

## Night to Unite 2025

Night to Unite will be celebrated this year on Tuesday, August 5th. Start thinking about your neighborhood party now! Registration forms will be available on the City website starting in June.

## Home Alone Safety Classes

We are once again offering Home Alone Safety classes for kids to learn skills and knowledge to be safe and responsible when at home alone.

Online Registration will open up in June. Classes will be in July - watch our website for more information.

## Splash Pad Opening Date

The Splash Pad at Rivers Edge Park is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend! Please check the city website, TV channel 181, and our Facebook account to confirm the opening date.

## Special Large Item Pick-up

Saturday, May 3, 2025 beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Do not set any items out for the Large Item Pick-up more than 3 days prior!

If rain is forecasted in the 3 days prior, we ask that you please wait to put your items out, if at all possible, until the rain passes.

Refer to **and keep** the enclosed separate flyer for all the details!

## Sign up for the e-Newsletter & Mayor's Minute Video

Much more information is available on the monthly e-Newsletter and Mayor's Minute videos. Sign up on the city website by clicking on Notify Me.

## City Hall & Police Department are Moving May 1st and 2nd

To allow the renovation and expansion of the existing city hall to accommodate the new Public Safety Facility, the City Administrative Offices and the Police Department are moving to the Public Works Facility at 670 17th Ave S.

City Hall will be closed on May 1st and 2nd to allow staff to move and prepare to re-open on Monday, May 5th at the Public Works location.

This is a temporary move, but construction may take up to 18 months.

The drop box for utility payments will also be moved out to the Public Works parking lot.

If you haven't signed up for AutoPay for your utility bills through our Direct Payment Plan, now would be a great time to sign up for this FREE service! The enrollment form can be found online or at city hall.

## Senior Center Moving

The Senior Center will be relocating to the Community Park pavilion at 151 13th Ave N during the Public Safety Facility project.

April 16-Last day at city hall

April 17-Senior Center Closed for moving

April 21-Senior Center opens at Community Park

## Meeting Locations

During construction, City Council & Planning Commission meetings will be held at the School District #742 Office at 1201 2nd St S beginning in May. City Council meetings will be held the 1st & 3rd Mondays and Planning Commission meetings will move to the 2nd Monday of each month.



## City Newsletter 2nd Quarter 2025



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# 2nd Quarter 2025

## 2025 Utility Rate Notice

Effective with usage beginning January 1, 2025, the water and sewer utility rates have increased as follows:

### Water



Service Fee/Quarter:	\$ 56.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 2.63 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (9,001 - 36,000 gals)	\$ 7.35 / 1,000 gals
Tier 3 (Over 36,000 gals)	\$ 7.55 / 1,000 gals

### Sewer



Service Fee/Quarter:	\$ 60.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 3.44 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (Over 9,000 gals)	\$ 9.18 / 1,000 gals
+ \$ 2.43 MN Service Connection Fee	
+ \$ 12.45 Stormwater Utility Fee	
+ \$ 0.75 Wellhead Protection Fee	

Single-family homes or rented single-family homes will continue to be eligible for the sewer winter consumption averaging - where each quarter's sewer usage shall be based on and equal to the lesser of the current year's first quarter water usage, or the current quarter's water usage.

## Stearns County Sales Tax

Beginning April 1, 2025, Waite Park businesses must begin collecting an additional 0.375 percent sales and use tax to fully fund the construction of a new Justice Center. Additionally, taxable items shipped into Waite Park, including online purchases, are subject to the additional 0.375 percent sales tax.

**The total sales tax rate in Waite Park is 8.50%**

## Yard Waste Site

The yard waste site hours will be as follows:

Opening Date until May 31:	6:30 AM-8:00 PM
Jun 1 - Jul 31:	6:00 AM-9:00 PM
Aug 1 - Aug 31:	6:00 AM-8:00 PM
Sep 1 - Sep 30:	7:00 AM-8:00 PM
Oct 1 - Oct 31:	8:00 AM-6:00 PM
Nov 1 until Closing:	7:00 AM-5:00 PM

Key cards issued in previous years will need to be renewed for \$10.00 before you will be able to gain access to the yard waste site during the current year.

New permits/keycards are available for \$20.00.

Because we are moving the Administrative offices out to Public Works on May 1st and 2nd, we recommend that you renew your yard waste site card before the end of April, if possible.

## Brush Pick-Up Dates

The Brush Pick-Up dates for the next three months will be April 21 - 25, May 27 - 30, and June 23 - 27. Place your brush near your regular refuse pickup site by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of these weeks and our City Public Works employees will remove the brush. They will attempt to complete the pickup during the scheduled week, but the schedule may be pushed back due to their workload or weather conditions.

## Volunteer Appreciation Week!

April 20-26 is Volunteer Appreciation Week and we celebrate and are grateful for all of the individuals who volunteer their time and keep Waite Park vibrant and thriving! Your commitment does not go unnoticed!

## Building Permit Reminder

Building Permits are not only required for new construction, but also for re-roofing, replacing windows, siding, decks, fences, and remodeling.



Building Permit Applications can be found on the website at: [www.ci.waitepark.mn.us](http://www.ci.waitepark.mn.us) or by contacting the Building Dept at: (320) 656-8936.

## Property Maintenance Reminder

The City Code prohibits storage of rubbish items outside including trash, furniture, appliances, old machinery, motor vehicle parts and tires, unused building materials, yard waste, and other unsightly items. Take advantage of the Special Large Item Pick-Up to dispose of some of these items. Refer to the enclosed Special Large Item Pick-up Flyer to find ways to dispose of the rest of the items.



Please be good neighbors and keep yards clean and be sure to clear your yard of any animal wastes. Help us keep Waite Park looking great this spring!

## Waite Park Family Fun Fest

Please see the enclosed Family Fun Fest schedule for all the fun activities planned for this summer the week of June 9th - 13th!

New volunteers are always welcome to serve on the committee to organize the annual festival. They are always looking for new members with fresh ideas! If you are interested, please contact Mike at 251-3033.