

Woodbury City Update

June 2017 • Volume 18, No. 5



Fun and fireworks planned on Fourth of July

Fireworks, live musical entertainment, concessions and family activities will come alive at HealthEast Sports Center (HSC) Tuesday, July 4, for the annual Fourth of July Celebration.

This year, in recognition of the city's 50th birthday, a second musical performer has been added to the slate.

Thrillbillies, an up-tempo, primarily country music cover band, will first hit the stage at 6:30 p.m. They will be followed by Nicholas David, the dynamic multi-talented singer/songwriter who appeared on NBC's The Voice, at 8:30 p.m.

Outdoor concessions will be available at 6 p.m.

HSC will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. to host open skating for \$4 per person and an additional \$3 for skate rental (special holiday rate). The field house will be open for free drop-in play and walk/run activities. Concessions will be available for purchase. Outside, families are always welcome at Madison's Place playground and the free outdoor splash pad (open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.).

The traditional fireworks display, co-sponsored by City & County Credit Union, kicks off at 10 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to arrive early, and

bring lawn chairs and blankets. Be sure to check out the bounce houses and obstacle course in the Kids' Zone sponsored by A.J. Alberts Plumbing!

The Fourth of July festivities will take place rain or shine.

Parking

HSC is located south of Bailey Road and east of Radio Drive, adjacent to East Ridge High School. Motorists are encouraged to park in the HSC and East Ridge High School parking lots. Pedestrians should utilize all crosswalks. No parking will be allowed along Bailey Road and Radio Drive.

The traffic plan for the event will be published on the city's website at woodburymn.gov, announced via the InTouch email notification system, and on the city's Facebook page (facebook.com/WoodburyMinnesota) and Twitter (@CityofWoodbury and @HealthEastSport) accounts.

Food vendors needed

Applications are being accepted until noon on Friday, June 16, from food vendors interested in participating in the Fourth of July celebration. For more information or to obtain a vending application, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (651) 714-3583.

Woodbury's 2016 Drinking Water Report now available online

Woodbury's drinking water is monitored regularly for contaminants, in accordance with federal and state laws.

To advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources, the monitoring results are published each spring in the city's annual Drinking Water Report.

The 2016 water quality report, which includes information on the monitoring done on Woodbury drinking water between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2016, is now available on the city's website at woodburymn.gov/waterqualityreport.

We are proud to report that no contaminants were detected at levels that violated state and federal drinking water standards.

Please review the report and, if you have questions, contact Jim Westerman, utilities superintendent, at (651) 714-3720.

If you don't have internet access, you can obtain a paper copy by calling Public Works at (651) 714-3720.



MDH updates protective guidance levels for two PFCs

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) announced May 23 updates to its protective guidance level for two specific perfluoroochemicals (PFCs) found in Woodbury wells. The new health-based advisory values, based

Continued page 2

Fourth of July celebration activities

HealthEast Sports Center, 4125 Radio Drive

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 9 a.m.-9 p.m. | Outdoor splash pad water feature and Madison's Place playground open on the south side of HSC field house |
| 11 a.m.-7 p.m. | HSC open for indoor concessions, paid open skating and free open field house time |
| 6 p.m. | Outdoor concessions available |
| 6 p.m. | Kids' Zone bounce houses and obstacle course sponsored by A.J. Alberts Plumbing |
| 6:30 p.m. | Musical entertainment by Thrillbillies |
| 8:30 p.m. | Musical entertainment by Nicholas David |
| 10 p.m. | Traditional fireworks display co-sponsored by City & County Credit Union |

Council Perspective

By Mayor Mary Giuliani Stephens

HealthEast is new naming rights partner at Bielenberg Sports Center

You may have heard that HealthEast is the new named sponsor of Bielenberg Sports Center. The facility has a new name: HealthEast Sports Center. I want to tell you more about this unique partnership and what it means for the city.

HealthEast has been in our backyard for years and the city has benefited greatly from their presence. They are the largest private employer in the community, operating Woodwinds Hospital and two clinics in the city. After the hospital opened in 2000, other health care services followed. Today, we are a health care destination for the entire East Metro and Western Wisconsin. We have more than 1 million square feet of medical office space and that number continues to grow. It's no wonder why we were dubbed last year as "Health care's new favorite suburb" by the Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal.

In addition to helping drive health care services to our community, HealthEast shares similar goals with the sports center. HealthEast wants to improve the health of their communities and promote active lifestyles. The sports center is the East Metro's premier showcase for healthy, active living with 36 outdoor athletic fields, a 90,000-square-foot indoor field house, two indoor ice arenas, Madison's Place playground and much more.

As part of the partnership, the city will receive more than \$126,000 annually for 14 years – approximately \$1.7 million total. At the end of the 14 years, HealthEast has the option of extending the agreement for an additional \$1.5 million spread over five years (more than \$307,000 per year).

