Bonding for our Future

Cities commonly issue debt (bonds) to support major infrastructure projects, such as street reconstruction or the construction of new facilities. For many years, the City of White Bear Lake has been able to rely on significant interest revenues and dedicated reserves to finance these improvements. However, after federal interest rates plummeted in 2007, the City no longer earned the nearly $2 million in interest revenues each year. These revenues had been a significant source of funding for major equipment purchases and infrastructure projects.

During that same period (2007 – 2016), in addition to undertaking annual street reconstruction projects, the City completed three major improvement projects – construction of a new Public Works Facility, Highway 61 enhancements and the marina boardwalk. These projects were financed using designated reserve funds that had been built up over many years for these purposes.

This year, in the absence of significant interest revenues and sufficient construction fund reserves, the City will be issuing bonds for its 2018 street reconstruction project, and expects to bond over the next 5-7 years to finance the remaining city streets slated for reconstruction. These infrastructure bonds will require “debt service payments”, which must be levied through property taxes.

In March, the City Council reviewed the City’s draft 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. A Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a long-range plan, usually five years, which identifies capital projects and equipment purchases. The City’s corresponding 5-year financial management plan is a significant component of the CIP. It is through the development of the CIP that the City identifies future infrastructure and capital needs that could require bonding. Council will formally accept the revised CIP at its regular meeting on May 22nd. A revised draft CIP will be available for public review on the City’s website by May 8th. Comments are welcome and encouraged.
Community Events

TRASH TO TREASURE DAY
Saturday, April 28 • ALL DAY
White Bear Lake residents join forces with White Bear Township for “Trash to Treasure” Day! Place unwanted items on the curb at the end of your driveway, clearly marked as “FREE.” Have items out at the curb as early as possible. Treasure hunters will have the opportunity to pick up items that are marked “FREE” any time all day.

MARKETFEST
Thursdays, June 14 - July 26 • 6 - 9 PM
Shop 130+ merchandise and food vendors in downtown White Bear Lake. See classic cars, enjoy live music and activities for kids too!

MANITOU DAYS
June 15 - July 4
Kick off Manitou Days in downtown White Bear Lake with the Manitou Days Grande Parade at 6:30 pm, followed by the annual beach dance at West Park with live music.

FARMER’S MARKET
Fridays, June 29 - Oct 26 • 8 AM - Noon
Downtown White Bear Lake

FOURTH OF JULY
Tuesday, July 4 • 8 PM
Bring a blanket or chair to Memorial Beach and watch the fireworks over White Bear Lake. Enjoy live patriotic music.

The City to Hold Spring Cleanup Day
Saturday, May 5th • 7 AM – 1 PM
Household hazardous waste (HHW) not accepted (see page 7 for HHW collection options). White Bear Lake residents only. Proof of residency required (i.e. utility bill or driver’s license).

Location
Former Public Works site at 4200 Hoffman Road; west side of the intersection of Highway 61 and White Bear Avenue.

Acceptable Items
- Air conditioners
- Appliances
- Batteries
- Bicycles
- Carpeting
- Mattresses
- Textiles
- Electronics
- Fluorescent bulbs and ballasts
- Furniture
- Humidifiers
- Lawn mowers & snow blowers (fluids drained)
- Computers (PCs, monitors, laptops)
- Televisions
- Construction materials
- Tires

Unacceptable Items
- Brush/Tree stumps
- Motor oil, propane tanks
- Firewood
- Paint, and other household hazardous waste
- Items larger than appliances (fish houses, boats, sheds)

FEES
A fee based on the size and type of load will be charged to help pay for disposal costs. Loads larger than a standard pick-up truck or 4’x 8’ trailer will not be accepted. Pay at the gate with cash or check. For a detailed schedule of fees, please visit the City’s website at www.whitebearlake.org or call Public Works at 651-747-3650.

Save the date for the fall cleanup day on October 6, 2018.

