department has with the community of White Bear Lake.” Hager resides in Forest Lake with his wife and children. When he is not at the office, he enjoys playing pickleball and basketball, and teaching law enforcement courses at Century College.

The City sincerely thanks Former Chief of Police Julie Swanson for her leadership and service to the White Bear Lake community for the past 23 years, with the last nine years in the chief of police role.



Skip the Line – Use the City Hall Dropbox 24-7

The License Bureau provides Motor Vehicle and DNR services via the dropbox outside of City Hall. These transactions are processed within two business days from receipt, then mailed to your home. Please keep mailing delays in mind when dropping off tab renewals close to due dates at the end of the month. You may also leave License Bureau staff a note requesting to be called when the transaction is complete so that you can pick it up.

Drop-Box Services Offered: Tab Renewals, Duplicate Titles, Duplicate Plates/Tabs, Special Plate Applications, DNR Renewals, Disability Certificates and CDL Self-Certifications.

Drop-Box Instructions

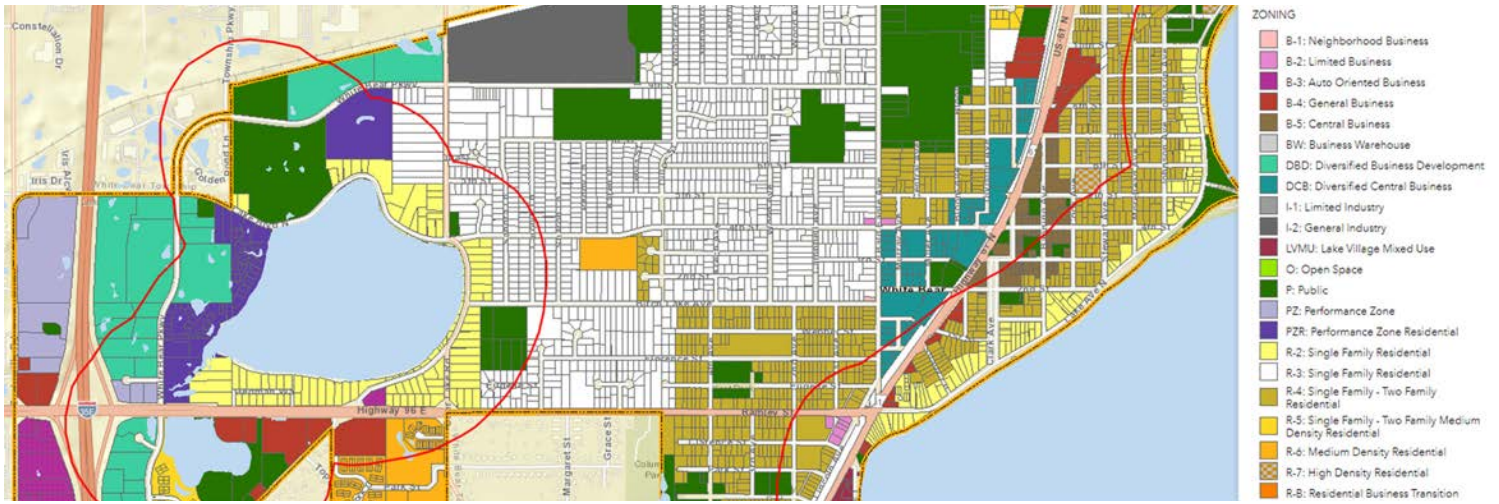
- Include a contact name, address and telephone number on the envelope.
- Write your insurance information on the renewal notice - insurance company name, policy number, expiration (mm/dd/yy).
- Fill out forms completely. Locate forms on the State of Minnesota’s website at drive.mn.gov or visit our webpage at whitebearlake.org/lb.
- Include the FULL renewal notice in the envelope, not just the tear-off bottom portion.
- If enclosing a check, please write your telephone number and driver’s license number on the check. Checks made payable to White Bear Lake License Bureau. If enclosing cash, please have exact change. We do not accept credit card payment for any dropbox transactions.

Please DO NOT drop off any driver’s license applications for renewals or duplicates - visit us in person Monday, Wednesday - Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. or Tuesdays: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. We recommend that all motor vehicle and DNR transfers be completed in person during our business hours.



Development Update on County Road E

Construction for the new apartment buildings at County Road E and Hoffman Road is well underway. The developer estimates that the first building will open in March and the second in May. Once complete, the apartments will have 243 units with a mix of studio, 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom layouts. The name of the development is “The Lochner.”



