



White Bear Facts

a city of lakes and legends

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Spring & Summer 2022

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Leadership Transition

New City Manager Lindy Crawford started her first day on December 20, 2021 and has hit the ground running. Prior to serving as the City Administrator / Public Utilities General Manager with the City of Mora since 2018, Crawford was the City Administrator for the City of Tonka Bay. She holds a master's degree in urban and regional studies from Minnesota State University, Mankato and a graduate certificate in urban planning. Crawford is excited to be part of the community and bring a fresh perspective to the organization.



Soon after, new Mayor Dan Louismet was sworn in at the first City Council meeting in January along with new Councilmember for Ward 2, Heidi Hughes, and re-elected Councilmember Ward 4, Kevin Edberg. Graduating from White Bear High School, Louismet is a lifelong resident of White Bear Lake and has served the community in a variety of capacities over the years. He transferred from Century College to the University of Minnesota where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science. Louismet went on to obtain his juris doctor at the William Mitchell College of Law, during which he served as a student prosecutor for the City of White Bear Lake, prosecuting local traffic violations and crimes ranging from speeding tickets to DWIs. Find this information and more online at danlouismetwbl.com/meet-dan.

Congratulations!

The Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association (MSFCA) selected White Bear Lake Fire Chief, Greg Peterson, as their 2021 Fire Officer of the Year for populations over 10,000.

Help us congratulate Chief Peterson!



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Pictured left to right:
Councilmember Bill Walsh, Councilmember Heidi Hughes,
Councilmember Steven Engstran, Mayor Dan Louismet,
Councilmember Kevin Edberg, Councilmember Dan Jones



Louismet's swearing in
Photo courtesy of: White Bear Press

City Redraws Ward Boundaries

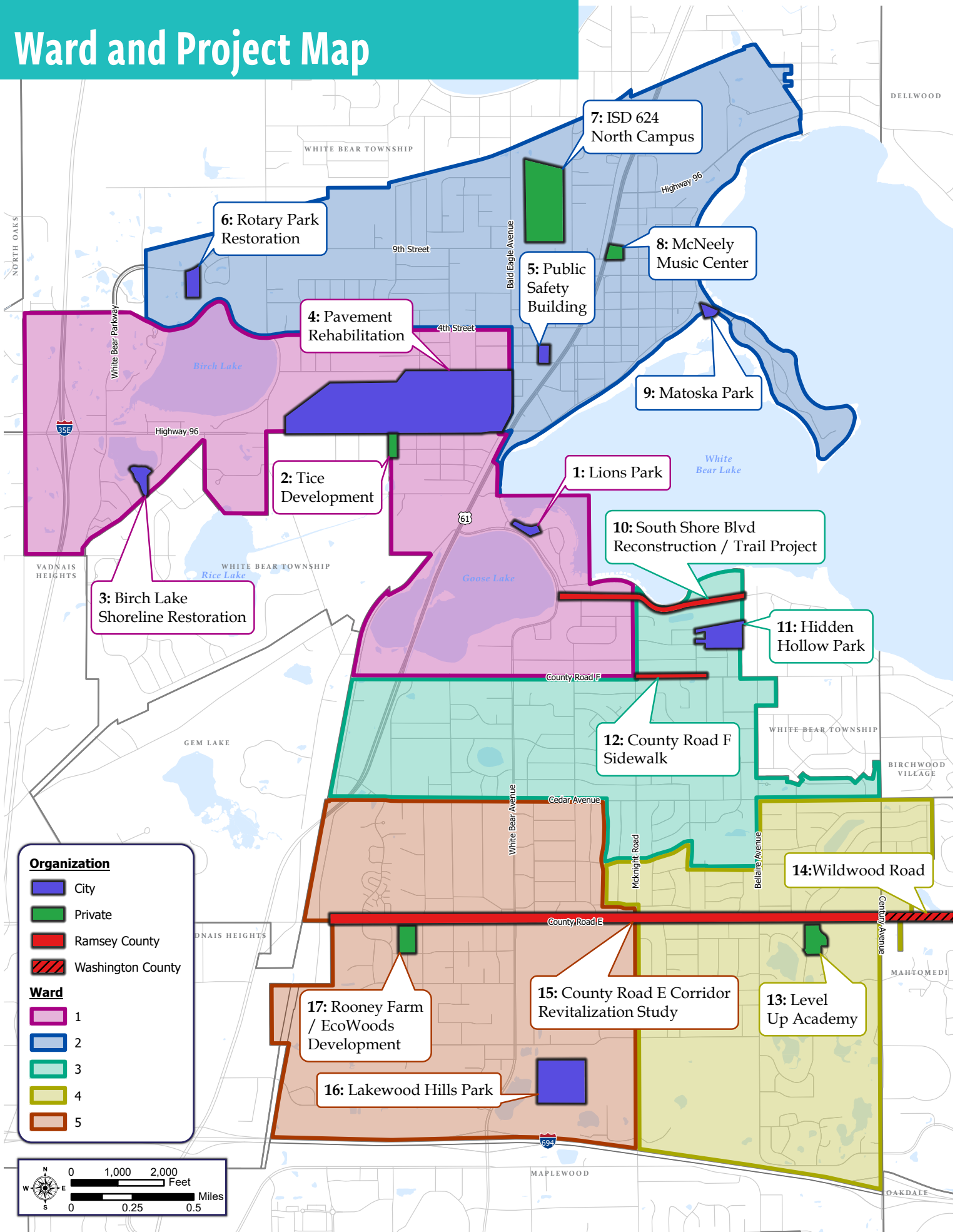
Why/How/When? With the last Census count completed in 2020, the state legislature redrew its district boundaries, and then the City was required to do the same. The City's Charter Commission serves as the City's Redistricting Commission and those representatives were tasked with rebalancing new population counts within the City's wards as equally as possible. Two public hearings were conducted, with notices published in the newspaper, and two ward changes outlined below become effective on the date of the Primary, August 9, 2022.