Recycling and Organics Containers Available for Your Next Event
Hosting a block party, graduation, family reunion, or other gathering? Consider using recycling and organics containers to reduce waste. Containers are loaned at no cost to White Bear Lake residents and organizations for any temporary gathering. Reserve one for your next event!

The City of White Bear Lake provides portable containers that collapse for easy transport. Place a recycling and organics container next to each trash can to make recycling and trash disposal easier for your guests. They come with custom signage and bags that attach to the frame. Organic material collected can then be brought to any one of the free Ramsey County Yard Waste sites.

Visit www.whitebearlake.org and search “event recycling” for the online request form, or contact Connie Taillon, Environmental Specialist, at 651-429-8564.
Changes in Downtown White Bear Lake!

You may have noticed some recent changes in downtown White Bear Lake. Downtown continues to attract new tenants and new investment. Recent and upcoming projects include:

**Anchor Coffee House** – A locally owned coffee shop recently opened in the same space as Margaux’s Table at 4742 Washington Square. Anchor will also serve soups, salads, sandwiches, yogurt, muffins, brownies and pastries.


**Brick House** – Coming to 4746 Washington Square, a remodeled building will accommodate a two-story restaurant and roof-top seating. The restaurant will feature American style food and craft beer.

**Burger Bar** – A local restaurateur is opening a craft burger and beer restaurant at 2125 4th Street. The restaurant will have indoor and outdoor seating options available to customers, with plans to open this spring.

**Frattallone’s Ace Hardware** – Frattallone’s off Highway 61 N. is expanding and completing improvements to enhance the shopping experience of their store and offer more products to customers.

**ReUse ReStyle** – Celebrating a grand re-opening this spring, this consignment shop is undergoing interior and exterior improvements and changing its name to **The Hub** located at 4748 Washington Square.

**The Minnesotan** - The Minnesotan at 2186 4th Street, Suite A will offer quality goods and sports apparel that evoke a local Minnesota experience.

**Upsy Daisy** – A new local building owner has been working with Upsy Daisy on a full remodel including an upstairs 3-bedroom apartment, and exterior improvements. Upsy Daisy will reopen its doors in late spring.

**Vegan East** – A new locally owned bakery now open on the first floor of Avalon Mall, 2179 4th Street.

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### Residential Irrigation Ban? Stay tuned...

In 2012, the White Bear Lake Restoration Association filed a lawsuit against the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Their claim was by allowing 13 local communities to use groundwater for their public water supply, the DNR has permitted too much groundwater use in the area, thus lowering the water level of White Bear Lake. Among the remedies, the plaintiffs asked the judge to reduce local communities’ groundwater use, and require the DNR to augment the lake with an additional water supply. The City later intervened on behalf of the DNR to protect its interests in the community’s water supply and related infrastructure. Following a trial in March 2017, the court ultimately ruled in favor of the plaintiffs and issued the following ruling:

The DNR is prohibited from issuing new appropriation permits or increasing appropriation amounts in existing groundwater permits within a 5-mile radius of White Bear Lake until it has fully complied with the court’s order. The order includes a requirement that the DNR amend all permits that include groundwater wells within the 5-mile radius as follows, (the City of White Bear Lake is included among the described permit holders):

- All permit holders must prepare, enact and enforce a residential irrigation ban when notified by DNR that the lake level of White Bear Lake has fallen below 923.5 feet, to continue until notified by the DNR that the lake level has reached an elevation of 924 feet.
- All permit holders must submit a revised water supply plan to the DNR by August 29, 2018 that includes a contingency plan to fully or partially convert source water from groundwater to a surface water source. The contingency plan must include a schedule for funding design, construction and conversion to a surface water supply.
- All permit holders must submit an enforceable plan to the DNR to phase down per capita residential water use to 75 gallons per day and total per capita water use to 90 gallons per day.
- All permit holders must annually report to the DNR on collaborative efforts with the northeast metro communities to develop plans to phase down per capita water use.

