

STILLWATER CITY NEWS

Fall 2026

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2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VISIONING SURVEY

The City of Stillwater is beginning the visioning process of updating its Comprehensive Plan for the year 2050. Comprehensive plan updates are required every ten years by Minnesota state law to help coordinate regional planning and growth in land use, water, regional parks and trails, housing, and transportation. Stillwater's current plan was last updated in 2019.

Information for the plan is developed through broad community engagement and collaboration with the City Council, a project advisory committee, Boards and Commissions, and City staff. An important element of the plan is the exercise to define what the community wants to become so that the document can serve as a tool to guide the community's future. This process is commonly known as "visioning" and helps set the overarching direction of the plan.



Residents, business owners, and even visitors are encouraged to visit the project website to complete a community survey: us.maptionnaire.com/p/2050stillwater.

Or, the site can be reached with the QR code above.

An additional activity for providing input is an interactive map that allows users to identify specific places, features, or neighborhoods that should be recognized for preservation or should be targeted for future improvement.

Participants are also encouraged to create their own Wikipedia entry for Stillwater in the year 2050. Visit the project website to down-



load a fillable form and return it to the Community Development Department. Entries from this exercise will be used to enhance the final plan document.

In addition to the online survey and map, staff will be attending various community events this fall sharing handouts promoting the Comprehensive Plan update. Look for our table and stop by to ask questions during these events:

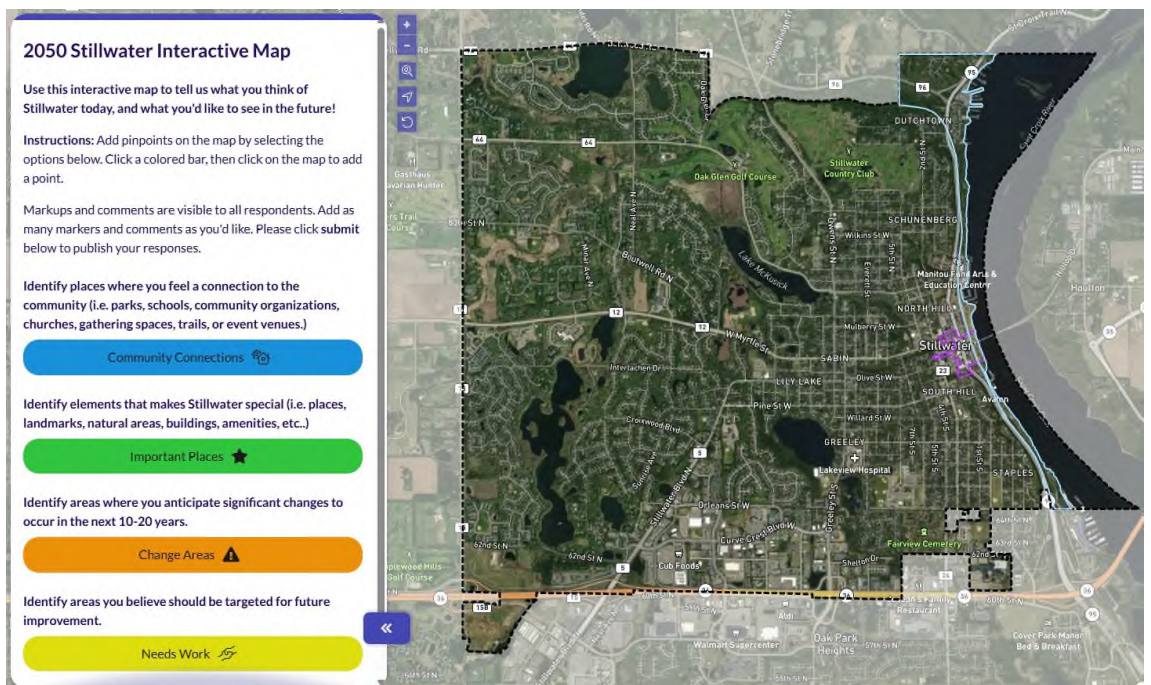
Saturday, Sep 19 – Farmers Market, 7:30 am to noon

Saturday, Oct 3 – Rivertown Art Festival, 10 am to 3 pm

Saturday, Oct 10 – Harvest Fest, 10 am to 3 pm

Thursday, Oct 29 – Stillwater Public Works Department
Trunk or Treat, 3 pm to 7 pm

**Or Join us for an Open House at Stillwater City Hall
on October 19 from 5 pm to 7:30 pm.**



IT'S ELECTION TIME!

