Splash Pad to Remain Closed

The Splash Pad at Rivers Edge Park will remain closed for the summer of 2021, unless the State COVID-19 restrictions are lifted to allow us to open the facility with NO restrictions and NO social distancing rules. Please check the City website or the City Facebook page for any possible future opening date.

Night to Unite 2021

Night to Unite will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 3rd. Start thinking about your neighborhood party now! Registrations forms will be available on the City website starting in June.

Special Large Item Pick-up

The next Large Item Pick-up is:

Saturday, May 1, 2021
beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Refer to and keep the separate flyer mailed to you for all the details!

Weekly Refuse & Recycling

The City contracts with West Central Sanitation to provide refuse and recycling service. This service is for a 65-gallon refuse cart and a 65-gallon recycling cart.

Each week, your volume of refuse and recycling cannot exceed that which will fit in your cart(s) with the covers completely closed. This prevents garbage from being blown around and prevents rainfall from falling into your cart. Any refuse/recycling that does not fit in your cart, with the covers completely closed, will not be picked up.

If you have a volume of garbage that cannot all fit inside your cart with the cover completely closed, you will need to either:

A. Hold onto the extra bagged garbage or recycling until the following week and see if it will fit in your cart, or

B. Contact West Central Sanitation at 800-246-7630 to request an extra pickup. WCS will bill you directly for the extra bag(s) or item(s), or

C. If you consistently have excess garbage, Contact West Central Sanitation at 800-246-7630 to request a second refuse cart. WCS will bill you directly for the weekly service of the extra cart.

Please ensure that you are recycling all of the items that you should be. This can reduce the volume of your refuse. Refer to the Recycling Guidelines on the City’s website.

WHAT NOT TO DO:

This may result in a $150.00 fine.

West Central Sanitation Costs for Additional Refuse or Recycling

Below are the costs for residents that may need an extra recycling or refuse cart. Also shown below is the cost of pickup if a resident has occasional extra refuse that does not fit in their cart, with the cover closed.

ADDITIONAL REFUSE CART

An additional 65-gallon refuse cart is $15.50/mo + tax and fuel surcharge.

An additional 95-gallon refuse cart is $20.50/mo + tax and fuel surcharge

A $50.00 deposit is required, which gets applied directly to the new customer account.

ADDITIONAL REFUSE THAT DOES NOT FIT IN THE CART

WCS has yellow tags for extra garbage bags that do not fit inside the cart with the cover closed. Each extra 30 gallon bag would be one tag.

The resident can call WCS and prepay for the tags, and the tags would be mailed to the resident.

The yellow tags come in a sheet of 5 and are $13.72 per sheet = $2.74 per 30-gallon bag.

ADDITIONAL RECYCLING CART

$6.18/mo + fuel surcharge.

The resident can choose the 65 or 95-gallon cart.

WCS recommends the 95-gallon cart, since all the recycling carts are all the same rate.

Contact West Central Sanitation at:

800-246-7630

(320)252-6822
www.ci.waitepark.mn.us
2nd Quarter 2021

2021 Utility Rate Notice

Effective with usage beginning January 1, 2021, the water and sewer utility rates have increased as follows:

**Water**
- Service Fee/Quarter: $45.00
- Tier 1 (0-9,000 gals) $2.13 / 1,000 gals
- Tier 2 (9,001-36,000 gals) $6.97 / 1,000 gals
- Tier 3 (Over 36,000 gals) $7.20 / 1,000 gals

**Sewer**
- Service Fee/Quarter: $48.00
- Tier 1 (0-9,000 gals) $2.03 / 1,000 gals
- Tier 2 (Over 9,000 gals) $7.80 / 1,000 gals
  + $2.43 MN Service Connection Fee
  + $6.00 Stormwater Utility 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.

Waite Park Family Fun Fest

Normally, you would find a festival flyer insert with this utility bill. Unfortunately, the Family Fun Fest committee was forced again, to make the very difficult decision to cancel the festival for 2021. This also means the City-Wide Garage Sale will not be an organized event during 2021.

New volunteers are always welcome to serve on the committee to organize the annual festival. If you are interested, please contact Margie at 229-5643.

Yard Waste Site is now OPEN

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

We ask that you practice safety measures and follow the 6-foot social distancing rule while inside the site.

Key cards issued in previous years will need to be renewed for $15.00 before you will be able to gain access to the yard waste site during the current year.

New permits and keycards are available for the purchase price of $10.00.

Full details about the yard waste site are available on the city website.

Brush Pick-Up Dates

The Brush Pick-Up dates for the next three months will be April 26 - 30, May 24 - 28, and June 21 - 25. 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.

Flowers for Waite Park

Volunteers meet the last Thursday of each month at the Community Park Pavilion located at 151 13th Avenue North. You are always welcome to join them! If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Lorraine at 320-529-8640.

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 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 on May 1st to dispose of some these items. Refer to the Special Large Item Pick-up Flyer which was mailed out on April 16th, 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!

RV Dump Station

The City has a free RV Dump location at the Public Works Facility at 670 17th Ave S. You must provide your own garden hose.

The previous location along 13th Avenue North is no longer available.

Now Hiring

Paid On-Response Firefighters

The Waite Park Fire Department is currently accepting applications for two Paid On-Response Firefighter positions.

No experience is necessary. All training will be provided.

Applications are available online at www.ci.waitepark.mn.us or at City Hall.

Seasonal Public Works Employees

The Public Works Department is currently accepting applications for Full-time summer seasonal workers.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. This position will be for no longer than six consecutive months. Starting rate of pay is $5.00 per hour.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2021, or until positions are filled.

Applications are available online at www.ci.waitepark.mn.us or at City Hall.

Park Board Member

The City of Waite Park is currently accepting applications for one position on the Park Board. The Park Board is a five-member advisory board consisting of members of the community who make recommendations to the City Council on matters related to parks and recreation within the City.

Members are appointed to 3-year terms. The Park Board meets at 6:30 pm on the 1st Wednesday of every other month.

Applications are available online at www.ci.waitepark.mn.us or at City Hall.