This case is currently under appeal through the judicial system. Meanwhile, the City has requested a contested case hearing before an administrative law judge to challenge the amendments to its water permit. No residential irrigation ban will be imposed until this administrative appeal process has run its course. The City’s next steps will then depend upon the outcome of that process. Stay tuned.

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**Spring is the season to renew, refresh and restore your home.**

**Get your building permits early and beat the rush!**

Be sure to obtain the proper building permits for the improvements to your home. Larger projects such as remodels, fences, sheds, decks, garages or additions require plan review by building and zoning staff, so get your plans and permits in early to accommodate for review time. If you hired a contractor to complete your projects, verify they are licensed, and have obtained the necessary permits.

You may obtain permits not requiring a plan review via ePermits, through email or at the Building Department in City Hall.

Do not forget, your permits need approval and the permit inspection card on display, before work begins on your project. Visit the Building Department web page [www.whitebearlake.org](http://www.whitebearlake.org) for ePermits, existing permit look-ups, informational handouts, and permit forms.

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White Bear Lake participates in the nationwide challenge to be most “water wise” April 1st – 30th

Mayor Jo Emerson is joining mayors across the country in asking residents to make a commitment to conserve water by taking part in a national contest aimed at drastically slashing water and energy use across the nation. White Bear Lake residents are encouraged to pledge their conservation efforts by going online to mywaterpledge.com any time in the month of April to fill out a no cost online pledge on behalf of the City. Cities with the highest percentage of residents who take the challenge in their population category wins. Participants in the winning cities are entered into drawings for eco-friendly prizes, so be sure to get online and pledge (it only takes one minute)!

**Code Enforcement Reminders**

**TRAILER PARKING**

1302.055 SUBD 3 (C)

Please store trailers either in the side or rear yard. Trailers may not be parked on the street.

**STREET TRAFFIC VISIBILITY**

904.010

Please trim the bushes and trees so their limbs do not obstruct traffic visibility.

**GRASS CLIPPINGS**

903.020

While mowing your yard, please do not blow your grass clippings into the street.

**WEEDS AND GRASS**

705.010 & 705.020

Please mow the lawn and trim the weeds. Yards need to be maintained during spring, summer and fall.

**Trash & Recycling Holiday Schedule**

Trash and recycling will not be picked up on the following days:

- New Year’s Day
- Independence Day
- Thanksgiving
- Memorial Day
- Labor Day
- Christmas Day

Pick up service will resume the day following a holiday and continue one day off the regular schedule through the end of the week. For example, if the 4th of July falls on a Tuesday, Tuesday pickup will move to Wednesday, Wednesday pickup will move to Thursday, and so on.

**Annual Water Quality Report**

The City of White Bear Lake reports annually on the quality of its drinking water provided by the City’s 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. Find the current CCR online at www.whitebearlake.org/ccr.

To speak with someone about the report, please contact the Public Works Water Division at 651-779-5106. If you would like a paper copy of the CCR mailed to your home, please call 651-429-8565 or pick up your free copy at White Bear Lake City Hall.

**Annual Water Plant Maintenance and Hydrant Flushing**

The City will be performing its annual spring cleaning and routine maintenance inspection of the Water Treatment Plant during the 3rd week in April. During this time the plant will not be “softening” water. Customers will notice increased levels of calcium and iron in the City 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 all our customers.

After Water Plant maintenance is complete, the City will then flush all the hydrants in the distribution system. flushing will remove all the remaining “hard” water from the distribution system, flush any sediment that has accumulated in the water mains, and allow Public Works personnel to verify operation of all the fire hydrants in the City. If residents experience any discoloration of water during the flushing operation (which usually takes 2-4 days), they should flush the lines by running water in their laundry tub for 3-5 minutes or until the discoloration disappears.

**Water in this region is known for its hardness. White Bear Lake actually softens the water from 11 grains of hardness to a level of 5 - 7 grains of hardness before it is distributed to residents and businesses.**
Comprehensive Planning is Well Underway

What is a Comprehensive Plan?
The City of White Bear Lake is in the process of updating its comprehensive plan, which will guide the city through 2040. The comprehensive plan outlines the vision and goals for future growth and redevelopment of the community while defining the community’s values.

