

Woodbury City Update

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Be patient, use alternate routes during construction season

Summer is almost here and that means road construction season is under way and will soon be in full swing. Below is a summary of the major projects this summer.

Manning Avenue (Highway 95) from Bailey Road to 70th Street – Minnesota Department of Transportation project

Manning Avenue (Highway 95) between Valley Creek Road and Highway 61 is undergoing a series of safety improvements through 2019. The first phase of the project was completed in 2017 at the Manning Avenue/Valley Creek Road intersection. Work in 2018 will include constructing right-turn lanes in both directions at 40th, 50th and 60th Streets; improving sight distance at 60th Street; widening roadway shoulders; resurfacing existing pavement; installing centerline and shoulder mumble strips; and upgrading the stormwater drainage system. The improvements are needed to reduce crashes and congestion in the area,

and enhance safety and traffic flow.

Construction began in March and will continue through the fall. Motorists using Manning Avenue between Bailey Road and 70th Street should expect periodic lane and daily shoulder closures during the early phases of construction through May. Beginning in June, Manning Avenue will be closed from Bailey Road to 70th Street. Local access will be maintained. Other motorists should use Woodbury Drive as the detour route. For more information, or to sign up to receive email updates from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, visit dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy95safetyimprovements.

Colby Lake Natural Gas Pipeline Reconstruction – Xcel Energy project

While this is not a roadway project, it is impacting traffic along Valley Creek Road from I-494 to Colby Lake Drive. Xcel Energy is replacing approximately 2.5 miles of natural gas pipeline along this stretch of roadway.



Safety improvements at the Radio Drive and Donegal Drive intersection will eliminate left-turn movements from Donegal Drive to Radio Drive.

The project is needed to provide safe, reliable service to Xcel Energy customers and supports other infrastructure improvements in the area.

Preliminary project work is under way and construction will be completed in the fall. Valley Creek Road will remain open during construction. There will be intermittent, temporary lane closures and intersection closures throughout the project. Local residents and businesses will have access to their properties at all times during construction. There may be circumstances when the contractor needs to temporarily close an intersection or driveway access to install the pipe underground. Xcel Energy will coordinate with residents and businesses in advance of these closures and crews will post detour signs. In addition, the trail along the south side of Valley Creek Road from Tower Drive to Colby Lake Park will be closed during construction.

Donegal Drive/Radio Drive intersection – County and city project

The city is partnering with Washington County to change the center median at the intersection of Radio Drive and Donegal Drive. With the modified median design, left turns onto Donegal Drive from Radio Drive will still be allowed, but traffic from Donegal Drive will be restricted to right turns only. The new median is needed to prevent drivers from Donegal Drive from stopping within the median at Radio Drive

(as they block the passage of drivers making left turns onto Donegal Drive); improve sight lines for drivers waiting to turn onto Donegal Drive; maintain traffic flow along Radio Drive; and maintain the more common movements at the intersection, including left turns onto Donegal Drive.

The project timeline will be determined later this month. Construction is expected to take three weeks, weather permitting. Access restrictions and short-term closures at the intersection are expected during construction.

Pioneer Drive/Dale Road – city project

Pioneer Drive will be extended south of Dale Road to Lighthouse Lane in the Southridge neighborhood. As part of the project, a roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of Pioneer Drive and Dale Road. The project is needed to improve safety and mobility in the growing residential areas of the city. Construction started with private utility relocations this past winter, and the remaining road construction work is scheduled to be completed prior to September. The Pioneer Drive and Dale Road intersection will be closed during a portion of the construction. During the first phase of construction, motorists should use Radio Drive,

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Open House

Public Safety Building,
2100 Radio Drive

Saturday, May 19
9-11 a.m.

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- Activities for kids of all ages
- Fire engines, ambulances and squad cars
- Meet firefighters, paramedics and police officers
- Pictures through the years
- Video featuring constables through current police officers



Council Perspective

By Mayor Mary Giuliani Stephens

A summer of healthy, active living

In spring 2016, a group of community leaders founded a grassroots health initiative called Woodbury Thrives. The group formed to improve the health of residents in the broadest of ways: physical health, spiritual and emotional well-being, financial, environmental, intellectual, occupational and social wellness.

Shortly after its launch, Woodbury Thrives – in cooperation with several partners including the City of Woodbury, Washington County, the Woodbury Area Chamber of Commerce, the Woodbury Community Foundation and HealthEast – hosted a number of community conversations about health and wellness. The group gathered recommendations from residents, businesses and organizations on ways to create a healthier community.