The General Election is November 3, 2026. Here is some helpful information to prepare for Election Day and make sure you're ready to cast your ballot.

Stillwater Polling Sites

Visit pollfinder.sos.mn.gov webpage to find where to vote or call City Hall. Polling places are open from 7 am to 8 pm on election day.

W1 P1 St. Paul Lutheran Church
609 5th St S

W2 P2 Trinity Lutheran Church
115 4th St N

W3 P3 Stillwater Evangelical Free Church
7671 Manning Ave N

W4 P4 Our Saviors Lutheran Church
1616 Olive St W



Register to Vote

Visit mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/VoterRegistration/index webpage to register to vote online. You can also register or update your registration when you vote at your polling place on Election Day or at an early voting location like Washington County Government Center.

Vote Early In Person

You can cast an absentee ballot at the Washington County Government Center starting June 26 for Primary Election and starting September 18 for General Election. Hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday.

Vote Early By Mail

To request a paper application be mailed to you, apply online at mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/abrequest/index or call Washington County Elections at 651-430-6790. Absentee ballots are not accepted at polling sites or City Hall.

Track Your Ballot

Track the status of your absentee ballot and confirm that it was received and counted online at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus

Sunrise Park → County Rd 5

This fall a trail connection will be constructed from Sunrise Park to Stillwater Boulevard (County Road 5). The city received a grant to help fund this project from the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) and Living Healthy Washington County to implement or expand physical activity opportunities in municipalities of Washington County.



ODD/EVEN WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

From 12:01 am November 1, through midnight April 1 vehicles must follow the odd/even parking schedule to help ensure streets remain accessible for snow-plowing and winter maintenance:

- **On odd-numbered calendar days:** Park on the **odd-numbered side of the street.**
- **On even-numbered calendar days:** Park on the **even-numbered side of the street.**

Between the hours of 7:00 pm to midnight you must move your vehicle to the side of the street where parking is allowed for the next day.



During and after snow events, additional parking restrictions may be posted or announced to allow snowplows and other emergency and maintenance vehicles to safely access city streets. Any questions regarding enforcement, contact the Stillwater Police Department (651) 351-4900.

HOW PET WASTE AFFECTS MORE THAN JUST YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBOR

Minnesota has over 10,000 lakes, over 6,000 rivers and streams, 81 major surface water watersheds, and 8 major river basins. How we use and misuse the land affects the quality of water of those downstream of us.

Pet waste is a leading source of nutrient and bacteria pollution in urban streams and waterways. With over half of all Minnesota residents owning a pet, misuse and improper disposal of their waste not only affects you and your neighbor, but those around us and downstream of us. So when nature calls, remind yourself to:

- Pick up the poop, every time, everywhere.
- Bag it and toss it, it's required!
- Check out your local pet waste ordinance.



STILLWATER HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD HONORS COMMUNITY RESPONSE



The Stillwater Human Rights Commission is proud to recognize Stillwater Area High School (SAHS) students and staff and the Valley Outreach Team as recipients of the 2026 Stillwater Human Rights Award for their compassionate and collaborative response to community needs during Operation Metro Surge.

During a time when local residents and families faced increased food insecurity, financial hardship, fear surrounding ICE enforcement, and other challenges, SAHS students saw a need and responded. Their efforts grew into a broader community response involving school staff, churches, donors, volunteers, and community organizations to.

Cornelius Rish, who is a Social Studies teacher, coach, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Specialist and Cultural Liaison at SAHS, provided leadership and mentorship to students and fellow staff, helping turn their desire to help into meaningful action. The students organized efforts, engage others, gather resources, and provided support to local families.



