
UPCOMING 2024 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

BELOW IS A LIST OF MAJOR STREET PROJECTS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR CONSTRUCTION IN 2024:



8th Avenue NE Reconstruction:

This joint City/County project will consist of the complete concrete reconstruction of 8th Avenue NE from 3rd Street NE to Clear Lake Drive and will include sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer, and ADA sidewalk and trail improvements.

- Plans and specifications are currently being finalized with bidding expected to take place in February or March.
- Construction will take place in two major phases:
 - Phase 1: Underground work east of 7th Street NE to begin April/May and be completed before July 3rd.
 - Phase 2: Underground work west of 7th Street NE and all street paving to begin July 15th (after Lakefest and the Waseca County Free Fair) and be completed November/December.
 - Final restoration and seeding is expected to take place in the spring of 2025.
- During Phase 1, 8th Avenue NE west of 7th Street NE will remain open to traffic. During Phase 2, the entire project will be closed to traffic.

11th Avenue NW Rehabilitation:

This project will involve the asphalt mill and overlay of 11th Avenue NW from State Hwy 13 to 10th Street NW and will include ADA sidewalk and trail ramp upgrades, replacement of deficient/poorly draining curb and gutter, and utility fixture adjustments (an approximately 460-foot section of 11th Ave NW pavement between 7th Street NW and 10th Street NW that is still in very good condition will not be improved with this project).

- Plans and specifications are currently being finalized with bidding expected to take place in March or April.
- It is anticipated that construction will begin in June or July and last approximately 4-5 weeks (a total of 20 working days has been allotted for the substantial completion of this project). Final restoration is expected to be completed in September.
- During construction all, or portions of, the street will be closed to traffic.



Additional project information, including maps and estimated costs, can be found on the City website at: <https://www.ci.waseca.mn.us/engineering/pages/capital-improvement-projects>

CITY OF WASECA ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

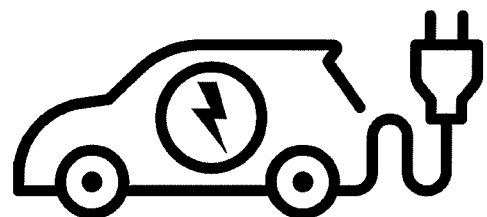
An electric vehicle charging station is located at 100 19th Ave NW in Waseca, between Waseca Junior/Senior High School and Burger King. The charging station contains a dual Level 2 Charger and a DCFC Fast Charger. Instructions for using the chargers are posted on site and are also available through the ChargeHub app or ZEFNET Charge app.

Charging Rates:

- Level 2 Charger - \$2.00/hour with no connection fee
- DCFC Fast Charger - \$5.00 connection fee and \$0.30/minute

For more information, please visit the City of Waseca's website at:

<https://www.ci.waseca.mn.us/electric-utility/pages/electric-vehicle-charging-station>



UPDATE FROM THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Heritage Preservation Commission has been very busy in the last few months! In keeping with our task to promote historical resources of the City, the HPC applied for and received a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office in order to create a downtown walking tour. In collaboration with Waseca High School social studies teacher, John Hanson, a new elective history class at the high school is working on tour stops of important historic locations throughout the City. Students have been learning about how to present history to a public audience, how to research local history, and what are important historic events in Waseca's history that the public should learn. The tour stops will be available on an interactive app and will include historical information, photos, video tours, and so much more. This app – tentatively being called "Explore Waseca" – will encourage citizens and visitors to our City to learn about our history, embrace the changes that have occurred over time, and celebrate the many unique components that have built Waseca into the City we know today. The "Explore Waseca" app should be ready for download and self-guided tours sometime this spring.

The HPC is comprised of five members approved by the City Council. We meet once each month on the first Monday at 5:00pm in the City Council Chambers. The public is welcome to attend any of our meetings. We also encourage public interest in the preservation of our community's heritage and welcome stories, input, and volunteers to assist in these efforts. More information about the HPC can be found on the City's website

OVERHANGING TREE BRANCHES COULD YOUR TREE BE A POTENTIAL HAZARD?

Did you know that low overhanging tree branches can be a serious hazard? They can damage tall vehicles (school buses, street sweepers, snow plow and fire trucks) and make it hard to travel along the sidewalk for pedestrians and obscure a driver's ability to see around corners.

City Ordinance states tree branches overhanging any sidewalk or street shall have a clear space of eight (8) feet above a sidewalk and fourteen (14) feet above any street.



Please check your trees for ordinance violations and remove those branches accordingly. If you are unable to remove those obstructing branches yourself, please contact a local insured tree contractor.

For more information, please contact the Park Dept at 835-9727.



ONLINE PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS BEGIN

MARCH 1, 2024

Reminder, the City of Waseca will begin taking online park reservations and payments beginning Friday, March 1, 2024. Reservations and payment will be accessible ONLY on the City website at www.ci.waseca.mn.us. For more information on how to reserve a park shelter through our online system, please visit the Parks Department website at <https://www.ci.waseca.mn.us/parks> and click on the 'Park Shelter Reservation Information' tab.

We have a variety of park shelters to rent for your planned events. A paid park reservation is your guarantee of a shelter for your planned event. Pavilions/shelters are available from May through October and reservations are available on a four-hour or daily time frame. For more information, you can visit us on our website, contact City Hall at 835-9700, or stop in Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



As a courtesy to your City workers, and to streamline the work they need to do to keep the City looking beautiful, please keep these things in mind:

- Try to keep your garbage cans out of the street – this will allow the snow plow to clean the entire street.
 - Please remember to keep your cars off the street so that the snowplow can pass freely in front of your home.
- Thank you!

