

Medication Drop Box

Drop off unused medications and keep our water drug-free. There could be some in your medicine cabinet right now—unused prescription drugs you’ve just forgotten about. Proper disposal keeps them from being misused or contaminating our fragile rivers and lakes, and now it’s easier than ever! No waiting in line, no forms to fill out—it’s self-serve, fast and easy.



Stearns and Benton Counties now have medication disposal boxes in the following law enforcement agencies: Albany, Avon, Cold Spring, Kimball, Melrose, Paynesville, Sartell, Sauk Centre, St. Joseph, **Waite Park**, Rice, Sauk Rapids, Benton County and Stearns County Sheriff’s Offices. Belgrade will receive one soon.

These 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.

Falls Prevention Assessments

Sign up to have a free falls prevention assessment of your home. Evaluators suggest safety modifications and get you in touch with someone who can provide the installation. For more information contact Jacquelyn Willis, Whitney Senior Center at 255-7295.

Report Suspicious Activity



Things to report:

- Suspicious behavior
- Suspicious vehicles
- People who have no business in nonpublic areas
- Suitcases, backpacks or other unattended packages
- Friends, coworkers, neighbors or family members who have started to change their ideas, behaviors or appearance

Home & Safety Fair

Whitney Senior Center will host the 4th annual Home & Safety Fair. Learn about products and services available – along with changes you can make on your own to create a safer home. Discover ways to maintain your independence by preventing fire, crime and falls.

When: Wed, November 2nd 9 am – 12 pm

Cost: Free & open to the public

Preparing for an Active Shooter Situation

The video “Run. Hide. Fight. Surviving an Active Shooter Event”, created by the City of Houston, demonstrates an active shooter scenario and three different ways to respond to the situation. The video is only six minutes long and explains what to do if other people are preventing you from leaving or unsuspecting people are approaching the scene.

The video can be found on youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2Do>

Infant Car Seat Checkup

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.

Upcoming Car Seat Check-up Event Dates:

Oct 19 and Nov 16, 2016

Jan 18, Feb 15 and Mar 15, 2017

Remember: The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends keeping children rear facing until the age of 2 or as long as your seat allows. For more information check out the Ultimate Car Seat Guide from Safe Kids Worldwide:

<https://www.safekids.org/ultimate-car-seat-guide/>



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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.

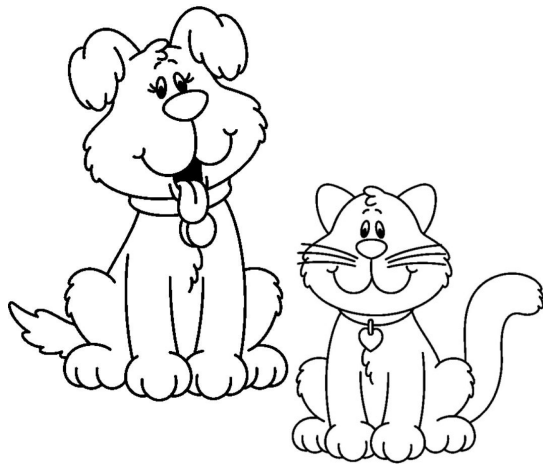
The new tags for Animal Licenses for the calendar year 2017 are now available at City Hall!

Cost is \$10.00 per license.

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

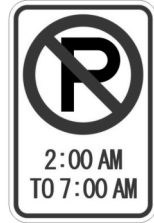
License renewals are due no later than Wednesday, February 15, 2017. Penalties will be applied after this due date.

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.



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 24th to the 28th. 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 2017 will be the week of January 9th-13th.



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 2017

If you have enrolled in the Direct Payment Plan for your water/sewer utility bills, the withdrawal dates for 2017 will be on the following dates:

February 3, 2017
May 5, 2017
August 4, 2017
November 3, 2017

City Observed Holidays

City offices will be closed the following dates:

- November 11 — Veterans Day
- November 24 — Thanksgiving Day
- December 23 — Christmas Eve observed
- December 26 — Christmas Day observed
- January 2 — New Year's Day observed
- January 16 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Waite Park Senior Center

The Waite Park Senior Center is now 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.

To view a current schedule of events you can pick up a schedule at the Senior Center or view the schedule on the City of Waite Park's website.