What Changed? The Boatworks Commons population of 117 has moved from Ward 2 into Ward 1. A population of 93 residents within a two-block area between Spruce Place & Dorothy Avenue and between McKnight Road & Howard Avenue was moved from Ward 5 into Ward 4. Ramsey County will be notifying these residents of their new polling locations.

Who are my Representatives? White Bear Lake is divided into five wards (color coded map on page 3). Residents living in each ward are represented by their own Councilmember, with the Mayor serving at-large. While the Mayor does not cast a vote, the Mayor has the power to veto actions of the City Council, which can only be overturned with 4/5 vote of the City Council.

Location	Population	Representative	Term	Election Day Voting Location
At-large	24,883	Dan Louismet, Mayor	2022 - 2026	On every ballot in all ward voting locations.
WARD 1	4,983	Bill Walsh	2020 - 2024	WBL City Hall, 4701 Hwy 61 N.
WARD 2	4,986	Heidi Hughes	2022 - 2026	Ramsey County WBL Library, 2150 2nd Street
WARD 3	4,941	Dan Jones	2020 - 2024	Sunrise Middle School Gym, 2399 Cedar Ave.
WARD 4	4,982	Kevin Edberg	2022 - 2026	Golfview Building, 2449 Orchard Lane
WARD 5	4,991	Steven Engstran	2020 - 2024	St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 1965 County Rd E.

Ward and Project Map



Upcoming Projects by Ward



Birch Lake Shoreline Restoration

Ward 1

- 1. Lions Park:** Replacing three shelters and remodeling the restroom.
- 2. Tice Development:** This 1.85-acre parcel is being subdivided into 5 lots: one lot for the existing single-family residence facing Highway 96, two duplex lots, and two single-family lots - for a total of 5 new residential units. A new public cul-de-sac will be extended off Clarence Street to serve the new homes.
- 3. Birch Lake Shoreline Restoration:** The existing shoreline restoration at the Sports Center will be expanded to the south. Invasive plants in the adjacent wooded area will also be removed (pictured above).
- 4. Pavement Rehabilitation Projects:** This project includes pavement replacement on approximately 2.9 miles of roadway along with minor utility repairs and the addition of sidewalk on 4th Avenue, for a complete connection from Hwy 96 to Birch Lake Ave. and on Karen Place from Highway 96 to Eugene Street.

