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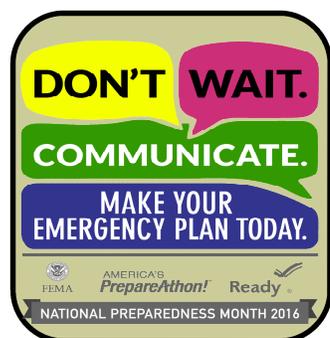
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General Election Information

Come out and vote on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**. The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 8:00 p.m. City of Wabasha polling places are located at:
Ward 1: Fire Station 113 Hiawatha Dr. W;
Ward 2: City Hall 900 Hiawatha Drive East;
Ward 3: Maple Grove Apartments 713 6th Street West (Community Room)



City of Wabasha Library News

Upcoming Events at the Wabasha Public Library

Teens Creative Bookends Project, Saturdays, October 8th and 15th 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Tween Book Club, Thursday, October 13th 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Beginner's Email Class for Seniors, Tuesday, October 18th, 9 a.m.

YAH (Young at Heart) Book Club, Wednesday, October 19th at 6 p.m.

Harry Potter Halloween Party, Saturday, October 22nd, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Minnesota's Spirits: Stories, Tales, and Legends from Local Haunted Places, Monday, October 24th, 6:30 p.m. All programs are free and will take place at the Wabasha Public Library. Contact the Library at 651-565-3927 for more information.

Winter Season Preparedness

Vehicles

- Ensure vehicle fuel remains at or above ¼ tank;
- Replace summer windshield washer fluid with winter rated type;
- Ensure vehicle is in good repair before departing;
- Consider keeping blankets, extra clothing, drinking water and non-perishable foods in vehicle;
- Check for weather conditions and updates prior to departure;
- Identify alternate routes to and from destinations.

Work

- Discuss workplace winter plans with employer;
- Consider keeping blankets, extra clothing, drinking water and non-perishable foods in go-kit;
- Identify alternate travel routes to and from work and refuge locations.

Residence

- Stock enough drinking water and non-perishable food to support each person for at least three (3) days;
- Discuss with your Doctor the ability to obtain overlap of medications;
- Ensure heaters are working properly;
- Replace/check batteries in smoke detectors;
- Obtain flashlights, batteries, and a battery powered radio;
- Never operate grills or grills inside;
- Coordinate with neighbors for mutual aid.

Planning/Zoning

The City of Wabasha recently adopted a new Building Permit Fee Schedule, but contrary to the trend, the fees have been reduced by over 30%. The previous long standing building permit fee schedule dates back to 2004. The City hopes this change will increase the number of new homes in Wabasha in the future.

Fall Maintenance Tips

Regularly clean gutters and downspouts. Make sure all drainage areas are unblocked by leaves and debris. Consider installing gutter guards to make the job a lot easier. Low humidity and cooler (not yet cold) temperatures make fall a good time to paint the exterior of your home.

Inspect your roof, or hire a licensed professional to examine your roof for wear and tear. If the shingles are curling, buckling or crackling, replace them. If you have a lot of damage, it's time to replace the entire roof, don't forget your building permit!

Each fall, check carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms and put in fresh batteries.

Water/Sewer

Leaks. Just a slow drip wastes water

Fix leaky faucets immediately. A leaking faucet that drips at a rate of one small drip per second can waste more than 3000 gallons per year.

It is important for each of us to save water, every day. According to the MRWA, repairing all leaky faucets promptly can help with water conservation and can easily save homeowners up to 10% on water bills.

Halloween Safety Tips

- Always have a responsible adult with small children
- Only visit well lit homes
- Do not go inside any homes
- Carry a Flashlight
- When driving use caution and pay special attention to children crossing the street.
- Keep pets secure inside

The Public Works Department would like to remind everyone not to blow your grass clippings or leaves into the street. Please use the compost site provided for city residents.

A Word From the Mayor

Recently I read a short memo on communication that I would like to share: When in conversation pass your words through three gates before you speak.

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it important?
3. Is it kind?

Whether at home, the office, or shopping anywhere in Wabasha, I believe recognizing these three gates can help create friendlier conversations.