Tracy Maki and the Valley Outreach Team provided a hands-on response connecting individuals and families with food, hygiene products, household essentials, clothing, and other necessities and resources. Their work helped ensure that those facing difficult circumstances had somewhere to turn for assistance and were treated with dignity and compassion.

These efforts went above and beyond their everyday work and responsibilities.



The Stillwater Human Rights Award annually recognizes individuals, organizations or businesses that advance the principles of human rights in our community through dignity, equity, opportunity, compassion, and care for all people. Do you know an individual, group or organization making a positive difference in our community? Consider nominating them for a future Stillwater Human Rights Award! Nominations can be submitted by completing the nomination form available on the City's website.

Congratulations to the Stillwater Area High School students and staff and the Valley Outreach Team, and thank you for making a meaningful difference in the Stillwater community.



LIGHTS OUT: GIVING MIGRATING BIRDS A SAFER PASSAGE

Every spring and fall, billions of birds migrate at night across North America, navigating by moon and stars. Bright city lights can disorient them, leading to exhaustion or deadly collisions with buildings. In the U.S., window strikes kill over a billion birds annually, making light and glass major threats.

Audubon's Lights Out program asks buildings and residents to reduce nighttime lighting during peak migration (August 15–November 15), especially 11 pm–6 am.

Turning off unnecessary interior and decorative lights, closing blinds, and directing outdoor lights downward helps keep skies dark and safe. Studies show these steps significantly reduce bird deaths. In Minnesota along the Mississippi flyway, the program offers a simple but powerful way to protect migrating birds.



SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAYOFF

Did you know you may be able to save on future interest costs by paying down or paying off your special assessment early?

If you are currently paying a special assessment annually through your property tax bill, you have the option to pay the remaining balance in full or make an additional payment towards the principal. Reducing the balance can lower the amount of interest you pay over the remaining term of the assessment.

Interest rates on special assessments currently range from 2.55% to 5.07% per year with repayment terms ranging from 3 to 15 years depending on the assessment.

To reduce or eliminate the assessment on your 2027 property tax bill, payments must be made directly to the City of Stillwater by November 15, 2026.

Not sure how much you have remaining on your assessment or what amount you would need to pay? Contact City Hall at 651-430-8813 for your current payoff amount. Paying a little more today could mean paying less in interest tomorrow!

The City Wants Your Input!

The City of Stillwater is committed to building a great community, and that starts with listening to the people who live, work, and play here.

We've partnered with Polco, an easy to use online platform, to gather your feedback on the services and opportunities that matter most.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS
Your opinions help shape decisions, stronger services, and a community we can all be proud of.

QUARTERLY SURVEYS
Just a few minutes!

BETTER DECISIONS, STRONGER COMMUNITY
Your feedback helps us plan for the future.

Scan to take survey!

Survey Opens October 1st!
POLCO.US/STILLWATER

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TOGETHER, WE MAKE STILLWATER BETTER

MNDOT NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

MnDOT is planning to reconstruct Stillwater's Main Street (Hwy 95) through downtown in approximately five years. While construction may be several years away, planning is underway. MnDOT is looking for your input on what improvements you would like to see along Main Street.

Your response is anonymous, so please be candid! The survey takes about 5 minutes to complete. Visit hdr.jotform.com/261545464996068 online to take the survey or use the QR code. Your input can help shape the future of Main Street in Downtown Stillwater!

Community Conversations

October 22nd
7:30am-9am
City Hall
216 4th St N
Stillwater, MN

An opportunity to connect with local leaders & stay informed with the latest community updates, local announcements, upcoming events, and important news

CATS!

Did you know the City has code with regard to owning cats? We do!

- Cats outdoors must be leashed and accompanied by a person capable of restraining the cat.
- Every cat needs to have a rabies vaccination.
- No more than 5 cats at one residence.
- Large cats such as jaguars, cougars, lions and tigers are prohibited.
- If your cat gets impounded, you must pay a fee and present any applicable documentation of ownership for the cat to be released back to you.