whitebearlake.org/engineering

Ward 2

- 5. Public Safety Building:** Watch for more information in the Fall Newsletter.
- 6. Rotary Park Restoration:** The City is partnering with the White Bear Lake Rotary Club and VLAWMO to complete a 3,400-sf native plant restoration, located just south of the parking lot. This fall, the City will begin removing invasive tree species along the trail in anticipation of a native woodland restoration project starting in 2023.
- 7. ISD 624 North Campus:** To address projected enrollment growth, construction of an approximately 398,000-sf building expansion has started at the North Campus High School. The project, which features an 845-seat auditorium, a two-level performing arts wing, a 3-story classroom wing and a five-court fieldhouse, will facilitate the establishment of a fully integrated high school encompassing grades 9 - 12 in one centralized location. isd624.org/about/building-our-future
- 8. McNeely Music Center:** The existing Re/Max real-estate building will be demolished to allow for the construction of a new two-story non-profit music education facility. There will be professional recording studios in the basement but the main focus will be on youth music lessons in the upper two floors. The facility will have fiber connectivity to both the White Bear Center for the Arts and the Hanifl Performing Arts Center. Construction is anticipated to begin late Spring/early Summer.
- 9. Matoska Park Rain Guardian Turrets:** The City installed two Rain Guardian Turrets in conjunction with the 2021 parking lot rehabilitation project. The Rain Guardian Turret structures capture sediment and trash that would otherwise end up in White Bear Lake from stormwater runoff. The project was awarded a grant from Rice Creek Watershed District to help cover the cost. See photo at the top of the next page.



Hidden Hollow

photo by: Scott Costello



Rain Guardian Turrets

Ward 3

- 10. South Shore Blvd Reconstruction / Trail Project:** The City is working in cooperation with Ramsey County to complete the segment of Sather Trail along the south side of the lake on South Shore Boulevard from White Bear Ave. to Bellaire Ave. This project also includes a full roadway reconstruction and turning South Shore Blvd. into an eastbound one-way roadway from McKnight to East County Line Rd. whitebearlake.org/engineering
- 11. Hidden Hollow Park:** Paving of the trail segment within the park is expected this summer.
- 12. County Road F Sidewalk:** Ramsey County is constructing a sidewalk along County Road F between McKnight Road and Jay Lane in anticipation of increased traffic due to South Shore Boulevard becoming a one-way road.

Ward 4

- 13. Level Up Academy:** A charter school purchased the former Rock Point Church and is currently under construction with a 15,470-sf addition, including classrooms, a new main entry, and a 5,800-sf, 3-story gymnasium. The parking lot will also be reconfigured, with a new curb cut onto Rolling View Drive for better circulation of drop-off/pick-up. levelupacademy.org/projects-8
- 14. Wildwood Road:** Washington County has a pavement improvement project planned for the near future and the sidewalk will be upgraded from 5' to a 10' trail. co.washington.mn.us/wildwoodroad

Ward 5

- 15. County Road E Corridor Revitalization Study:** Spanning Wards 4 and 5, the City and other municipalities are sharing in a cost match grant from Ramsey County to facilitate planning activities intended to revitalize the County Road E Corridor. whitebearlake.org/E
- 16. Lakewood Hills Park:** Thanks to significant donations from the White Bear Lions Club, an All-Abilities Playground is anticipated to break ground this year! Additionally, the City is working in collaboration with Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District to construct a large raingarden to treat runoff from the south parking lot.
- 17. Rooney Farm / EcoWoods Development:** The 4.6-acre parcel on the south side of County Road E is being subdivided into 9 lots. Green Halo Builds is planning to construct a cul-de-sac neighborhood of 8 new single-family homes with net-zero ready designs. The new public road would mirror Rooney Place to the south. greenhalobuilds.com/ecowoods

Interactive Pollinator Map - Submit your Pollinator Garden!

The City's Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) is in the process of mapping existing pollinator friendly gardens in the City. The EAC invites residents and businesses with existing pollinator friendly gardens to add their garden to the map. The map can be found on the City's website at whitebearlake.org, search 'pollinators'.