In addition to naming rights, the agreement includes efforts by HealthEast to educate members of the community on a range of topics including health screenings and the importance of concussion baseline testing, all to promote long-term improvements in the health of Woodbury and surrounding communities.

This is a meaningful investment for HealthEast. Their patients have asked them to seek new ways to bring health and wellness to where they work and play – community gathering places like the sports center. It is a commitment to people of all ages and abilities and we are looking forward to the many exciting possibilities.

When we started exploring this partnership, we first spoke with the Bielenberg family because we wanted to be sure we had their support before moving forward. The facility was originally named after Orville Bielenberg, the city's first mayor who initially owned and farmed the property where the sports center sits today. The family is supportive of this change and we will continue

to honor their legacy within the sports center and in other areas of the city.

We worked with HealthEast to announce the potential partnership April 14. The City Council discussed the proposal at our April 19 workshop before approving the agreement at our April 26 meeting.

The city will continue operating the facility as a place where our community can gather for a broad range of civic events and activities. We already started changing the name on our website, social media accounts and in other communications materials. HealthEast will pay for and install signage above the main entry of the building this summer.

In the coming months, the City Council will hold discussions about how to leverage the new revenue to further initiatives that promote healthy, active lifestyles in the community. This will include a public comment period for residents to share their ideas. Details for how you can get involved will be available via the city's InTouch email notification system, posted on the website and distributed to local media.

We pride ourselves on working through partnerships to achieve the goals of the community and this is a great example of a partnership meant to bring out the best in everyone.

Drinking Water Report...from page 1

on daily consumption over a lifetime, for PFOS and PFOA are now 27 and 35 parts per trillion (previously 300 parts per trillion).

Of Woodbury's 19 municipal wells, water from four wells – based on the most current data – exceeds the new MDH recommendations for PFOA and PFOS. MDH indicates that by the time Woodbury water is reaching faucets, the amount of PFOA and PFOS is under the new health based advisory values and affirms the city's water is safe and reliable.

The city has taken additional precautionary steps by making operational changes that reduce use of the four impacted wells.



"The city's highest priority is the health and safety of our residents," said Klayton Eckles, Public Works and Engineering director. "We will continue working with the MDH to monitor, assess and determine if additional sampling and monitoring of the city's potable water supply is necessary."

MDH has been monitoring City of Woodbury municipal wells for PFCs since the early 2000s. Details about the history of PFCs in Woodbury wells and testing results through 2016 are available on the city's website at woodburymn.gov. Additional resources are available on the MDH and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency websites.

Residents who have questions about their private water supply well and whether it is impacted by this change should contact the MDH.

The Woodbury newsletter is published 10 times per year by the City of Woodbury and mailed to all residents and businesses. Send comments to: Woodbury City Hall, 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, MN 55125-3330. Phone: (651) 714-3500. Email: jason.egerstrom@woodburymn.gov.

Mayor: Mary Giuliani Stephens. **Council Members:** Christopher Burns, Andrea Date, Julie Ohs, Amy Scoggins. City Administrator: Clinton Gridley. Communications Coordinator: Jason Egerstrom.

The City of Woodbury is subject to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with the act, the Woodbury newsletter is available in other formats. Call Jason Egerstrom, (651) 714-3500; TDD: (651) 714-3568.

Use water wisely this summer

The city's lawn watering ordinance allows lawn sprinkling on an odd/even schedule (only before noon and after 5 p.m.); however, that doesn't mean you need to water that frequently. To keep your lawn green, it only needs 1 inch of water per week, including rainfall.

When it is time to sprinkle, homeowners should know how to operate their irrigation systems, including how to adjust various sprinkler settings. Here are a few tips:

1. Turn the system's automatic function off. Adjust the controls manually when it needs water. If you have a WaterSense certified controller, see "Smart irrigation program for homeowners" below.
2. If you notice an area of your yard needs more water, change the setting on that zone or adjust the sprinkler heads watering that specific area.
3. Consider using low-volume, low-angle heads. Adjust heads so the water is delivered as close to the turf as possible. This minimizes water lost to evaporation.
4. Observe your system in action. Adjust nozzles and irrigation duration as needed to ensure most efficient use of water possible. Make sure water is not sprinkling impervious surfaces such as sidewalks, roadways and driveways.

Smart irrigation program for homeowners

The city, in partnership with the Minnesota Technical Assistance Program, South Washington Watershed District and Hunter



Industries, has distributed 415 Water Sense Certified "Smart" Irrigation Controllers to single-family homes with existing irrigation systems in 2016 and 2017.

"Smart" controllers automatically consider local weather data records and forecasts, through in-home WiFi, prior to turning on the sprinkler system each scheduled day. That means if it rained enough the day before or if rain is forecasted later in the scheduled watering day, the controller will automatically skip the scheduled morning watering.