The comprehensive plan includes sections on Housing, Land Use, Transportation, Water Resources, Parks, Economic Competitiveness, and Resiliency. Community engagement efforts began in 2017 and included surveys of local residents, open house meetings and pop up events in various locations.

Why Update a Comprehensive Plan?
State law requires all municipalities in the 7-county metropolitan area update their Comprehensive Plans at least every 10 years. Local plans must align with the Metropolitan Council’s regional system plans related to highways, transit, airports, wastewater services, parks and open space. An updated plan must be submitted for Metropolitan Council review by December 31, 2018.

Surface Water Management
The surface water management section serves as a guide for protection and enhancement of the City’s water resources. This section will identify policies and goals to protect and improve surface and groundwater quality, enhance natural habitat and recreation, prevent erosion, minimize damage due to flooding, and promote groundwater recharge.

Housing
White Bear Lake has a variety of unique housing options that are attainable to households with varied social and economic backgrounds. As a fully built-out community, one challenge will be accommodating an additional 1200 housing units by year 2040. The housing section will identify goals and policies to maintain the current housing stock, maintain and create new affordable housing options, and accommodate future housing units.

Land Use
The land use section of the Comprehensive will guide existing and future land uses toward a community’s forecasted growth while aligning with other elements in the comprehensive plan. This section guides where, when, and how much development will occur in the community, which enables effective planning for infrastructure. Other considerations include housing needs, employment patterns, recreational space, and commercial activities. The goal is to create livable neighborhoods that provide easy access to transportation for a more connected community.

Transportation
The transportation section looks at accomplishments and sets goals for future projects. Whether improving pedestrian accessibility, evaluating mass transit alternatives, or attempting to project 2040 traffic patterns, the planning process is an opportunity for the City to prepare for change in the coming decades.

Parks
The parks section takes a comprehensive assessment of existing park facilities and uses that information to evaluate future project opportunities. Is there a park within a 10-minute stroll of every home? What equipment should each park provide? Imagining ways to improve the City Park system is a key component of planning process.

Comprehensive Plan Meetings
The draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan is underway but it’s not too late to still provide input! Please join in guiding White Bear Lake’s future development by attending any of the following comprehensive planning meetings:

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After the public hearing, adjacent communities are given an opportunity to review the city’s draft comprehensive plan before the draft plan is submitted to the Metropolitan Council on December 31, 2018.
Environmental Events

RAINGARDEN WORKSHOP
**Wednesday, April 11 · 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**
Vadnais Heights Fire Dept., North Station 655 Co Rd F
Cost: $10. See page 9, visit vlawmo.org/events or call 651-204-6070 for more information.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION – FREE
**Tuesday, April 24 · 7 PM – 7:30 PM**
White Bear Lake City Hall – Council Chambers, 4701 Hwy 61
Residents are encouraged to attend this public meeting to learn about the City's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP). Updated annually, the SWPPP guides the City's water quality efforts. Visit the Engineering Department, Stormwater webpage at www.whitebearlake.org for the current SWPPP or call (651) 429-8531 to request a paper copy of the SWPPP.

AQUA FAIR
**Saturday, April 28 · 9 AM – noon**
Otter Lake Elementary
1401 Co Rd H2, White Bear Township
Learn about water conservation and participate in the Walk for Water. The City is selling rain barrels at a discount – see right for details or visit race2reduce.org/aqua-fair-2018.

SPRING CLEAN-UP
**Saturday, May 5 · 7 AM - 1 PM**
4200 Hoffman Road—see page 2 for more details!