Emerald Ash Borer Continues to Make Its Mark

You may have noticed many ash trees have been marked for removal around the City. This is due to a widespread infestation of Emerald Ash Borer – a beetle whose larvae kills ash trees. Since 2018, the City has been, and continues to treat healthy ash trees and remove infected ash trees from parks and public right of way.

Residents are encouraged to treat large, well placed, healthy ash trees on private property. The best way to preserve an ash tree is to begin protection before EAB damage is visible in the canopy. Unfortunately, unprotected ash trees will continue to die at an accelerated rate and the chances of saving your ash tree diminish significantly each year your tree is not treated. Infected trees become brittle and dangerous and without treatment, generally die within one to three years.

The City partnered with Rainbow Treecare to provide discounted tree care services to homeowners in White Bear Lake. They will inspect your tree(s) at no cost to you to determine if treatment is the best option. Learn more about EAB, treatment and alternative planting options at whitebearlake.org or dnr.state.mn.us, search 'Emerald Ash Borer'.

Detecting Emerald Ash Borer

Common signs include heavy woodpecker activity which flecks the bark, dying branches in the upper canopy, sprouts around the tree base, vertical cracks in the bark, s-shaped grooves under the bark, and small exit holes in the bark.



Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization Events

Blue Thumb: Resilient Yards Workshop

Online Thursday, May 5 • 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Costs \$15. For more information and to register visit vlawmo.org/events or call 651-204-6070.

Turf Conversion: Mini-webinar

Online Thursday, May 19 • 6:00 – 6:30 PM

Free event. For more information visit vlawmo.org/events or call 651-204-6070.

Native Plant Walk – and – Talk

Thursday, August 11 • 7 – 8 PM

Free event. For more information visit vlawmo.org/events or call 651-204-6070.



Native Plantings

The City encourages property owners to include native plants in their landscaping. Native plants are not only beautiful, they also provide food for pollinators and other wildlife, and once established, seldom need watering. However, if you plan to plant a more natural, native prairie aesthetic that will grow to a height of greater than 12 inches, City Code requires a minimum setback of twenty (20) feet from the front property line. This setback requirement does not apply to native plantings that are part of a more formal garden or landscape treatment.

Spotlight on Sustainability



Spring is officially here and as residents begin to swap snow blowers for lawn mowers, some may want to consider switching from gas to electric-powered equipment. There is an array of electric tools available to the amateur landscaper, including leaf blowers, weed whips, and tree trimmers. In particular, recent advances in battery technology have made electric lawn mowers and snow blowers increasingly popular and readily available products. White Bear Lake resident, Gary Schroeder, who owns both, described some of the benefits to investing in electric equipment.

First, they are quieter than traditional equipment, which cuts down on noise pollution and allows those early morning risers to perform their lawn care routine without fear of disturbing the neighborhood. Second, they are lighter and more user-friendly due to push start buttons and fewer moving parts. They are also reliable – Schroeder has owned his lawn mower for almost five years.

Most importantly, with no gas or oil to burn, electric mowers and blowers are more environmentally friendly. Schroeder explained that typical gas powered equipment does not have pollution reducing systems like vehicles do, so they emit a staggering amount of pollutants. According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), the average gas powered lawn mower produces 14 pounds of air pollution per hour of use, so switching to electric greatly reduces the amount of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere every summer.

Overall, electric lawn mowers and snow blowers are just as effective as their gas-powered counterparts. They need to charge before use, which is as simple as placing the battery on a charger that plugs into a standard electrical outlet. The batteries for Schroeder's lawn mower are about the size of a small loaf of bread, take about an hour to fully charge and last an hour or more; long enough to mow his whole lawn in one charge. Residents with larger yards may opt for a riding lawn mower, which can last for two or more hours on one charge and can cover up to four acres of land. Schroeder's snow blower has two batteries, so has the capacity to last several hours, important in Minnesota winters. There are a number of different electric mowers and blowers available on the market, making it easy to find one that fits one's needs while reducing one's environmental impact.

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 at amiller@whitebearlake.org or 651-429-8561.