A full cross-section of the community participated in these meetings and helped shape the program. Now I want to introduce you to one of the exciting outcomes from these meetings: the Woodbury Thrives 2018 Wellness Challenge.

The Woodbury Thrives 2018 Wellness Challenge

The Wellness Challenge is a series of free summer (May through October) health challenges open to everyone who lives, works and plays in Woodbury. Participants will have a number of different opportunities to enjoy our parks and trails, connect with neighbors and friends, try new activities and explore our city's recreational amenities, all while achieving their wellness goals. Sign up for the Wellness Challenge for a chance to win big prizes for making healthy choices. Everyone who completes all of the events in the challenge will receive a free t-shirt.

Sign up early at woodburyrecreation.com (select the "Register" button and search "Thrives") and get started on your summer of wellness!

Challenge events

There are many events that are part of the summer Wellness Challenge. They are open to all ages and most are free (unless otherwise listed below). Do one or do them all!

1. Wellness Challenge kickoff

– The Wellness Challenge will kick off with an outdoor mile-long walk at the HealthEast Sports Center Saturday, May 19, from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy family fitness fun and activities, and explore a community Health and Wellness Fair inside the field house. You will also learn about monthly fun activities to help you achieve your Wellness Challenge. Pre-registration at woodburyrecreation.com is recommended for a quick check-in at the event.

2. Healthy Speaker Series –

Learn about ways to enhance your personal wellness from local and regional experts. Watch the Woodbury Thrives website (woodburythrives.org) and social media for a schedule of speakers running from May through October. The speaker series will take place at Central Park and other locations in our community.

3. Ride, Stride or Glide –

Join us for a fun, family-friendly bike ride on a 10-mile route on our amazing trails through and around our beautiful parks and lakes. If running or walking is more your style, try a family-friendly 5K or 1 mile fun run/walk around beautiful Colby Lake. Everyone who completes the "Ride, Stride or Glide" will receive a special "Ride, Stride or Glide" t-shirt! This fun event will take place Saturday, Aug. 18, at 8 a.m. Participants should check in at the Colby Lake Park Shelter, 9715 Valley Creek Road. Pre-registration at woodburyrecreation.com is recommended for a quick check-in at the event. Cost for this event is \$4 for youth ages 12 and under if pre-registered (or \$5 the day of the event); \$8

for adults if pre-registered (or \$10 the day of the event); or \$18 for a family of three or more, if pre-registered (or \$20 the day of the event).

4. Wellness Challenge

Celebration – Complete activities, earn points and be eligible for prizes and come celebrate your wellness achievements. Everyone who completes the Wellness Challenge will receive a free t-shirt at the celebration, which will take place at Central Park on Sunday, Oct. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Details about the Wellness Challenge will be available on the Woodbury Thrives website at woodburythrives.org. Registration is available at woodburyrecreation.com (select the "Register" button and search "Thrives"). To be clear, the Woodbury Thrives group is running these events. The city is serving as a partner to provide registration services only. Questions should be directed to Roger Green at roger.green@woodburythrives.org or (651) 357-8080.

Living a healthy lifestyle is more than about active living; it's also about giving. And we have a great giving opportunity this fall as we host a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) packing event at HealthEast Sports Center Oct. 4-7. We are partnering with FMSC to bring together individuals and community groups of all kinds to pack five million meals, supporting worldwide hunger and the local emergency food shelf. Registration for packing times will begin later this summer at fivemillionmeals.org.

The city partnered in the Woodbury Thrives and FMSC because we understood the positive impact bringing these groups together would have on our community. It also fits one of our goals: to continue fostering an inclusive and welcoming community.

I'm grateful for our community's commitment to active, healthy lifestyles and I'm looking forward to seeing you out and about this summer.

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Woodbury Drive and Bailey Road as detour route. After the Pioneer Drive extension is completed, the second phase of construction detour will change to Pioneer Drive, Bailey Road and Woodbury Drive.

2018 neighborhood roadway rehabilitation (Eagle Valley and Wedgewood neighborhoods; City Centre Drive commercial area) – city project

Approximately 1,700 property owners and 19 miles of roadway – will be impacted by the 2018 Roadway Rehabilitation Project. The property owners impacted by the neighborhood projects were first notified last summer and several neighborhood meetings about the project have taken place since last August. All roadways within the residential project areas will be resurfaced. Improvements also include spot curb and gutter repairs; minor sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water system repairs; spot trail repairs; and stormwater quality improvements. The residential roadways will remain open during construction.

