

Sights & Sounds

CITY OF WILLMAR ONLINE NEWSLETTER



New Wastewater Treatment Facility Opens!

Six weeks ahead of schedule and projected to be \$3 million under budget, the City's new Wastewater Treatment Facility became fully operational on August 23, 2010 after a seven-day test run. The twenty-building site celebrated its Ceremonial Open-House on Friday, October 22 and included visits from DEED commissioner Dan McElroy, Congressman Collin Peterson, and Senator Amy Klobuchar. Over the two years the project was constructed, more than 40 local businesses were involved and an estimated total of 250,000 hours of labor were performed. During peak construction, more than 100 workers were on-site. The final phase of the program will be the decommissioning of the existing wastewater treatment facility which is scheduled to be completed by summer 2011. This includes building removal and renovation and grading for a stormwater retention pond. See more information, pictures and video at our website www.willmar.mn/wwtf.



PUBLIC MEETINGS

11/1	City Council
11/8	Finance Cmte
11/9	PW/PS Cmte
11/10	Planning Cmsn
11/11	Develop. Cmte
11/15	City Council
11/22	Finance Cmte
11/23	PW/PS Cmte
11/24	Planning Cmsn
11/25	Develop. Cmte



Snow Season is Coming!



Parking Reminders

- ◆ Vehicles parked on a public street must be moved every 48 hours.
- ◆ Certain roads have no parking November through April. Watch for signs!
- ◆ Snow Emergencies affect the downtown business district and other city streets. Listen to local radio or sign-up for email notifications at www.willmar.mn for details.
- ◆ Downtown streets and avenues have alternating parking bans between 2am and 6am. See signs for details.

Snow Removal Reminders

- ◆ Snow and ice must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours of each snowfall.
- ◆ No snow from sidewalks, driveways or other private property may be blown or pushed onto public streets (except downtown sidewalks).
- ◆ People living near fire hydrants should have a plan for removing snow from around them. This helps your neighborhood receive faster response times should a fire break out.
- ◆ See www.willmar.mn/snow for the City's Snow and Ice Policies.

NOTICE

The City Brush Site's last day will be Saturday, November 20. The Site is open Monday, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 9a to 6p.

CIVIC CENTER EVENTS

Sundays 6:30-8p	Open Skating
Sundays 8:15-9:45p	Leisure Time Hockey
Saturdays 5-9pm	Open Curling
11/13 2-5pm	Curling Open House

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Ride For The Trails



The first annual Ride for the Trails bicycle event was held on September 18th 2010. The event was organized by staff of Willmar Community Education and Recreation. The event had just over 100 registered participants with 62 riders braving the cold weather that morning at Robbins Island. The event had three courses for participants to choose from ranging in distances of 5, 8.5, and 14 mile. After the ride participants received a ticket to the Dads Belgium Waffle Feed put on by the Willmar Noon Lions Club. Funds raised that day totaled \$3,400, which will go to help continue the process of developing/marketing the trail system within the City of Willmar. Major Sponsors of the event would include, Lakeland Broadcasting, Hanson Advertising, Charter Communications, TPI, Code Blue, West Central Tribune, and Willmar Noon Lions. WCER staff would like to thank the participants and sponsors for making this event so successful!