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A STORM
DRAIN



Protect local
waterways

Sign up!

adopt-a-drain.org



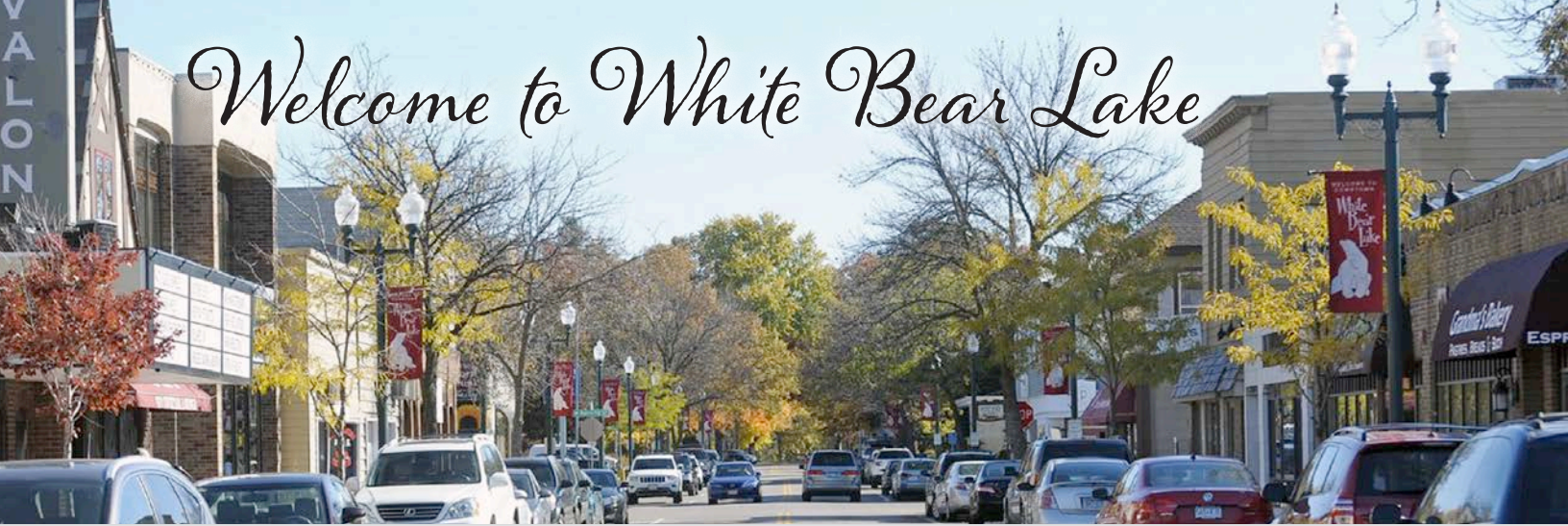
Adopt a Storm Drain

The Adopt-a-Drain program gives residents the opportunity to improve water quality by adopting a storm drain in their neighborhood and keeping it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to prevent this material from washing down storm drains and into nearby waterbodies. By the end of 2021, a total of 119 drains had been adopted within the City. Sign up to adopt a storm drain at: adopt-a-drain.org. A map of known drain locations will be displayed. Not all drains are shown on the map, but missing drains can be added.

Adopt-a-Drain Challenge

The White Bear Lake Conservation District challenges its five member communities to more than double the number adopted drains by the end of October 2022. No prizes will be given, but our shared reward will be cleaner water and improved drainage on our streets. Results of the challenge will be announced at the WBLCD board meeting on November 15, 2022.

Welcome to White Bear Lake



Welcoming and Inclusive Community Task Force Recommendations

After nearly one year of convening and engaging with the community, the Welcoming and Inclusive Community Task Force (WIC) presented their recommendations to the City Council in February 2022. Asking questions such as, “What does it mean to be a welcoming & inclusive community?” and “How well is White Bear Lake doing?” the Task Force formulated recommendations for ways the City can further its commitment to fostering a welcoming and inclusive community.

WIC report conclusions:

- Community engagement leads to more equitable and sustained public decisions.
- WBL has demonstrated its commitment to Community Engagement over the years, however new tools and strategies are needed.
- Intentional & sustained community engagement is even more critical as the demographics of the community continue to diversify.
- The City’s continued commitment to this work is critical to ensuring that strides made through connections fostered over the past several months are not lost.

