

2010

September—December



Newsletter

2010 General Election—November 2

Due to Legislative action, the 2010 State Primary Election was moved to Tuesday, August 10, 2010. The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Following are the polling places for City voters:

1A-Waseca Community Arena - 1501 2nd St NW

1B- Sacred Heart Treanor Campion Center - 111 4th St NW

2A- Faith United Methodist Church - 801 4th Ave NE

2B-St. John Lutheran Church - 401 3rd Ave NE

3A- Waseca City Hall - 508 South State Street

3B Waseca County Highway Shop - 1495 5th St SE (South Industrial Park)

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are available at the Auditor's Office at the Waseca County Courthouse during regular business hours beginning 30 days before the election.

The Auditor's office will also be open for absentee voting for the General Election on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Monday, November 1, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Handicapped persons may request assistance from the election judges at the poll, or they may bring someone along for assistance in voting.

City Offices

The offices to be filled at said election are as follows:

Mayor - two year term

Councilmember Ward 1 - four year term

Councilmember Ward 1 - two year term

Councilmember Ward 2 - four year term

Councilmember Ward 3 - four year term



Please get out on November 2nd and exercise your right to vote!

Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL) Give-away

Beginning on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 Waseca Electric customers may stop into the Waseca Utility Billing office and receive a free 23 watt (equals a 100watt standard bulb) compact

fluorescent bulb. There are a limited number of bulbs available, so first come, first serve. The Waseca Utility Billing office is located in the Waseca City Hall building at 508 State

Street South and is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.— Monday through Friday.

University of Minnesota 9th Annual Open House

Southern Research and Outreach Center

Highway 14 West & Co. Rd. 57

September 16

4:00-8:00 p.m.

Free Picnic Supper served 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Fun, Free Activities and Entertainment for the Whole Family!!

Energy Star Rebate

Please remember that Waseca Electric customers must submit their rebate applications for Energy Star rated appliances, central air conditioners, Energy Star rated compact fluorescent bulbs and LED Christmas light purchases (LED Christmas light rebate coupons will be mailed out early November) made in 2010 by Friday, December 31, 2010. Rebate applications may be dropped off in the utility payment boxes located at the Hy-Vee customer service area and the City Hall north side drive through lane at 508 State St S. There is also a drop box in the entryway of the Waseca City Hall building which is open Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding holidays).

Please be aware the Waseca City offices

will be closed on Friday, December 24th, 2010 and Monday December 27th, 2010 for Christmas and on Friday December 31, 2010 for the New Year 's holiday.

The Energy Star program for appliances and compact fluorescent blubs will be available in 2011 for items purchased in the calendar year of 2011.

By purchasing energy efficient products including a central air conditioner, refrigerator, dishwasher, clothes washer, freezer, ceiling fan with CFL lighting, hardwired CFL fixtures, window air conditioner, dehumidifier and compact fluorescent bulbs you are conserving energy, saving money and helping to protect the environment.

Please contact Waseca Utilities for an

application at 835-9718 or go online at www.ci.waseca.mn.us under items of interest.



23rd Annual Waseca Marching Classic



The 23rd Annual Waseca Marching Classic will be held on September 18, 2010. The parade will begin at 12:30 p.m. in downtown Waseca. Field Competition begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Waseca High School Athletic Field. Admission for field competition is by wristband only. Wristbands can be

purchased for \$5.00 from most Waseca Businesses. The cost will be \$6.00 the day of the event.

100 unit parade includes competing marching bands, classic car cruise, royalty and floats.

Come see our own Waseca Marching Jays perform in exhibition.

Join them for a day of family entertainment.

Check out their websites at www.wasecamarchingclassic.com or www.discoverwaseca.com.

Leaf Burning

The burning of dried leaves is permitted between October 15 and November 15 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Burning is limited to areas of the City zoned residential purposes only. All burning should be conducted a minimum of 25' from all buildings, structures, flammable materials, tall grasses and weeds. Do not start a fire on another person's land without permission of the owner or the agent.

Please note the burning of brush or shrub is not allowed within the City limit.

Recreational Fires - The City of Waseca does allow recreational fires.

Fire pits need to be 18" deep and not exceed 3' in diameter.

Fire has to be a minimum of 25' from buildings and other combustible materials.

Extinguishing equipment needs to be near

the recreational fire such as a hose or water filled bucket.



Always stay with your fire!

Adopt A Park Volunteers 2010 Thank You!!

The City of Waseca Park Board commenced an Adopt a Park program in May of 2009. The Adopt a Park program provides organizations, groups, families, and individuals and opportunity to volunteer their services in assisting Park Department staff keep parks and trails clean, safe and aesthetically pleasing. The minimum volunteer commitment is to clean their chosen site of litter, debris, and downed tree limbs once per month from April to October.