As for the City Centre Drive commercial area near Radio Drive and Valley Creek Road, the project will narrow the street to a 42-foot-wide, three-lane commercial roadway with a continuous center left-turn lane. The existing 8-foot-wide trail will be replaced and widened to 10 feet. The project also will include minor utility work to the existing sanitary sewer, main water pipe and storm sewer. In addition, a new traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Valley Creek Road and City Centre Drive. Temporary intersection closures are expected at the intersection to allow for construction of the improvements.

Updates will be posted on the city's website and sent via the city's InTouch email notification system. Work will start as early as weather permits, likely in May, and continue through October.

Reduce speed in work zones

As construction proceeds, motorists should expect delays, especially during rush hours, and use the posted detours when applicable. Whenever possible, drivers should use an alternate route. Please always be patient and cautious

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Water wisely this summer: Understand watering rules and water rate changes

Residents are strongly encouraged to conserve water when irrigating their lawns this summer. Woodbury city code restricts both the day and time that you can water your lawn. Remember:

- Lawn watering is prohibited between noon and 5 p.m. every day of the week.
- Watering is allowed before noon and after 5 p.m. on an odd/even schedule. This means that residents with addresses ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, etc.) may water their lawn on even-numbered calendar days. Likewise, those with addresses ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, etc.) may only sprinkle lawns on odd-numbered calendar days.
- City Code and State Statute requires all irrigation systems have one of the following in working condition: rain sensor, soil-moisture sensor or a WaterSense-certified smart controller. WaterSense controllers connect to your home's WiFi and uses online weather information to reduce water use by at least 20 percent without drying out your landscape. Visit woodburymn.gov/smartirrigation to obtain a smart controller through the city at a discounted rate (pending availability).
- Water only if needed. For older irrigation systems that cannot be programmed to meet the restrictions or consider rain patterns,

use the system's manual operation to turn the system on and off, as needed. Consider replacing a clock-based timer with a WaterSense certified smart controller.

The city's lawn watering policy is in effect year-round and citations are issued for violations; first-time offenders are not exempt.

Special watering permits can be obtained for newly-placed sod and seed. Contact Public Works at (651) 714-3720 or publicworks@woodburymn.gov for information.

New water rates

As residents, homeowners associations and businesses start up their irrigation systems this spring, they should remember that water rates have increased and water usage tiers have changed.

The following changes were made:

- The residential base water rate increased and the residential water usage rate tiers changed (see chart).
- An irrigation rate change for commercial and homeowner association properties is now in effect, changing the rate from \$2.32 to \$2.53 per thousand gallons based on the five-step increase plan approved by the City Council in 2016 (three more steps will be implemented in the next three years).

"We've been responsible in managing our utility rates," explained Klayton Eckles, the city's Engineering and Public Works Director. "This is the first water rate increase in a decade. Even with these changes, our water rates remain among the lowest when stacked up against our comparable cities in the metro area."

Eckles added the rate increases were necessary to support a new strategy for paying for major water and sewer infrastructure improvements. (View details in November/December 2017 edition of City Update at woodburymn.gov.)

Water usage tiers

Rates are calculated per one thousand gallons per quarter

Tier 1

Previous: 88 cents / 1,000-30,000
Current: \$1.25 / 1,000-25,000

Tier 2

Previous: \$1.88 / 30,001-60,000
Current: \$2.25 / 25,001-50,000

Tier 3

Previous: \$2.88 / 60,001-90,000
Current: \$3.25 / 50,001-75,000

Tier 4

Previous: \$3.88 / 90,001-150,000
Current: \$4.25 / 75,001-100,000

Tier 5

Previous: \$4.88 / more than 150,000
Current: \$5.25 / more than 100,000

Utility bill comparison (per quarter)

Previous bills	23,000 gallons (Tier 1 rate)	125,000 gallons (Tier 4 rate)
Administrative Charge	\$4.00	\$4.00
Water usage total	\$20.24	\$305.00
Other utilities*	\$86.59	\$86.59
Total**	\$110.83	\$395.59
Current bills	23,000 gallons (Tier 1 rate)	125,000 gallons (Tier 5 rate)
Administrative Charge	\$4.00	\$4.00
Water usage total	\$28.75	\$406.25
Other utilities*	\$92.07	\$92.07
Total **	\$124.82	\$502.32

* Includes sanitary sewer and stormwater charges.

