

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. Tues. Thurs.
9:30 am to 1:30 pm.
Wed. and Fri. closed, but
residents can call for an
appointment.



Thanks Jim, for 47 years.

Message from the Mayor

At the last City Council Meeting, the City Attorney, Christina Benson, made a statement at the start of the meeting which was not recorded due to technical difficulties. This is important information that I believe all residents should know. The attorney has provided the following statement reflecting the same information stated during the City Council Meeting:

"The City Council identified a shortfall. The City Accountant located the cause of the shortfall and the amount. The cause and the amount were then confirmed by a third party. The shortfall is a result of a lack of accounting for something called the Fiscal Disparity Levy in the Certified Tax Levy. Residents will find, if they look at their 2023 tax record, that there was a significant percentage drop compared to the previous year. The result of the Fiscal Disparity Levy not being accounted for, is that residents were undercharged for taxes dating back to 2023. The shortfall amount, identified then confirmed, is \$178,197.00."

This shortfall did not cause any disruption to the day to day running of the City. All projects were completed as scheduled drawing from reserves. The micro-surfacing projects throughout the city streets were not impacted and will keep the roads in good condition. Rest assured that the budget for 2026 will reflect the Fiscal Disparity Levy.

As Always, Stay Safe! See you Tuesday at our Heritage Day event! Come and dunk the Mayor!!

~ Mayor Tom

Heritage Day

Tuesday August 5, 2025 5:00—8:00pm

Music provided by Drinkwine and Friends Band. The Scout group will be selling tacos! ATV/Golf Cart Parade : Theme is "Along the River: Wildlife, plants and water activities"

Medallion Hunt / Dunk Tank / Fire Trucks & Sheriff's vehicles / Ice Cream

Schedule of events:

5:00pm: Park is open. Music starts. Food sales begin. Information tables open

5:30pm: Dunk Tank open! If you have ever wanted to throw something at the Mayor, now is your chance!!! \$1 a ball, \$5—6 balls. Proceeds to Fire Department.

5:30pm: ATV/Golf Cart Parade entrants meet at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Be sure your vehicle is up to date with city permits!! Cash prizes for top three winners.

5:45pm: Recycle Demonstration — Washington County

6:00pm: ATV/Golf Cart Parade starts:

Route: South on Quinlan to 20th Street,
Left on 20th Street to Ramada Ave S,
North on Ramada Ave to 19th Street,
Right on 19th Street to Redwing,
South on Redwing, follow road to Riverfront Park.
ATV/Carts will park on the grass area close to playground.

7:00pm: Medallion Hunt—First clue announced!

Donations and volunteers are still needed. If you can help, please call Council Member Tim Schneider at 608-317-7422 or Mary Ashby at City Hall at 651-436-7031.

CONTACTS

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715.220.1332

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651.436.7033

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The City's Building Inspector is Stensland Inspections
Phone: 651-436-7669

PRIOR TO STARTING ANY BUILDING PROJECT please call the City Office (651.436.7031) to determine whether a permit will be required.

The city has received numerous complaints about the use of e-bikes, ATVs and golf carts in the city. Complaints have been focused on the high speeds of the e-bikes, unregistered and unlicensed ATVs and golf carts, underage drivers and the use of these vehicles on the Riviera St. Levee (which is not allowed)! The posted speed limit is 20mph and applies to all motorized vehicles on all the streets in LSCB. Law enforcement officers have been notified and they will be issuing citations. To ensure that this program can continue everyone needs to play a part in following the ordinance!

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE & RIDE SAFE					
Reference MN Statute 169.011 for Definitions					
CATEGORY	Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device	Motorized Foot Scooter	E-Bike (Classes 1-3)	Motorized Bicycle	Motorcycle
PHOTO					
PEDAL-ASSIST MOTOR	No	No	Yes	Maybe	No
MOTOR/ENGINE SIZE		100-750 watts	<750 watts	<1500 watts or <49cc	>1500 watts or >49cc
MAX SPEED	15	20	20 or 28 (Class 3)	30	>30
LICENSE REQUIRED	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
MINIMUM AGE	12	12	15	15	15
HELMET REQUIRED	<18	<18	<18	<18	<18
WHERE CAN I RIDE	Sidewalks Trails Streets (Limited) Private property	Trails Streets Private property	Sidewalk Trails Streets Private property	Streets Off-highway Private property	Streets Off-highway Private property
* Riding on private property requires permission from the property owner					
PASSENGER	No	No	No	If equipped with seat & footrests	If equipped with seat & footrests
NIGHTTIME	Reflectors	Headlight & taillight	Headlight & rear reflector	Headlight & taillight	Headlight & taillight
STATUTE	169.212	169.225	169.222	169.223	169.974
Ride Safe Tips:					
Know the laws and ordinances Wear a helmet Ride at a reasonable speed and be aware of your surroundings Ride in the same direction as traffic on the right side Warn pedestrians and pass cautiously on the left Signal turns and yield at intersections Use lights and extra caution after dusk					

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Valley Library Events and Important Dates
All Ages: Monday, August 4th Brodini
Comedy Magic Show 1:00-2:00pm

For Adults: The Valley Library Book Club.
The title selection for the **Thursday August 28th 5:00-6:00pm** meeting is "Dear Edward" by Ann Napolitano.

For Teens:
Tuesday, August 12th 4:00 – 6:00pm Teen Open Gaming—Drop in to Valley Library to play video games, like Mario Kart and Smash Bros. No Registration needed, ages 12-18.

For Kids:
Every Monday 10:30-11:00 am Storytime
Wednesday, August 6th @ 1:00 Summer STEM: Weather
Monday, August 11th 11:15am Preschool Art Lab: Bubble Wrap Printing
Saturday, August 16th All Day: End of Summer Party
Wednesday, August, 11th 10:30—11:30am Welcome to Kindergarten
Tuesday, August 26th and Thursday, August 28th 3:00—4:00pm: Critter Camp
Thursday, August 14th 6:00pm Pajama Storytime.
Saturdays, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 11:00-1:00 Kid Builders

For complete information and to register for programs go to www.washcolib.org

Saturday, September 13th—Veteran's Metal & Tire Recycle Event

Start collecting any metal materials you want to get rid of. There is no charge for car parts, broken machinery (fluids removed), tools or appliances (no refrigerators or freezers, please), even boats!!! Also, accepting tires (with or without rims) for collection by The Mosquito Control Agency. Take advantage of this free 5-city community event.



School Supply Swap

Wednesday, August 6, 4:30–6:30pm
South Environmental Center
4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury.

- The swap is free and open to everyone.
- Donations are not required to get items during the event.
- Items remaining after the event will be donated locally.
- For questions, contact Public Health and Environment at 651-430-6655.

- Donations should be gently used items that students would normally discard at the end of the school year.
- Donations can be left at South Environmental Ctr up until Saturday August 2nd.

Accepted items

- Pencils/pens/markers/crayons.
- Notebooks.
- Lined or graphing paper.
- Calculators (working).
- Backpacks (working zippers, no rips/tears/stains).
- Scissors.
- Rulers/protractors.
- Erasers.
- Glue sticks.
- Watercolor paints.
- Pencil cases.
- Pencil sharpeners.
- 3-ring binders (1-inch only).
- Pocket folders.



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