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Zoning Regulations Getting an Update

This fall, the City will kick off an 18-month process to review and update its zoning regulations. This project is necessary because state law requires all metropolitan area cities to update their zoning regulations so they are consistent with the community's long-range planning documents.

While White Bear Lake has made updates and revisions over the years, it has not done a full-scale review and update of the zoning regulations since the early 1980's and many of the City's review processes and development standards are antiquated.

To ensure community involvement in this process, Mayor Louismet appointed a community advisory committee to help inform and guide the zoning update. This committee includes members from

the City Council, Planning Commission, Environmental Advisory Commission, Housing Task Force, County Road E Corridor Committee and others from throughout the community who represent various economic development, transportation, education, and arts and cultural interests. In addition to the committee, the City will seek feedback from the general public through several open house-style meetings and its website. Once a final draft of the zoning regulations is complete, the public will have additional opportunities to provide feedback through a public hearing with the Planning Commission and meetings before the City Council.

The public can monitor the zoning update process through the City's website at whitebearlake.org/ZoningUpdate.



Oak Knoll Pond receiving experimental spent lime treatment to reduce phosphorus

The City has made a commitment to improve the water quality of all lakes, wetlands, and streams within the City. In partnership with Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO) and Barr Engineering Co., a spent lime demonstration project is underway at Oak Knoll Pond, located near White Bear Avenue and Cedar Avenue. In 2021, Barr Engineering Co. worked with VLAWMO and Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District as part of a similar research study to conduct small-size pond experiments by treating them with spent lime, a byproduct of the City's drinking water softening process. Spent lime shows initial promising results for removing excess phosphorus in small ponds. Excessive phosphorus stimulates algae blooms which is harmful to aquatic life. The goal of the demonstration project in Oak Knoll Pond is to test the effectiveness of spent lime in a larger waterbody to see if similar, positive results can be produced and assess how long they will last. Spent lime applications and monitoring will be active onsite through the fall.

Funding for this effort is provided by VLAWMO and the City of White Bear Lake. The City's water treatment plant is providing the spent lime for the project. For more information, visit vlawmo.org/spentlimeWBL.

Rebates for WaterSense Toilets



Rebates up to \$200 are available to City residents who replace high flow toilets with US EPA WaterSense certified toilets that flush 1.28 gallons or less. The WaterSense label certifies that the product retains performance while using less water. Please note dual flush 1.6 models do not qualify.

For more information or to apply, visit whitebearlake.org/rebate.



Learn More About the City's Boards and Commissions

An important aspect for our local government is the interest and participation of residents in community projects and City decision-making. The City's various commissions provide valuable advice for consideration by the Mayor and City Council related to policies and procedures, and the membership comprises of residents, like you! Read on to learn more about the City's boards and commissions.

Charter Commission - The City's government operates within the structure and powers of its Home Rule Charter, which was first adopted in 1921 and has since undergone several amendments. The 15-member Charter Commission meets periodically to consider proposed amendments to the City Charter and to determine whether current ward boundaries evenly distribute registered voters. The Charter Commission members are appointed by the Chief Judge of the Ramsey County District Court.

Environmental Advisory Commission - The Environmental Advisory Commission advises the City Council on policies and actions related to sustainability, climate change, and protection and rehabilitation of the natural environment in the City. The Commission studies, proposes and advocates for regulations and policies related to waste, water, resource and energy management practices that are scientifically sound. The Commission seeks input from and encourages White Bear Lake residents to adopt sustainable environmental practices in their homes, businesses and neighborhoods through surveys, education and sponsorship of events showcasing available products and resources. This commission consists of seven members appointed by the mayor to serve three-year terms.

Park Advisory Commission - This commission advises the City Council on matters relating to planning, development, design, use and maintenance of parks, open space and natural areas in the City. The Park Advisory Commission helps prepare a proposed annual budget for park development, planning and improvements for consideration by the City Council and also recommends ways to enhance use and protection of the community's parks. This commission consists of seven members appointed by the mayor to serve three-year terms.

Planning Commission - The commission is an advisory body of the Council and makes recommendations to the City Council in areas including, but not limited to, adoption of and amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan, amendments to the Zoning Code, issuance of conditional use permits and consideration of variance requests and proposed subdivisions. The commission and its members are closely involved in the City's long-range planning, capital improvement plans, transportation plans and Strategic Plan. This commission consists of seven members appointed by the mayor to serve three-year terms.