** Street lighting charge and water testing fee collected by state are not reflected in the examples but are included on quarterly utility bills. These fees did not change for 2018.

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when passing through work zones.

Road closure notices

If you'd like to receive email notices of city road closures, sign up for the "road closure advisory" list in the city's InTouch email notification system. Just go to the Woodbury website (woodburymn.gov) and select the InTouch logo at the top of the home page.

Project information, including construction phasing maps, also are available on the city's website. Under the "Community" menu at the top of the page, select "Road Construction."

If you have questions about any of the road projects above, contact the Engineering Division at (651) 714-3593 or engineering@woodburymn.gov.

Swing into spring at Eagle Valley Golf Course

Think your golf game has reached its pinnacle? Don't give up hope yet! Turn those bogeys into birdies by sharpening your golf skills at Eagle Valley Golf Course, which is expected to open in mid-April. Eagle Valley offers something for everyone:

- The Royal Club is \$95 per person for residents, \$115 for non-residents.
- The unlimited walking season pass is \$1,500, plus tax.
- Golf lessons with Eagle Valley's own PGA professionals start April 23.

To reserve your tee time, register for lessons or learn more, visit eaglevalleygc.com or call the golf shop at (651) 714-3750.



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Election judges needed

More than 300 election judges are needed to staff polling locations throughout Woodbury during the 2018 primary (Aug. 14) and general (Nov. 6) elections. Election judges and election judge trainees are the officials who staff polling locations and ensure the rights of voters are protected on Election Day. Election judges must be:

- A U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in Minnesota and at least 18 years old
- Able to read, write and speak English and complete a two-hour training session

Election judge trainees must be at least 16 years old and in good standing at school. Applications are available on the Washington County website at www.co.washington.mn.us (search "Election judge application"). For additional information, contact electionjudges@co.washington.mn.us or (651) 430-6790.

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KSTP-TV's Bill Lunn will give May 28 Memorial Day address

Woodbury VFW Post 9024 and the Woodbury American Legion Post 501 are hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony Monday, May 28. The special service, held annually to honor service men and women, will begin at 11 a.m. at the Woodbury Veterans Memorial on the City Hall campus.

Mayor Mary Giuliani Stephens will present the welcoming remarks. Bill Lunn, a veterans/military reporter with KSTP-TV Channel 5, will give the Memorial Day address. Lunn will honor 3rd Ranger Battalion Cpl. Ben Kopp, who lost his life serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Cpl. Kopp was credited with saving the lives of six of his fellow rangers on the battlefield.

Color guards from the Woodbury High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Patriotic Heritage Allegiant Honor Guard and

Woodbury Boy Scout Troop 559 will lead the Woodbury American Legion/VFW Rifle Squad to the Veterans Memorial.

Following the program, Culver's of Woodbury will serve free frozen custard to everyone in attendance.

Recognize service members with paver

Engraved pavers are available for purchase from the Veterans Memorial Council. The pavers cost \$300 each and help fund the initial construction and ongoing maintenance of the Woodbury Veterans Memorial site. Additional options for engraving include benches (\$1,500), flag pole bases (\$5,000 for the U.S. flag and \$3,500 for other flags) and planters (\$2,500). Installment options are available. Donations and paver purchases are tax deductible.

Paver orders placed by May 14 will be installed and engraved in time for the Memorial Day Ceremony May 28.

If you are interested in purchasing a paver or would like more information, visit woodburylionsvetmem.org or call Bruce Nettleton at (651) 325-5643 or John Martin at (651) 592-2951.

Event parking

The Veterans Memorial is located just east of the Woodbury City Hall, 8301 Valley Creek Road. Parking is available at Woodbury City Hall and additional parking is available at the Woodbury Public Safety Building, 2100 Radio Drive, and the Washington County License Center, 2150 Radio Drive. The Public Safety Building and license center parking lots can be accessed off Central Park Place, just south of Valley Creek Road, on the west side of Radio Drive. It is a short



walk via paved trail to the Veterans Memorial from these locations. Please note: parking at the Public Safety Building will be restricted to the lot directly in front of the building only. Patrons should not park in the lot behind on the building or on the north end of the building, as these spots are reserved for emergency personnel only.

In case of inclement weather, the Memorial Day observance will be relocated to the Education Room at the Public Safety Building.