Photo of Eddie provided by Meletta Cran, Public Works & Engineering Admin. Assistant

What to Expect

- Trained auditor will conduct a home walkthrough or standard audit, based on your preference
- Evaluate and analyze your home's energy use
- Install energy saving materials
- Service fee required; improvements may require additional costs

HOME ENERGY SQUAD
Xcel Energy* CenterPoint Energy

STILLWATER ENERGY ACTION COMMISSION

You Could

- ✓ Improve energy efficiency
- ✓ Save on energy bills

Call Xcel Energy to schedule your home audit!

651-328-6220
homeenergysquadmn.com

Scan the QR Code to watch Mayor Kozlowski's Home Audit!

WATER EFFICIENCY REBATE

The City continues to offer rebates to Stillwater properties that are connected to the City water supply systems who replace their washing machines, toilets or their irrigation controller. Rebates are as follows:

- **Clothes Washers** - Rebate \$200 or 80% the cost of a new US DOE Energy Star labeled clothes washer.
- **Toilets** - Rebate up to \$100 or 80% of the cost of a new EPA WaterSense labeled toilet.
- **Smart Irrigation Controllers** - Rebate up to \$150 or 80% of the cost of a new US EPA WaterSense labeled smart controller.

Rebates are for replacement of existing devices and only for the cost of the device excluding sales tax and installation costs. Rebates show as a credit on your utility bill.

Complete an application online at stillwatermn.gov/waterrebate or call the Public Works Department at 651-275-4100 with any questions.

DOES YOUR HOME NEED ESSENTIAL REPAIRS?

Keeping a home safe and in good condition can become expensive, especially when an unexpected repair is needed. Leaky plumbing, electrical hazards, damaged doors or windows, a failing roof, or an aging heating system can quickly become more than an inconvenience. Left unaddressed, these issues may affect the safety, comfort, energy efficiency, and long-term condition of your home.

Eligible Washington County homeowners may qualify for low-interest financing from the Washington County Community Development Agency (CDA) to help complete necessary home repairs. Loans support health and safety repairs, accessibility improvements, weatherization, HVAC work, and other projects that improve a home's basic function. Flexible options are available for eligible homeowners, including owners of manufactured homes.

Flexible Options for Eligible Homeowners

The CDA administers two home improvement programs with different income guidelines.

The **Repair and Renovate Program** is available to homeowners earning up to 115% of the area median income and includes owners of manufactured homes.

The **Home Improvement Loan Program** serves households earning up to 80% of the area median income.



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Eligibility, loan amounts, and terms vary by program. These low- or no-interest loans require no monthly payments. The full loan amount is generally due when the home is sold, the homeowner moves out, or the mortgage is refinanced in a way that takes out equity.

Ready to take the next step? Not sure whether you qualify or if your repair is eligible? Learn more about the programs on the Washington County CDA website, or call 651-202-2820. A needed repair doesn't always have to wait—financial assistance may be available to help keep your home safe, comfortable, and in good condition.



STILLWATER DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

The Stillwater Community Development Department provides information on notable private developments throughout the city. The following highlights several projects in various stages of development. For additional information and current project details, visit the City's online development map at: maps.stillwatermn.gov.

Projects Under Construction

Chick-fil-A (2001 Washington Ave) – The new Chick-fil-A restaurant with a drive-thru is anticipated to open in October. The 5,218 square foot building has dual drive-thru lanes with site access via either Washington Avenue or Tower Drive. Exiting is directed onto Tower Drive to avoid congestion near the Hwy 36 interchange.

Amoco (103 Main St N) – The new Amoco building will soon be open downtown. The new convenience store is located to the east of the old building in place of the former fuel pumps and canopy. All site work should be wrapping up in this fall.