NATIVE PLANT WORKSHOP
**Wednesday, May 9 · 7 PM - 8:30 PM**
Vadnais Heights Fire Dept., North Station 655 Co Rd F
Free event see page 9, visit vlawmo.org/events or call 651-204-6070 for more information

WATERFEST 2018
**Saturday, June 2 · 11 AM - 4 PM**
Lake Phalen, St. Paul
Free event. Visit rwmwd.org/waterfest for information.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES EXPO
**Thursday, July 26 · 6 - 9 PM**
Part of Marketfest in Downtown White Bear Lake
Talk to experts about various environmental topics. There will be giveaways and activities for kids of all ages.

Rain Barrels Available for Purchase this Spring
Rain barrels are used to collect and store rainwater from a building's roof. The water is stored for later use to water flower gardens and trees during dry periods. Using rainwater instead of the municipal water supply to water plants is an effective method to help reduce summer water use.

Rain barrels typically hold 55 gallons of water and can be linked together for additional storage. A 1,200 square foot roof can generate around 720 gallons of water during a 1" rainfall and 17,000 gallons over one growing season. To capture as much water from the roof as possible, also consider installing a larger cistern with a pump for watering your lawn.

The City will be selling rain barrels at a reduced cost this spring at the Aqua Fair (see article below), or contact Connie Taillon, Environmental Specialist at 651-429-8564 or ctaillon@whitebearlake.org to order your rain barrel for pickup at City Hall. Cost: $65 each (including tax) while supplies last.

A FEW MORE WATER CONSERVATION TIPS
In addition to using rain barrels to capture rainwater for irrigation, take the pledge to:

- Fix that leaky faucet
- Sweep instead of hose
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes
- Use WaterSense Products (epa.gov/watersense)
- Landscape with climate appropriate plants
- Reduce paper use
- Waste less food
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Keeping Our Lakes and Wetlands Clean

The City’s storm sewer system is designed to transport stormwater (rain and melting snow) to the nearest lake or wetland. Any waste or pollution that enters the storm sewer system will flow directly to the nearest waterbody without treatment and may cause serious environmental damage. Any discharge into a storm sewer system, ditch, river, stream, or waterbody that is not composed entirely of stormwater is called an illicit discharge.

Illicit discharges may be the result of:

- Dumping gas, oil, paints, cleaners, concrete wastewater, and sediment from construction sites into the storm sewer system.
- Allowing fertilizer, grass, leaves, pesticides, or pet waste to wash into storm drains.

What can you do to help?

- Be alert! Report any suspicious discharges to the City by calling the Engineering Department at 651-429-8531 or go online to www.whitebearlake.org, click on Services, then ‘Report a Problem’ (anonymity will be respected). In case of an emergency, dial 911.
- Clean up hazardous spills immediately.
- Pick up litter and trash near storm drains. Consider signing up for the ‘Adopt a Stormdrain’ program (see right).
- Clean up pet waste and dispose in trash.
- Do not blow leaves, grass clippings and mulch into the street. Sweep them up if they do land there. For yard waste disposal options, see page 9.
- Recycle used batteries. Drop off old batteries at a City cleanup event (page 2) or at Ramsey County household hazardous waste drop-off site (above).
- Bring household products, including oil, antifreeze, paint, paint thinners, and solvents to a household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off site. See above to find a HHW drop-off site near you.

Adopt a Stormdrain!

Make a Positive Impact on Local Water Quality by Adopting a Stormdrain

Residents, community groups, and clubs within the boundaries of the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO) are invited to join the team effort to improve water quality in nearby lakes by keeping contaminants out of stormdrains. Tools are available from VLAWMO to adopt a nearby stormdrain or conduct a service project labeling stormdrains with “no dumping” signs. Search “Adopt a Stormdrain” at whitebearlake.org to see if you live within the VLAWMO boundary.

Contact 651-204-6070 or visit VLAWMO.org/get-involved for more information. Education support or citizen advisory opportunities are also available for volunteers.
Bagged Recyclables are as Good as Trash

Plastic bags of any kind are not recyclable in your curbside recycling container. When recycling facility employees spot a plastic bag – even if it's full of recyclables – it may be pulled from the line and thrown into the trash. The reason? Recyclables from the City of White Bear Lake are taken to Eureka Recycling where they are sorted by machines. Plastic bags get wrapped in the gears of the sorting equipment and bring the processing line to a halt at least twice a day, and can also cause damage to the machinery.

