

## Medication Drop Box

The Waite Park Police Department has a drop box available for unwanted medications. There is no need to remove the pills from the bottle or remove the labels.



Medication drop boxes are available for residents to safely dispose of their unused/unwanted medications.

This proper disposal process incinerates the medications rather than having them flushed or dumped in landfills, which both end up contaminating the ground water supply. Disposing of medications also keeps them out of the hands of people who may abuse these drugs.

The following law enforcement agencies have medication drop boxes: Albany, Avon, Belgrade, Cold Spring, Kimball, Melrose, Paynesville, Sartell, Sauk Centre, St. Joseph, Waite Park, Rice, Sauk Rapids, Benton County and Stearns County Sheriff's Offices.

Needles and Syringes are NOT ACCEPTED!

## Safe Disposal Options for Needles and Syringes

Disposing of needles in your garbage can cause needle sticks resulting in injuries or disease transmission. You should always safely store and dispose of needles and syringes.

Disposal Options:

- ◆ Purchase a sharps container with a mail back program.

## Needle/Syringe Disposal Options continued:

- ◆ Destroy the needles at home by using a needle cutter or purchasing a device that incinerates needles.
- ◆ Place used sharps into a laundry detergent bottle with a cover and clearly label the container: "Sharps." Dispose of the container when it is half full. Place the container on top of your garbage cart.

For more information visit <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/living-green/disposing-needles-and-syringes>

## Tri-County Crime Stoppers

Did you know that the Tri-County Crime Stoppers of Minnesota is an organization that allows you the ability to report crimes or information about unsolved crimes anonymously?



There are three ways to report the information:

Call: 1-800-255-1301

Online: [www.tricountycrimestoppers.org](http://www.tricountycrimestoppers.org)

Mobile App: Download the P3 Tips mobile app

When you submit a tip online or through the mobile app you are able to add information to your tip at any time. You also have the ability to communicate with Crime Stoppers regarding the status of your tip.

Tips are not monitored 24 hours a day. If there is an emergency call 911.

**Crime Stoppers pays rewards up to \$1,000 for tips that lead to an arrest and formal charging.**

## New Public Works Facility

The construction of the new Public Works Facility is now complete! The new site is located at 670 17th Avenue South, just south of Luther Honda, off of State Highway 23.

The Yard Waste Collection Site will remain at the current location on 3rd Street South.

An Open House Event for the new Public Works Facility will be scheduled in the Spring of 2018. Stay turned!

## Child Car Seat Checks

Many car seats are installed incorrectly in vehicles. If you would like to have your car seat inspected, you can set up an appointment with Alicia Mages by calling (320) 251-7393 (Waite Park residents only). Please call one week in advance to schedule your appointment.

You can also schedule a car seat check by calling (320) 656-7021. Check-up events are held monthly from 3-6 pm at Gold Cross Ambulance in St Cloud and are open to anyone. Appointments are required.

## Now Hiring Warming House Attendants

We are now accepting applications for Part-Time Seasonal Warming House Attendants. Responsibilities include monitoring outdoor ice rinks and warming house. Warming House hours are generally Mon-Fri 5:00-9:00 p.m. and Sat-Sun 1:00-8:00 p.m.

Applicants must be 18 years of age.

Applications are available on the city website or at city hall.

Application deadline is November 30, 2017.



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## Animal License Renewal

All dogs and cats owned or harbored within the City of Waite Park must be licensed with the city.

The new tags for Animal Licenses for the calendar year 2018 are now available at City Hall!

Cost is \$10.00 per license.

Current rabies vaccination records must be presented at the time of purchase.

License renewals are due no later than Wednesday, February 15, 2018. Penalties will be applied after this due date.

Each licensed cat or dog is required to wear the issued license tag on a collar. Please remember, it is unlawful for animals to be permitted to run at large.

## Gaga Ball Anyone?

There is a new game in town - Gaga Ball!

If you've been at Jagiello Park recently, you may have noticed a 20 ft pit surrounded by 3 ft high wood panels. It is the Gaga Ball Pit that was constructed this summer by James Fulgham, who was working towards becoming an official Eagle Scout. You may have never seen or heard about the game before, but because of James' effort to promote the sport, kids now have a place to play this fun game! Thank you James!! You will need to provide your own ball.

If you are interested in playing Gaga Ball, but are not familiar with the rules, you can find them here:

[www.gagaballpit.com/gaga-ball-game-rules](http://www.gagaballpit.com/gaga-ball-game-rules)

## Parking Restrictions

No parking is allowed between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. on any city street beginning November 1st to April 1st.



This allows the snowplows the ability to plow the entire street, curb to curb, without any obstacles.

Parking is never allowed in alleys or on boulevards.

Any vehicle parked illegally will be ticketed and/or towed.

## Sidewalk Snow Removal

Property owners are required to clear sidewalks of snow and ice by noon of each day. If the owner fails to do so, the city will remove the snow or ice and the owner will be charged for the service.

**It is unlawful to blow snow into a street or alley.**

## Adopt a Fire Hydrant



When clearing your sidewalks of snow, please take the time to clear the snow around any fire hydrant on your property or in your vicinity.

## Brush Pick-up

The last Brush Pick-Up for the year will be from October 23rd to the 27th. Place your tree branches and brush from bushes/hedges near your regular refuse pickup site by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of this week. City Public Works employees will attempt to complete the pickup during the scheduled week, but the schedule may be pushed back due to their workload or weather conditions. Please keep in mind, this is not a tree removal service. Large volumes of branches, or large tree limbs and tree trunks will not be picked up.

## Christmas Tree Pick-Up

The Christmas Tree Pick-Up in January 2018 will be the week of January 15th-19th.



This pick-up is for the recycling of live Christmas trees. Please remove all decorations, including lights, tinsel and ornament hooks. Place your tree at your regular refuse pickup location, by 7:00 A.M on Monday of this week. The city will attempt to pick up the trees during the scheduled week, but weather conditions may cause a delay.

## Direct Payment Withdrawal

### Dates for 2018

If you have enrolled in the Direct Payment Plan for your water/sewer utility bills, the withdrawal dates for 2018 will be on the following dates:

February 2, 2018
May 4, 2018
August 3, 2018
November 2, 2018

## City Observed Holidays

City offices will be closed the following dates:

November 10 — Veterans Day Observed  
November 23 — Thanksgiving Day  
December 25 — Christmas Day  
December 26 — Christmas Holiday  
January 1 — New Year's Day  
January 15 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## Waite Park Senior Center

In addition to most weekdays, the Waite Park Senior Center is also open the 4th Sunday of each month from 11:30 am – 3:30 pm.

The doors to City Hall will remain locked, but someone will be available to let you into the building.

A calendar which shows dates/hours that the Senior Center is open, plus information about daily scheduled events, is available at the Senior Center and on the city website.