EMERGENCY SIREN SYSTEM & SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

On the first Wednesday of each month at approximately 1:00 p.m., the emergency siren system is activated for testing. In the event of severe weather, activation of the emergency siren system means that Waseca County is in a TORNADO WARNING and a tornado has been observed by Law Enforcement, Skywarn Watchers, and/or the National Weather Service. When you hear the outdoor warning system sirens, you should immediately seek shelter. Once indoors, go to the lowest level, most interior space in your home or office.

Outdoor warning sirens are located throughout the City of Waseca and by Lakeside Golf Course (north side of Clear Lake). People often have the misconception that the sirens are meant to be heard indoors. However, the system is intended to be heard outdoors. You may not hear it if you are inside or in noisy areas. Residents are encouraged to monitor the weather via television, radio, cell phone apps, or a national weather radio.

Severe Weather Awareness Week for 2024 will be April 8th-12th. On Thursday, April 11th, the sirens will be activated twice during the day for the statewide tornado drill. If you are interested in more information about Severe Weather Awareness Week activities, please visit: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/Pages/future-awareness-weeks.aspx>



SNOW PLOWING AND YOUR MAILBOX

Each year the City of Waseca Public Works Snowplow operators attempt to clean the streets as close to the curb as possible without damaging mailboxes. Occasionally, mailboxes get damaged. 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 responsibility 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 and replace or reinforce the post and bracing if needed.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

NOTIFICATION OF THREATENING ADVERSE WEATHER

A snow emergency automatically exists following accumulation of approximately three (3) or more inches of snow. Additionally, a snow emergency may be declared based on adverse weather or adverse street conditions.

During a snow emergency, it is unlawful to park on streets and alleys until snow has been cleared from curb to curb. Please plan to remove all vehicles, trailers/implements, and garbage/recycle receptacles from City streets and alleys until snow has been cleared from curb to curb. The penalty for violating a snow emergency is a Police Department issued \$30.00 citation, and the vehicle will be towed if it is not removed within 24 hours after the issuance of the citation.

All costs associated with the towing and impoundment fees shall be the responsibility of the vehicle owner.

Vehicles parked overnight in the downtown "No Parking from 1 a.m.-5 a.m." zones, will be ticketed and towed immediately if a snow emergency is in effect.

For additional information, please reference City Ordinance Code 71.06, and Winter & Snow Street Policies as found through the links below.

<https://www.ci.waseca.mn.us/mayor-city-council/pages/city-ordinance-code>

<https://www.ci.waseca.mn.us/street-department/pages/winter-snow-street-policies>

The City of Waseca thanks you very much for your diligence and cooperation.

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REMINDER

WATER SERVICE CONNECTION FEE

If you have a water service connection to your property, your utility bill due March 15, 2024, will reflect a state mandated water service connection fee in the amount of \$9.72. Legislation that became effective July 1st, 1992, requires all public water systems in Minnesota to collect this fee on an annual basis as established per Minnesota Statute 144.3831.

Revenue from this fee is forwarded to the state and used to fund activities of the Minnesota Department of Health's Drinking Water Protection Program related to maintaining compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and protecting the health of all Minnesotans. These activities include sanitary surveys, sample collection and analysis, compliance determination, source water protection, enforcement, and various technical assistance services. This work helps ensure that everyone, everywhere in Minnesota has access to safe drinking water.

WASECA PEG CHANNEL 8

The local PEG (Public, Education, and Government) access television channel is operated by the City of Waseca and available to all Mediacom and Consolidated Communications cable subscribers. It is a free community resource that can be used by individuals and non-profit organizations to display both informative slides and video programming. It is also where you can view the most current City Council meetings. The channel can be seen on channel 8, as well as, other digital channels depending on your cable package. **If you would like more information on Waseca PEG Channel 8, stop by City Hall or call 835-9728.**

INTERESTED IN BEING AN ELECTION JUDGE?

The City of Waseca is accepting Election Judge applications for 2024. Becoming an election judge is a great way to learn about elections and is an opportunity to serve in your community!
 Election judges are paid for training and time at the polls!
 Election Judges are assigned to morning, afternoon, or all-day shifts and are required to take at least two hours of paid training, which is a two-year certification.
 Consider working the elections this year.
 You must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and be able to read, write, and speak English.

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.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE "NOTIFIED" OF CITY HAPPENINGS?

Stay Notified on City happenings. Get updates on Council meetings, Snow Emergencies, Utility Billing messages. Go to www.ci.waseca.mn.us and click on "Notify Me" and enter your information. Anytime something on the website gets posted, you will get an alert. Sign up for the items that interest you! **Questions call 835-9725.**

Your employer is required by law to provide you time off from work to serve with no reduction in pay.

To sign up or if you have any questions, please contact juliah@ci.waseca.mn.us or visit www.ci.waseca.mn.us.

This year is also a General Election year, where voters will have the following elections on our ballots this November: U.S. President; U.S. Senator; U.S. Representative; State Representative and Judicial seats, as well as local Municipal and School Board elections.

2024 Election Dates: February 13, 2024: County Commissioner Special Election. March 5, 2024: Presidential Nomination Primary. August 13, 2024: Primary Election. November 5, 2024: General Election