To recycle plastic bags, they must be taken to a special drop-off location, like a grocery or other retail store, to be collected for recycling. To find out where to recycle plastic bags near you, visit www.plasticfilmrecycling.org.
Yard Waste Disposal Options
The 2018 curbside yard waste program will start on April 15 and run through November 30th (weather permitting). This service is not part of the weekly trash and recycling collection. There is an additional fee for curbside yard waste service that is paid directly to the City’s hauler - Republic Services.

To subscribe to this service, call Republic Services at 952-941-5174 M-F between 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

2018 Yard Waste Curbside Collection Rates

Annual Service
Unlimited service at an annual rate of $75/year, April 15th through November 30th (weather permitting). The yard waste container is provided at no additional cost.

Seasonal Service
Seasonal service for $30/year, for months of September, October and November (weather permitting). Residents must provide their own compostable bags.

On-call Service
On-call service at a rate of $2.50 per bag of yard waste. There is a minimum charge of $20.00 (8 bags). Residents must provide their own compostable bags.

Ramsey County Yard Waste Collection Sites – offering free disposal!
Ramsey County operates seven (7) yard waste collection sites; the closest to most White Bear Lake residents is located at 5900 Sherwood Road in White Bear Township. A photo ID is required to prove Ramsey County residency. Keep trees and shrubs separate from leaves and grass clippings and place them in the appropriate pile. For more information, visit RamseyRecycles.com or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

Organics Recycling
Put your food scraps to work! Ramsey County residents can bring food waste and non-recyclable paper to a Ramsey County yard waste site year-round.

How to use:
1. Pick up FREE compostable bags at any of the 7 yard waste sites – just ask a site attendant
2. Fill the bags with food waste and other materials listed below
3. Bring your bagged organics to a Ramsey County yard waste site
4. Put your bagged organics in the designated container

Items Accepted
Food scraps (including meat and dairy), non-recyclable paper (pizza boxes, paper towels, tissues, paper egg cartons, and compostable plastics. Go to RamseyRecycles.com for more information.

Spring Workshops for Water-savvy Landscaping
Learn about some new landscaping strategies to beautify your yard and improve our watershed. These workshops provide insight in fixing drainage issues, how watersheds work, how to plant a raingarden, the benefit of native plants, and how to help pollinators. Each workshop provides instruction, examples, and practical tools to get started on your vision. The workshops are brought to you by Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO). Register at www.vlawmo.org/events or contact (651) 204-6070.

Raingarden Workshop: April 11th, 6:30-8:30 pm - $10
Native Plant Workshop: May 9th, 7-8:30 pm - Free!

Workshop Location:
Vadnais Heights North Fire Station/Public Works: 655 County Road F Entrance at the intersection of Clover Ave and Co Rd. F.

Cost-share funding available: VLAWMO offers cost-share funding to support residents in raingarden construction, materials, as well as rainbarrels. Grants are limited to residents within VLAWMO, but workshops are open to all. For more info on grants, visit: www.vlawmo.org/grants
Public Safety Events

**GIRL’S PERSONAL SAFETY NIGHT**  
**Monday, April 16 · 6 PM – 8 PM**  
Police Department Training Room – 4701 Miller Ave (3rd Street entrance)  
FREE! College-bound high school girls can learn safety techniques and defensive tactics suitable for a campus style environment. Includes hands-on physical activity, and pizza will be served. RSVP to Officer Tracy Mlynarczyk at tmlynarczyk@whitebearlake.org

**FRAUD PREVENTION WORKSHOP**  
**Thursday, April 26 · FREE 10 AM – 11:30 AM**  
Normandy Park Senior Center – 2482 County Road F  
Hear officers discuss real life examples relating to scams against seniors, financial scams and fraud, web based scams, and much more. Senior Citizens are encouraged to attend, but all age groups are invited!