Police Civil Service Commission - The Police Civil Service Commission is established according to Chapter 419 of Minnesota Statutes. The commission exercises supervision over the employment, promotion, discharge and suspension of all sworn officers of the Police Department as provided by State Statutes and the City Charter. The Civil Service Commission consists of three members appointed by the mayor to serve three-year terms.

Applications to serve on the Boards and Commissions will be considered in the event a vacancy occurs. The mayor reviews submissions, with exception to the Charter Commission whose members are appointed by the Chief Judge of Ramsey County District Court. For more information or to fill out an application, visit whitebearlake.org/bc.



Yard Waste Disposal

Dispose of leaves and other yard waste by bringing them to a county yard waste site or signing up for curbside pickup.

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 and Washington county residents may use the White Bear Township collection site. For more information, visit [RamseyRecycles.com/YardWaste](https://www.ramseyrecycles.com/YardWaste) or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

The Washington County Northern Yard Waste Site is located at 5527 170th Street North in Hugo is also open to both Ramsey and Washington county residents for free. For more information, visit [co.washington.mn.us/yardwaste](https://www.co.washington.mn.us/yardwaste) or call 651-275-7475.

Curbside Collection

Yard waste is picked up on the same day as trash and recycling. Residents have three choices for yard waste collection services. Service choices are as follows:

1. Annual Service: Unlimited service at an annual rate of \$80 per year, April 15-November 30 (weather permitting). A free yard waste container is provided by Republic Services.
2. Seasonal Service: \$50 per 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 per bag of yard waste. There is a minimum charge of \$20 (8 bags). Residents must provide their own compostable bags for this service.

Please call Republic Services at 952-941-5174 to establish curbside service or arrange for a one-time pickup. Once you sign up for annual or seasonal service, the service will automatically be renewed each year, unless you call Republic Services and cancel.



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, which causes algae to bloom in the summer.

Accepting Donations for the Downtown Flower Program

Summertime in White Bear Lake brings colorful flowers throughout the downtown area. The City has a program to support the supply and care of flowers, whether through flower beds, hanging baskets or sidewalk pots. Donations are being accepted and are tax-deductible. The funds will directly be used for the purchase of flowers. Various donation amounts will support the following:

- \$25 - Flower bed
- \$50 - Flower basket
- \$100 - Flower pot
- Or any amount helps!

Cash or checks accepted, payable to the “City of White Bear Lake,” referencing “Flower Program.” Donations are politely requested by November 31, and can be mailed or dropped off at City Hall. The City will recognize all donors and tributes on its website and social media, unless anonymous. Learn more by visiting whitebearlake.org/flowers.

Donate “In Memory” or “In Honor” of someone special!



FALL CLEANUP DAY

Gather unwanted items in your house and load up your car. It's our annual fall cleanup day! This event is for City residents only. You will be asked to provide proof of residency (i.e. utility bill or driver's license) and payment. Yard waste and household hazardous waste will not be accepted at this event.

Saturday, October 7

7 a.m.-1 p.m.

4200 Hoffman Road

Located on the west side of the intersection of Highway 61 and White Bear Avenue

Acceptable Items

- ✓ Air conditioners
- ✓ Appliances
- ✓ Bicycles
- ✓ Car batteries
- ✓ Carpeting
- ✓ Computers (PCs, monitors, laptops)
- ✓ Construction materials
- ✓ Electronics
- ✓ Fluorescent bulbs and ballasts (up to 10)
- ✓ Furniture
- ✓ Humidifiers
- ✓ Lawn mowers & snow blowers (all fluids drained)
- ✓ Mattresses
- ✓ Televisions
- ✓ Textiles
- ✓ Tires

Unacceptable Items

- ✗ Leaves, branches, tree stumps, and other yard waste
- ✗ Firewood
- ✗ Items larger than appliances (fish houses, boats, sheds)
- ✗ Motor oil, propane tanks, paint, and other household hazardous waste

A fee will be charged based on the size and type of load to help pay disposal costs. Pay at the gate with cash or check payable to "City of White Bear Lake". You can bring a load of general trash and be charged by the size of your vehicle. If you have bulky items that require special handling you will only be charged for those items. If you have a mixed load, you will be charged for both. For more information, visit whitebearlake.org/cleanup or call Public Works at 651-747-3650.



Save the Date for the
Spring Cleanup Day
on May 4, 2024



Learn to Skate

Ice skaters of all levels welcome from tiny to tall, it's fun for all! White Bear Lake Sports Center offers ice skating lessons for children and adults! Lessons are great for anyone wanting to ice skate recreationally, play hockey or figure skate. Classes are offered on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings from September through April. Summer classes are offered on Tuesday evenings.