The City of Waseca Park Board extends their sincere appreciation to the Adopt A Park Volunteers. The 2010 volunteers are:

Elm Homes - Clear Lake Park

Tim & Robin Terrell Family - Highway 14 trail to/and Maplewood Park

Lori Pommerenke Family - Emerson Park and Herters Lot

Mathias Gregor Family - Northwest Park

Don Zwach - Northeast Park

Gary & Jill Tobin—Northwest Park trail and bike trail to 22nd Ave NW

Bruce Boyce & Sally Takala - Bike trail from Boathouse to Hwy 14

Ron Purcell, Boyd Fuller, Jerry Kuhn - Loon Lake Park

Tom & Bobbi Holtz Family—Southview Park

Annette Lord—University Park

Dave & Melissa Dunn - Bike trail from 2nd Ave W to Northwest Park

Gyles & Carol Randall—4th and 7th Ave NW to Loon Lake Park

Bernie Swenson—Loon Lake Park to Loon Lake Treatment Pond/Boat Landing

Gary Hanson—Oak Park

Waseca Park Board—Veterans Park

These volunteers are to be commended for their community servitude. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



Snow Emergency (No parking on City Streets until snow has been removed curb to curb)

City Ordinance 71.06 states following the accumulation of three inches or more of snow fall in the City of Waseca it shall be unlawful for the driver or owner of any motor vehicle, trailer or implement to park or leave standing such vehicle, trailer or implement on any street or alley within the corporate limits of the City of Waseca,. Parking may not be resumed on any streets or alleys until snow removal has been completed on said streets.

The local ordinance is posted at every major entrance into the City of Waseca. If you have any questions regarding winter parking, you may contact the Waseca Police Department at 835-9720 or view the ordinance in its entirety on the City of Waseca's website at www.ci.waseca.mn.us.

*Think about winter parking now
so your ready when the bad
weather arrives!*

Violators will receive a \$27.00 citation and the vehicle may be towed. Vehicles located in a City designated "No Parking 1:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m." zone in the downtown district may be towed immediately upon issuance of a citation.

Snow Plowing & Your Mailbox

Snow plowing season will soon be here. Each year the City of Waseca Public Works Snowplow operators attempt to clean the streets as close to the curbs as possible without damaging mailboxes. Occasionally mailboxes get damage. The City Snow and Ice Control Policy states how the City will handle any damage that may occur.

When mailboxes are placed adjacent to the street it shall be the policy of the City that snow shall be plowed as close to the

curb to allow for passage of traffic and mail delivery. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to keep piled snow away from mailboxes so mail can be delivered. Mailboxes should be constructed sturdily enough to withstand snow rolling off the plow or wing. When damage to the mailbox occurs such damage shall be investigated by the Street Superintendent. If it is determined that the weight of the snow caused the damage, the City will not assume responsibil-

ity for repair of the mailbox. When evidence indicated that physical contact between the plow and the mailbox occurred the City will assume responsibility for repair or replacement at a cost not to exceed \$30.00.

Please check your mailbox before winter and replace or reinforce the post and bracing if needed.

Adopt a Fire Hydrant

The City of Waseca is asking customers to assist in keeping snow cleared away from fire hydrants. Please take a moment to locate the fire hydrant nearest your home and /or business and ensure that it is totally clear of snow. This will allow the Fire Department quick access in case of a fire. It also assists snowplow drivers in identifying where hydrants are located. If you are not able to clear snow away from your neighborhood hydrant, please call Waseca Utilities at 835-9718 or the Fire Dept. at 835-3210 and city personnel will clear the hydrant. We greatly appreciate your help in identifying and clearing away snow from the hydrants.

Salvation Army's Heat Share Program

HeatShare is a voluntary program administered by the Salvation Army that helps those in need in our community by providing funds for heating bills and heating related repairs.

You will receive a brochure explaining the program in your December utility bill. If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution to this program, simply enclose a check, made payable to HeatShare, along with your utility payment and Waseca Utilities will forward the contribution to the Salvation Army.

For more information, you can visit www.thesalvationsarmy.com or call 800-842-7279.

We're on the web!!

www.ci.waseca.mn.us

Waseca Historic Context Study

Waseca Heritage Preservation Commission recently received a report called a Historic Context Study prepared by Thomas Zahn and Associates. The study provides an overview of Waseca's history and relates that history to the buildings on State Street and residential housing. Many local buildings and houses are included as examples of various building styles.

The report is available to the public at City Hall, The Waseca Public Library, the Waseca County Historical Society, and the Waseca High School Media Center. A copy is also available online on the Waseca City website (Click on "History" in the left column or go directly to: <http://www.ci.waseca.mn.us/History.html>).

Special thanks to the Minnesota Historical Society, Waseca Foundation, and Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation for providing the funding for the Historic Context Study.

Cold Weather Rule

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission set up the Cold Weather Rule. This rule states that from October 15th through April 15th, a residential utility customer can avoid disconnection for nonpayment if the disconnection would affect their primary heat source and if the customer enters into a mutually agreed upon payment schedule with the utility.

A copy of the Cold Weather Rule and an application will be included in your October utility bill. There is no requirement to return the completed application; however residential customers wishing to be covered by Cold Weather Protection, should return the application with a proposed payment plan, to the Utility Billing office as soon as possible. Please be aware that submittal of a Cold Weather Protection application does not automatically protect a customer from disconnection, but only initiates the process for review of program eligibility.

If you have any questions regarding your utility bill, please call the Waseca Utility Billing office at 835-9718 Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

City of **WASECA** more info: www.ci.waseca.mn.us
Engineering Department

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM

**Stormwater Hotline:
1.507.835.9730**



The City of Waseca operates the local PEG (public, education, government) access channel. This channel can be viewed locally by all Mediacom and Hickory Tech cable subscribers on Channel 8. The channel is a community-based resource that can be used by both individuals and organizations to display announcement slides and video programming.

If you would like more information on Waseca PEG Channel 8, stop by City Hall, or call 835-9700 or check out the City Website.