WIC recommendations fell into three categories:

- Enhancing community engagement efforts,
- Examining and adapting organizational and administrative systems
- Adoption of an equity and inclusion lens to identify the impacts of policies and programs on community members.

View the full report online at whitebearlake.org/we. City Council and staff would like to express appreciation for the many community members who participated in this process, and especially acknowledge the WIC Task Force members for their time, dedication and enthusiasm throughout this project.

Housing Task Force Recommendations

In November 2021, the City’s Housing Task Force presented its final report and recommendations to the City Council. The task force, comprised of nineteen community members, began meeting in April 2021. The mission of the task force was to create recommendations for housing related policies, programs, and development priorities to meet the City’s short and long term housing needs. To inform their recommendations members reviewed data, surveys, listened to input from residents, heard from a panel of Twin Cities housing experts, and discussed their own experiences with accessing housing in the community.

The Housing Task Force identified four goals that shaped the recommended policies, programs and development priorities:

- Create an affordable housing trust fund to provide the resources needed to meet the community’s housing goals.
- Address the growing need for affordable housing options.
- Support a range of housing options so that residents can transition between housing that meets their needs at various life stages in the community.
- Improve the development pre-application process so the community and Council is better able to inform and guide future investments.

The Task Force put together a number of recommendations to meet those goals, which can be found in the report at whitebearlake.org/housing.

What’s next? The City Council will discuss the report and prioritize which recommendations to research and implement at a future work session.

City Council and staff would like to express gratitude to the many community members who participated in this process, and especially acknowledge the time and dedication of the Housing Task Force members.

Community Events



Trash to Treasure Day Saturday, April 30 · 8 am – 4 pm

Place unwanted items at your curb with a “Free” sign on them and wait for new owners to pick them up. Consider donating unwanted items to a local thrift store, or bring them to the City’s Spring Cleanup Day on May 7, 2022.

Spring Cleanup Saturday, May 7 · 7 am - 1 pm

4200 Hoffman Road – visit whitebearlake.org/cleanup for more details!

Kids Bike Rodeo – FREE Saturday, June 11 · 1 PM – 3 PM

White Bear Lake Public Works Facility - 3950 Hoffman Road

Kids and their parents are invited to get bikes tuned up, helmets fitted, rider safety information, demonstrations, prizes, and ride through fun courses for kids. Register at whitebearlake.org/publicsafety/webform/kids-bike-rodeo.

Marketfest Thursdays, June 16 – July 28 · 6 – 9 PM

Shop 130+ merchandise and food vendors in downtown White Bear Lake.

Visit marketfestwbl.com for more information. Meet Police, Fire and EMS on July 7 and attend the Environmental Resources Expo on July 28.

Fridays with Firefighters – FREE Fridays, June 17, July 15, August 19 10 AM – Noon

Get outside and have some fun with your Fire Department. There will be 3 opportunities this summer to join us at the south Fire Station, located at 2240 County Road E for fun and safety education! This is a great event for parents and their young children.

Manitou Days June 16 – July 4

Find a listing of this year’s events at manitoudays.com, including the Grande Parade, Beach Dance, and Medallion Hunt among 60+ community events. July 4th live music and fireworks at Memorial Beach!



Farmers’ Market Fridays, June 24 – Oct 28 · 8 AM - Noon

Meet your Police Department during the first day of the Farmers’ Market only and enjoy free donuts and coffee.

Clark Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets in downtown White Bear Lake.

Night to Unite (National Night Out) – FREE

Tuesday, August 2 · Evening

Get to know your neighbors and City Public Safety officials. Register via the City of White Bear Lake website beginning July 1st – whitebearlake.org/publicsafety/page/night-unite.

Safety Camp - Tuesday, August 9 · 7:30 am - 5 pm

\$25 includes a day of fun, lunch & a t-shirt. Safety Camp will be held for kids entering 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade. Topics may include bicycle safety, fire safety, CPR/First Aid, boating safety, internet safety, bullying awareness, and much more! Check whitebearlake.org and our Facebook Page for registration information this summer.