Winter Session registration begins October 30:

- Tot 1 - Beginning 3-5 years-old
- Pre-Alpha - Beginning 6-12 years-old
- Teen & Adults Class - Beginning teen-adult

Visit whitebearlake.org/parksrec/page/skate-school for registration or search "Skate School" on the City's website. Questions? Contact Amy Flater at aflater@whitebearlake.org.



Practice Fire Safety

Stay safe and warm this season as fall turns into winter with these hot tips from the White Bear Lake Fire Department.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), cooking is the leading cause of home fires, injuries and deaths in the United States. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths and accounts for half of all U.S. home fires.

The Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme — *Cooking Safety Starts With YOU*. A cooking fire can grow quickly so we encourage you to review these tips to make a difference:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop, so you can keep an eye on the food. If you have to leave the kitchen briefly, set a timer and bring a utensil with you as a reminder that you have food on the stove.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from cooking could cause serious burns.
- Be sure electric cords from appliances are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep the floor clear, so you don't trip.
- If you have a small cooking fire and decide to fight the fire. . .
 - If on the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
 - For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.
- If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire. . .
 - Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
 - Call 9-1-1 from outside the home.

FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE



Want to explore a fire truck, learn to exit a smoke-filled room and see fire-fighters in action? Join us for this free family-friendly event from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3 at our south Fire Station, located at 2240 County Road E. Our partners in public safety will be in attendance to support the event. We hope to see you there for fun, food and safety education!

Heating is another leading cause of fires in the United States. Fire Department responded to numerous fires last heating season due to improper heating techniques. Be sure to follow these tips when using space heaters:

- Have your home heating system and chimney cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Make sure fireplaces have a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room.
- Ashes should be cool before putting them outside in metal container with a lid.
- Keep vents clear of ice and snow.
- Check portable space heaters for damage prior to use. Heaters should be placed on a solid, flat surface.
- Portable space heaters should plug directly into an outlet. Do not use extension cords or power strips with a heating appliance.
- Turn off portable space heaters when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep a clear space and kid-free zone "3 feet from the heat" whether it is a fireplace, wood stove, furnace or portable space heater.

We want all of our residents to be partners in fire safety. Please test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Be sure to change the batteries at least once a year and practice home fire drills. Find all this and more at the National Fire Protection Association's website, [nfpa.org](https://www.nfpa.org).



Fall and Winter REMINDERS



Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, Oct. 7
7 a.m.-1 p.m.
4200 Hoffman Road

Bring non-hazardous, non-organic waste and proof of White Bear Lake residency. Checks are 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/cleanup or call Public Works at 651-747-3650. Refer to page 8 for details.

Report Sewer Backups

Call the Public Works Department to report a sewer backup at 651-747-3650. Business hours are from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For after-hours emergencies, the voicemail recording provides additional instructions to redirect your call.



Food Scraps Collection Site

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. To order a radon test kit, visit ramseycounty.us/Radon.


Smart Salting

Salt is effective at melting snow and ice, but it is a permanent pollutant that impacts our water resources. When snow and ice melts, the runoff carries the salt to wetlands, lakes, streams and ponds. High concentrations of salt in our waterways can harm fish and plant life, and there is no efficient way to remove the salt after contamination occurs. The best way to reduce salt impact in our environment is to minimize salt usage.

Tips to minimize salt usage:

- **Shovel:** The more snow that can be manually removed, the less salt will be needed.
- **Don't over apply:** More salt does not mean more melting. An average driveway only needs 12 ounces of salt.
- **Temperature matters:** Most salts stop working below 15° Fahrenheit (pavement temperature), so should not be applied. Instead, use a small amount of sand or gravel for traction.
- **Sweep up the extra:** Salt and sand on dry pavement is not doing any work and will be washed into local lakes and ponds. Sweep up the extra and reuse it.

Hiring a snow removal service? If hiring a snow removal contractor, ask if they are certified through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Smart Salting training. For a list of certified individuals, visit: pca.state.mn.us/business-with-us/smart-salting-training.