HealthPartners Lakeview Hospital (3000 Curve Crest Blvd) – 64 acres in the northeast corner of Hwy 36 and Manning Avenue is being developed for the new Lakeview Hospital. This 6-story, 400,000 square foot development will include an outpatient cancer center, a cardiac center, an orthopedics clinic, and urgent care services including an Emergency Room. Development of the site will preserve six acres of wetlands and will include 1.5 miles of trails with regional trail access. The clinic space has been enclosed and the steel framework for the hospital is almost complete. Target opening for patients is early 2028.

Brixton Townhomes (Manning Ave and Boutwell Rd) – The City has approved a 106-unit for-sale townhome development at the southeast corner of Manning Avenue and Boutwell Road. This development will include two-story structures in groups of 4 to 6 attached units. Vehicle access will be from 80th Street (Boutwell Road) and pedestrian/bicycle access will be provided to the trail along Manning Avenue. Over 50 percent of the site will be maintained as open space. Site work has begun and the initial phase of construction will take place over the winter. Complete build-out is not likely to conclude until 2028.

WASTE REDUCTION NEWS

OCTOBER MATTRESS CLEAN UP

Do you have a mattress or box spring that needs to be thrown away? Don't put it in your trash, instead, recycle it! Over 95% of your mattress is recyclable. The City of Stillwater, in partnership with Ramsey/Washington County Recycling & Energy and Second Chance Recycling, is offering free curbside pickup of mattresses, box springs and crib mattresses throughout the month of October. This program is only available to residents living within Stillwater city limits.

When: Pickups will be on Mondays and Wednesdays in October

Cost is FREE!

Schedule your pickup online with Second Chance Recycling, then set the items on the curbside on your scheduled day. Limit up to 4 mattresses per household. To avoid confusion, please schedule your pickup on a non-trash day. Visit secondchancerecyclingmn.com/curbside-collection-program/ to schedule your pickup.



WASTE MANAGEMENT ALERTS: STAY INFORMED



Want to receive service updates and delay notifications directly from Waste Management? Sign up for a My WM account to receive alerts by text or email. Scan the QR code or go online at wm.com/us/en/user/register to create an account and opt in for notifications.



If you need to schedule a service online and experience difficulties, Waste Management is currently updating its scheduling technology. To bypass the voice recognition program and speak directly with a representative, call customer service and say "agent" three times.

Autumn Yard Waste

Reminders:

Yard Waste (Grass clippings, leaves and small branches) is collected curbside by Waste Management from the week of April 15 thru November 30, weather permitting. Place curbside on your regular collection day. Yard Waste is part of your garbage fees. Please note: during peak season (spring or fall), collection may get delayed due to high volumes.

Helpful Tips:

- Place Yard Waste into cart provided by Waste Management
- If you still want to bag yard waste, you must use a compostable bag (paper or clear compostable bag)
- Place bags into the cart first and anything that can't fit in cart can be placed next to it. During peak season, collection of additional bags outside of cart may be delayed.
- Tree branches and brush must be less than 3" in diameter and 4' in length. Bundle them no larger than 4' x 2' and they must be under 40 pounds.
- No dirt, sod, rocks, gravel, trash, flower pots or lawn ornaments.



FALL FIX-IT CLINICS

These events are designed to promote the spirit of reuse, reduce unnecessary waste, and empower our community to

extend the lifespan of their belongings. Whether it's a malfunctioning toaster or a stubborn zipper, volunteers are ready to lend a hand. You must be able to carry items in – no oversized items. Some examples are sewing machines, toys, lamps, blenders, radios, and DVD players. For more information about Fix-It Clinics and other events, or to sign up to be a volunteer visit washingtoncountymn.gov/626/Recycling-and-Waste-Disposal website.

Saturday, October 3 | 10 am — 2 pm

R. H. Stafford Library
8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury, MN 55125
Last item accepted at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 7 | 10 am — 2 pm

Ravine Landing, Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park
9653 Keats Avenue South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016
Last item accepted at 1:30 p.m.

The Food Scraps Pickup Program offers residents a free and easy way to recycle food scraps from home. Items like fruit and vegetable peels, bones, trimmings, coffee grounds, nuts and shells, dairy products, eggs and eggshells, moldy or spoiled food can be included.