Environmental Protection Agency certified "Smart" controllers save at least 20 percent of water used for irrigation. However, monitoring through the city's smart irrigation program has resulted in an average 49 percent water savings on irrigation for participating properties.

Thank you, homeowners, businesses and homeowners associations for participating in efficiency programs in 2016 and 2017; similar opportunities will be available in 2018. To receive early notification of future conservation opportunities, sign up for the city's InTouch email notification system (Sustainability and Environmental News and Events lists) at woodburymn.gov/intouch.



Trails, courts and playgrounds will be replaced as part of 2017 park project



The tennis and basketball courts at Fox Run Park in eastern Woodbury will be reconstructed and several segments of trails throughout the city will be replaced this summer as part of the 2017 parks maintenance project.

According to assistant parks supervisor Amy Howard, the courts at Fox Run Park are severely cracked, and the net and fence posts have heaved. They will be completely removed and reconstructed, reducing tennis to one court and changing its orientation to an east-west orientation. New basketball poles, backboards, and nets also will be installed in the park. The project, which began in May, is anticipated to be completed by late June.

Seasons Park also will receive upgrades this summer. A new 8-foot-wide trail will be installed to connect up to Seasons Parkway.

In addition, basketball enthusiasts will enjoy new basketball poles, backboards and nets coming to Ridge and Wedgewood parks. The basketball court in Wedgewood Park also will be repaved.

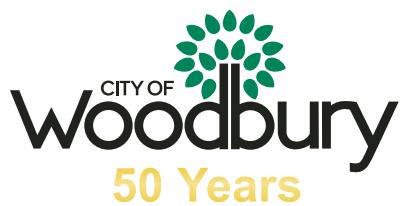
There also will be improvements made in Wedgewood Park as part of the 2017 Roadway Rehabilitation Project. Enhancements include parking lot reconstruction at the north side of the park along Williamsburg Parkway; replacement of trails from Woodbury Drive to the north side of the tennis courts; reconstruction of a small amount of trails on the far northwest area of park near Richmond Alcove; reconstruction of the trail along Alexandria Drive; and a substantial reconstruction of a stormwater pond near the ball field.

New playgrounds

In addition, the playgrounds in Evergreen West and Lakeview Knolls North parks will be replaced as part of the 2017 parks project. The original playgrounds in both parks were removed earlier this year by Kids Around the World, a nonprofit group that refurbishes playgrounds and installs them in other countries around the world. The new playgrounds are anticipated to be installed by the end of July.

New parks signage and kiosks

Park users also may notice new entrance signage and kiosks installed in some of our parks this summer. Eventually, all parks will have new entrance signs in addition to navigational signage and distance markers for some of the city's most popular trails like the loop around Colby Lake.



8301 Valley Creek Road
Woodbury, MN 55125-3330

ECRWSS
PRST STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Twin Cities, MN
Permit No. 1573



Fourth of July
celebration

Page 1

Water wisely this
summer

Page 3

New trails, courts
and playgrounds

Page 3

Register now for summer fun!

Looking for fun summer adventures? Woodbury Parks and Recreation is offering a number of cool summer recreation programs and special events for all ages. Registration is now under way.

For details about program offerings, or to register, visit woodburyrecreation.com, or call Woodbury Parks and Recreation at (651) 714-3583.

Postal Patron
Woodbury, MN

Woodbury City Update

June 2017 • Volume 18, No. 5

Catch some fun in the sun

Madison's Place, splash pad and beach open for summer!

Looking for fun summertime outings? Check out these popular outdoor amenities!

sun-shade covered play decks, swings, sensory play equipment and ramps for wheelchair access and much more!

Dana Millington, who founded the Madison Claire Foundation to raise funds for the playground, explained Madison's Place is designed to provide an experience for children of all abilities to play together.

"Sometimes it may be difficult to see or understand if a child using the playground has a cognitive-invisible disability such as autism," Millington explained. "Invisible disabilities are those that are not immediately apparent and you may mistake them as misbehavior. Madison's Place offers some features for these children to use as part of their therapy. For many families, Madison's Place is the only

playground that their child can utilize and access."

Millington encourages playground users to be patient and talk with other parents to better understand how children play at Madison's Place.

"Most parents will be delighted to talk to you about their child and will share some insight about certain behaviors related to a disability," Millington added.

Carver Lake Beach

Looking for more water fun? Check out Carver Lake Beach in Carver Lake Park at 3175 Century Avenue South. The park is a 150-acre natural resource based park that includes woods, steep lakeshore bluffs, and a 40-acre deep lake. Facilities include



a swimming beach, large group picnic shelter, picnic area, and playground. Carver Lake Beach is an unguarded beach – no lifeguard is on duty. Swim at your own risk. Park guests are allowed to swim from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.