Touch a Truck Event – FREE Thursday, May 12 · 5 – 7 pm

Podvin Park - 1700 9th Street

Hey kids – this event is a great opportunity to see and tour cool vehicles. Police Squads, Fire Trucks, Big Trucks, City Street Equipment and much more!

WaterFest 2022 Saturday, June 4 · 11 am - 4 pm

Lake Phalen Park, St. Paul

Free event. Visit rwmwd.org/waterfest for more information.

Spring & Summer Reminders

Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Sites

Ramsey County offers a year-round collection site for household hazardous waste (HHW) at Bay West (5 Empire Drive, Saint Paul) and at mobile collection sites. For more information and a detailed list of accepted items, visit RamseyRecycles.com/HHW or call 651-633 EASY (3279), answered 24/7. Electronics are not accepted at Ramsey County HHW collection sites.

Washington County offers a year-round HHW collection site at the Environmental Center (4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury) and at one-day collection events. Household electronics are accepted at the Environmental Center and one-day collection events. For more information, visit co.washington.mn.us/EnviroCenter or call 651-275-7475.

White Bear Lake residents may use either county collection site.

Free Yard Waste Disposal at County Collection Sites In White Bear Township and Hugo

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.

Keep branches and shrubs separate from leaves and grass clippings and place them in the appropriate pile. Only residential yard waste is accepted. No business waste.

Water Treatment Plant Maintenance

April is the month for annual spring cleaning and routine maintenance inspection of the Water Treatment Plant. During this time the plant will not be “softening” water. Customers will notice increased levels of calcium and iron in the water supply. The water is safe to drink but will just not be as “soft” as residents are accustomed. As soon as the maintenance work is completed (usually in 1 to 2 weeks), the Water Plant will be put back into service and “soft” water will be distributed to customers.



Hydrant Flushing

After the annual Water Plant maintenance is complete, the City then flushes all the water hydrants in the system. Flushing removes all the remaining “hard” water from the system, and any sediment that has accumulated in the water mains. It also allows Public Works to verify operation of all the fire hydrants in the City. If you experience any discoloration of water during the flushing operation (which usually takes 2-4 days to complete), flush your lines by running cold water until the discoloration disappears. While this discolored water is safe to consume, you should avoid washing light/white clothes until the water runs clear.



Street Sweeping

As soon as weather permits, Public Works will be sweeping city streets to make them look clean, but also to protect lakes and wetlands by keeping sediment, leaves and other debris out of the storm sewer system. As a reminder, City ordinance prohibits the disposal of leaves, lawn clippings, and other debris into streets.



Dogs – Leash Required & Scoop the Poop

Dogs must be leashed at all times! This includes the Matoska Park dog beach. Even if your dog is swimming in the lake, they must be on a leash. With high water levels and diminishing beachfront at Matoska, leash laws were put into place to keep dogs from interfering with other activities at that busy location and wandering onto near-by private property. And remember to protect water quality and human health by always scooping up the poop!



Watering Restrictions Begin May 1st

In an effort to conserve groundwater resources, the City of White Bear Lake prohibits irrigation between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. each day from May 1 - September 30.

Common Code Violations

The City Code is a book of local ordinances (laws) that have been adopted and revised over time by the City Council. Ordinances protect our general safety, support the desired character of a city, and ensure our rights as citizens against abuses by others. The full City Code can be found online at whitebearlake.org/administration/page/municipal-code.

When you choose to reside in a city, you not only count on others to follow the rules, but it is your responsibility to follow all local ordinances. Bending or disregarding the City's ordinances not only disrespects the democratic process, but it can compromise the health, safety or general welfare expected by others in the city.

On this page are some common issues that the Code Enforcement Inspector frequently encounters in our community. Code violations can be reported online at whitebearlake.org or by contacting Marco at mbarton@whitebearlake.org or 651-762-4834.



Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign, But Are They Permitted?

Signs in the public right of way are most likely not permitted unless they control traffic. Signs can obstruct views, distract drivers and detract from the

beauty of a city in general. Signs for private purposes should be located on private property, but before installing a sign contact Sam to find out if a sign permit is necessary, scrosby@whitebearlake.org or 651-429-8534.



Recreational Fires

Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Recreational fires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these accidents.