**CPR AND AED TRAINING - $60**  
Registration Required  
May – Aug.  
White Bear Lake Fire Station #2 (corner McKnight Rd & County Road E)  
Visit the Fire Department, CPR webpage at www.whitebearlake.org for classes and to enroll

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Monday, May 7 · FREE 6:30 PM – 8 PM**  
Police Department Training Room – 4701 Miller Ave (USe 3rd Street entrance)  
Business community members come together to discuss and learn about current trends affecting our community. RSVP to jvette@whitebearlake.org

**TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT**  
**Thursday, May 17 · 5 PM – 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 Vehicles and much more!

**KIDS BIKE RODEO – FREE**  
**Saturday, June 16 · 1 PM – 3 PM**  
WBL Public Works Facility - 3950 Hoffman Road  
Kids and their parents are invited to get bikes tuned up, helmets fitted, rider safety information, demonstrations, prize, and ride through fun courses for kids.

**DONUTS WITH COPS DOWNTOWN AT RAILROAD PARK**  
**Friday, June 29 · 9 AM - Noon**  
FREE. Meet your White Bear Lake Police Department during the first day of the Farmer’s Market! Free donuts and coffee directly next to the Farmers’ Market at Railroad Park.

**PUBLIC SAFETY NIGHT AT MARKETFEST – FREE**  
**Thursday, July 19 · 6 - 9 PM**  
Meet and play games with your White Bear Lake Public Safety members: Police, Fire, EMS. Interact with officers and firefighters – great family fun! Join us on 4th Street, just east of Highway 61 in downtown White Bear Lake.

**NIGHT TO UNITE (NATIONAL NIGHT OUT) – FREE**  
**Tuesday, Aug 7 · Evening**  
Get to know your neighbors and City Public Safety officials by registering your neighborhood gathering with cvarco@whitebearlake.org

**CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY**  
**Monday Evenings, Oct – Nov.**  
Watch for more information this fall!

**Police Department News:**  
*Body-worn Cameras*  
The use of body-worn cameras (BWCs) in law enforcement is relatively new. The primary purpose of using body worn cameras is to capture evidence arising from police-citizen encounters. During the 2016 Minnesota Legislative session, compromise was reached on a range of issues related to body-worn cameras, including the requirements for data retention and classification.

The law also provided direction for local law enforcement agencies related to the development of internal BWC policies. A draft BWC policy was posted on the City of White Bear Lake website in November prior to a public hearing, which was held at the November 28, 2017 City Council meeting. The City Council provided input to the draft, and adopted a final policy this past December.

The Police Department has since ordered the equipment and will begin using body cameras early summer. The department looks forward to having another resource to provide transparency, as well as to gather evidence in its efforts to solve crimes.

**911 Dispatch Services**  
After months of discussion, the City Council authorized staff to move forward with plans to transition the City’s emergency 911 dispatching services to Ramsey County. While a variety of issues were taken into consideration, future capital equipment needs and increased staffing demands were the driving factors.

Communities served by the Ramsey County 9-1-1 Communications Center have a variety of service delivery models ranging from fire departments staffed by full-time response crews to those fully reliant on paid-on-call responders. Ramsey County also provides service to St. Paul Police and Fire, the Sheriff’s Department and all other police departments located within the County. In addition to the advantages realized through added staff capacity and reduced capital equipment costs, joining the Ramsey County Communications Center will also strengthen the City’s emergency response coordination with surrounding agencies.

As of May 1, 2018, all White Bear Lake emergency 911 calls will be dispatched through the Ramsey County Communications Center. While emergency calls will be answered at a different location, the same emergency medical responders, firefighters and police officers will be responding.

The White Bear Lake Public Safety Building lobby will continue to have extended hours from 7:30 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Friday, to assist citizens with police and fire related questions and reports.
Fire and Home Safety:  
**Keep your bedroom door closed**  
Fires burn faster than ever before. It is estimated that 40 years ago, you had about 17 minutes to escape a fire in your home. Today's estimates reflect approximately 3 minutes for escape. Nearly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are sleeping.  