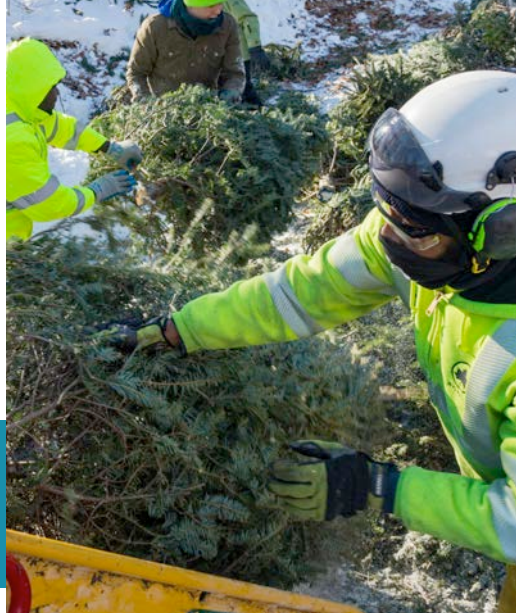
Did You Know?

According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, a single teaspoon of salt permanently pollutes five gallons of water.



City Snow and Ice Control

City crews responsible for snow and ice removal on City streets and sidewalks undergo annual MPCA Smart Salting training to ensure public safety and environmental health. To minimize excess salt usage, the City's plow trucks are calibrated for application rates, and the rates are adjusted according to temperature. The City maintains a salt storage area which is covered and out of contact with stormwater or snowmelt, and all salt handling is conducted in a designated area.



Street Sweeping

The sweeper will be in your neighborhood at least once this fall, and possibly twice if the weather permits. Please be patient as the City has a lot of ground to cover with just one sweeper with a two-man crew. The sweeper will be operating 16 hours per day this fall, so don't be surprised if you see us working early morning or late at night.

City ordinance prohibits the sweeping of leaves into the street, but the sweeper will pick up what naturally falls there. We encourage residents to collect the leaves from their yards and bring them to one of the seven available Ramsey County yard waste collection sites at no charge. See page 7 for details.



Excess Cardboard Recycling

Extra corrugated cardboard that doesn't fit in your recycling cart can be brought to the Washington County Environmental Center for recycling.

Visit co.washington.mn.us/604/Environmental-Center for details.

SNOW REMINDERS

Winter Parking Restrictions

November 1 - April 1

No vehicle is allowed to be parked on a city street, alley or city parking lot 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 Snow Plowing Reminders

- In preparation for snow plowing operations, you may see Public Works crews trimming tree branches that overhang streets and sidewalks to prevent equipment from hitting low-hanging limbs.
- It is illegal to place snow in the roadway.
- Garbage and recycling bins should be placed in your driveway, at least three feet apart, behind the curb line.
- Have a sidewalk? 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 help clear sidewalks.

For more information regarding the City's snow removal policies and procedures, visit the City's website at whitebearlake.org and search "Snow".

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Trash and Recycling Collection Schedule

Trash and recycling collection will be 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.

FREE Holiday Tree Collection

During the first two full weeks in January, Republic Services will collect real holiday trees from City residents on the same day as regular trash service. Tree collection is aligned with your regularly scheduled collection day. This service is provided at no additional cost.

Preparation:

- Remove all decorations and stands.
- Place holiday trees next to your trash container by 6 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 accepted.

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



Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties

Need assistance paying energy bills? The Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties offers an Energy Assistance Program to help eligible families with their energy bills, can improve the efficiency of their homes and provide inspection of a furnace. Call 651-645-6470 or visit caprw.org for more information.



City of White Bear Lake
4701 Highway 61
White Bear Lake, Minnesota
55110

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Administrative Offices

City Hall	651-429-8526
Administration	651-429-8508
Building	651-429-8518
Planning	651-429-8561
Engineering	651-429-8531
Police	651-429-8539
Fire	651-429-8568
Public Works	651-747-3650
Sports Center	651-429-8571
Utility Billing	651-429-8565
City Website	www.whitebearlake.org

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RECYCLING AT HOME

Put all of these items together in your curbside recycling cart

 Cardboard & Pizza Delivery Boxes – flattened, must fit in cart	 Milk Cartons & Juice Boxes – rinse, replace caps	 Glass Bottles & Jars – rinse, remove caps & lids	 Most plastic food & beverage containers – rinse and include caps #1, #2 & #5 accepted
 Aluminum & Steel Cans, Empty Aerosol Cans, Foil & Trays, Cardboard Food Tubes With Metal Ends – rinse clean, labels are OK. No cans that contained hazardous or flammable materials.	 Newspapers – with inserts	 Cardboard – pop and beer boxes too! Remove plastic liners or bags and flatten	 Magazines, Mail, Phonebooks, Office Paper

These items DO NOT belong in your recycling cart!

 NO plastic bags	 NO random metal items	 NO tangles (hoses, string lights, wires)	 NO batteries or cell phones	 NO shredded paper	 NO clothing or diapers
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