- A recreational fire has a maximum diameter of 3 feet. The fire shall be limited in fuel such that at no time does the flame height exceed 36 inches. Only clean, natural wood can be burned.
- If recreational fires are permitted, they need to be at least 25 feet away from any structure and anything that can burn.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. Winds shall be under 10 mph for a recreational fire to be permitted. Any person planning to have a recreational fire must be aware of any local burning bans. To check burning conditions within Minnesota please explore the DNR's website; dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html
- The fire must be constantly attended and supervised by an adult. A recreational fire left alone for only a few minutes can grow into a damaging fire.
- Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.
- The use of flammable or combustible liquid accelerants is not permitted.
- A connected garden hose or other means to extinguish the fire must be readily available.
- Wait to dispose of any fire debris until it has fully cooled.
- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.
- Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.

A full list of recreational fire rules can be found online at whitebearlake.org/publicsafety/page/recreational-fires and any fire that does not fit the description of a recreational fire is required to have a burning permit. Burn permits can be obtained online at whitebearlake.org/publicsafety/page/burning-permits.

If smoke emissions are offensive to surrounding occupants, or if the fire is deemed to constitute a hazardous condition, the White Bear Lake Fire Department is authorized to require recreational fires be extinguished immediately.

Find all this and more at The National Fire Association nfpa.org and the Department of Natural Resources dnr.state.mn.us/education/wildfire.

Vehicle Parking Restrictions



Motor vehicles and recreational equipment shall be stored subject as follows:

Type of Vehicle

Automobiles, motorcycles, pickup trucks, passenger vans.

Vehicle capacity must not exceed 1 ton, or a gross vehicle weight of 12,000 lbs.

Permitted Location

Garage, building, driveway, hard paved surface adjacent to driveway/garage.

Gravel, rock, dirt, class five, wood, etc. do not qualify as a hard paved surface.

Numerical Restriction

One vehicle for every licensed driver, and one additional vehicle allowed for the household.

No numerical restrictions for operable vehicles parked in a garage.

No vehicle shall be parked on the approaches to any bridge, nor upon any boulevard, lawn or grass plot.



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City Hall	651-429-8526
Administration	651-429-8508
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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Volunteer Opportunities Open Until Filled

Now seeking applicants to represent the City on the Ramsey /Washington Suburban Cable Commission (SCC). SCC was created through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with neighboring cities with the general purpose of coordinating administration, enforcement and renewal of cable franchises. Commission meetings are generally held at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. For more information, or to apply, visit whitebearlake.org/bc-rwsc or contact Kara, 651-429-8508.

The City is also seeking applicants for the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC). The EAC advises the City Council on policies and actions related to sustainability, climate change, and protection and rehabilitation of the natural environment. Commission meetings are generally held every third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, or to apply, visit whitebearlake.org/bc-environmentaladvisorycommission or contact Kara, 651-429-8508.

Water Quality Report

The City of White Bear Lake reports annually on the quality of its drinking water provided by its water distribution system. The report, known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), describes the source of City water (deep wells) and includes information on any contaminants detected through a regular testing program, which is monitored by the Minnesota Department of Health. Customers may find the current CCR online at whitebearlake.org/ccr. To speak with someone about the report, please contact the Public Works Water Division at 651-779-5106. A paper copy of the most recent report may also be obtained at City Hall at no cost.



Report an Illicit Discharge

What is an illicit discharge? Any discharge into a storm sewer system, ditch, river, stream, or waterbody that is not composed entirely of stormwater (rain or melting snow) is called an illicit discharge. Examples include:

- Gas, oil, paints
- Cleaners, concrete wastewater, and sediment from construction sites
- Fertilizer, grass clipping, leaves, pesticides
- Pet waste

Report any suspicious discharges to the City by calling the Engineering Department at 651-429-8531 or go online to whitebearlake.org, click on “Services”, then ‘Report a Problem’ (anonymity will be respected). In case of an emergency, dial 911.

Need help paying energy & water bills

Community Action’s Energy Assistance Program helps thousands of families in Ramsey and Washington counties pay energy & water bills while also helping improve energy efficiency.

Call: 651-645-6470 | Visit: www.caprw.org | Email: eap@caprw.org