**Why do fires burn faster?** Homes today are built with modern materials and furnishings. Most of these materials are plastics, which are petroleum-based products. These materials burn quickly and give off deadly fumes.  

Everyone is encouraged to close the door to your bedroom before dozing off. This helps to create a space that is more survivable. It can help to keep a room 900 degrees cooler and increase the level of available oxygen from 8% to 18%. It also lessens the amount of carbon monoxide from 10,000 parts per million to around 100 parts per million. The bedroom door should be considered a barrier that could save your life. Once everyone is out of the home, make sure to shut the front door too. It will cut the oxygen supply to the fire and slow its growth. Remembering to shut these two doors may save your life and those you love.  

Remembering When  
Adults over 65 are twice as likely to be killed or injured by fires. That risk increases to three times as likely at the age of 75, and four times as likely at the age of 85.  
Let us lower that risk! This fall, the White Bear Lake Fire Department will be presenting the “Remembering When” program. This free program will use trivia, humor and nostalgia to teach older adults ways to protect themselves from fires and falls. The focus is on fun, but the safety messages are serious. Classes will open to older adults, family members and caregivers. Participants will have plenty of time for questions and conversation. Watch for more information late summer by going to [www.whitebearlake.org](http://www.whitebearlake.org).  

White Bear Lake Sports Center Renovation  
The Sports Center will undergo a major renovation beginning April 2nd. Originally converted from a tennis club to an ice arena by the City in 1989, the existing refrigeration system, rink floor and exterior metal building panels are at the end of their useful life. Improvements will include replacement of the refrigeration system (changing from Freon to ammonia as the refrigerant gas), replacement of the rink floor, new LED lighting throughout the entire building, remodeling all restrooms to meet current ADA standards, new bleachers, new air conditioning system and new insulated metal panels on the roof and side walls. The White Bear Lake Hockey Association and skating community are significant partners contributing nearly 50% to the total project costs. Renovations are scheduled to be completed by September 1st in time for the 2018 fall skating season.
2018 Street Reconstruction and Mill and Overlay Projects

The City of White Bear Lake continues to improve the condition of its infrastructure as it closes in on the last few years of its long-standing Street Reconstruction Program and moves forward with its comprehensive Pavement Management Program. Since the mid-1980s, the City has been rebuilding roads that have reached the end of their useful life as determined by general condition and related maintenance costs, as well as underlying utility needs.

When streets are reconstructed, curbing is added and other utilities such as watermains, sanitary sewers and storm sewers are examined and improved as needed. Private utilities in the street right-of-way are also reviewed by the appropriate companies (electric, gas, telephone and cable TV) for maintenance which can be coordinated with a street reconstruction project. While the City anticipates all city-owned streets to have been reconstructed within the next 5-6 years, pavement management will be on-going into the future.

The City’s comprehensive Pavement Management Program extends the life of street pavements by carefully timed Mill & Overlays, Sealcoats and Crack Sealing projects. These preservation projects are typically less disruptive and much less expensive than full reconstruction projects. This season there will be extensive construction activities in the area bounded by Highway 61 to the west, Highway 96 to the south, the lake, and 7th Street to the north. At times, access to West Park will be impacted. Other improvement projects include reconstruction of Old White Bear Avenue between Lion’s Park and South Shore Boulevard, and Birch Lake Boulevard South between Otter Lake Road and Highway 96. These two projects will include significant trail improvements that will continue the City’s ongoing initiative to enhance accessibility throughout the community. The trail along Old White Bear Avenue is a ¼ mile extension of the Sather Trail. This trail not only moves the highly anticipated Lake Links trail one step closer to completion, but also effectively completes a critical connection between the north and south sections of our City.

For detailed information regarding 2018 construction activities, visit the Engineering Department, Street Improvement Program webpage at www.whitebearlake.org or call 651-429-8531.