- Visit Washington County's [foodscrapspickup.com](https://www.washingtoncountync.gov/foodscrapspickup) webpage to sign up and receive a free supply of food scrap bags (do not use any other type of bags).
- Collect your food scraps in the designated bags.
- Tie a knot at the top of the bag to close and place in your regular trash cart for collection.

Resist the urge to place vacuumed or swept up contents into your organics recycling. Don't place paper towel or napkins that were used with chemicals nor any freezer boxes or other plastic bags. Just food!

A green food scrap bin with a recycling symbol and the words 'FOOD SCRAPS' is shown next to a white bucket filled with various food scraps like banana peels, vegetable scraps, and coffee grounds.

**FOOD SCRAP
COLLECTION BINS & TRIAL KITS**

AVAILABLE NOW!

AT STILLWATER CITY HALL!

**COLLECT
TODAY,
COMPOST
TOMORROW.**

-  Reduce waste at home
-  Keep food out of landfills
-  Support a greener future

FREE
BIN & TRIAL KIT!

Pick up your **free** food scrap bin or trial kit today!

 **STILLWATER CITY HALL**
216 4TH STREET N
STILLWATER, MN 55082



 Small steps. **Big impact.** | Thank you for composting! 

Event

**FREE
EVENT**



**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 5**



8:00 AM
TO 4:30 PM



Washington
County
MINNESOTA

SECURE TODAY. PROTECT TOMORROW.

In the six weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's, Americans make an extra million tons of trash per week. Much of the extra waste is from boxes, wrapping and tissue paper, ribbons, and bows.

-Christmas trees can be picked up curbside the first two weeks in January for mulch or compost. Flocking (fake spray snow) interrupts the ability to compost the tree.

-Holiday Lights are not recyclable nor safe to throw in the trash. Drop them off at a Washington County Environmental Center.

-The amount of discarded ribbon would tie a bow around the Earth, only fabric ribbon can be recycled. Tinsel and shiny or textured ribbons cannot be recycled.

-Wrapping paper must be either thrown in the trash or composted. Wrapping paper is usually blended or coated with materials like wax or plastic, the ink is mixed with clay to bring out the colors, or glitter may be used for enhancement. It is not recyclable!

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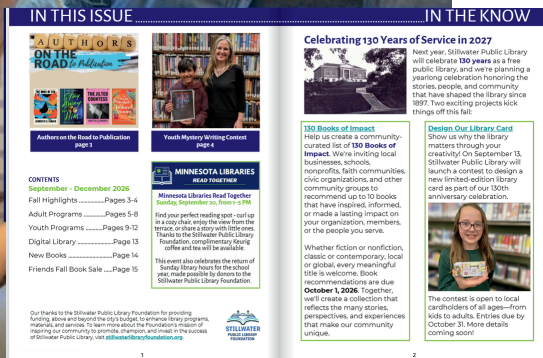
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SO MUCH TO DISCOVER THIS FALL

There's so much happening at Stillwater Public Library this fall that we've put it all in one place—our fall catalog—so you won't miss a thing! From engaging classes and creative workshops to author visits and a youth writing contest, there's truly something for everyone.

We've heard that you want to learn about library programs earlier, get more detailed descriptions, and have an easier way to find events based on your interests or age group. This online catalog delivers on all of that! It covers everything from September through December, so you can plan ahead, mark your calendar, and stay connected to your community.



Scan the QR code to browse the catalog or visit library.stillwatermn.gov. Sign up for your favorite events and share the link with a friend. With so much to do, explore, and learn, there's something for everyone this season at Stillwater Public Library!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
10 AM to 8 PM

Friday & Saturday
10 AM to 5 PM

Sundays
1 PM to 5 PM during the school
year from Sept. 13 - May 23



FALL BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Stillwater Public Library are hosting their annual fall used book donation drive and sale in November. Proceeds benefit the library and will enhance materials and programs. Cash or check only. Most items are priced at \$1-\$2. Help raise money for the library one book at a time!

Donate Your Books:

Saturday, Nov. 14, 10:30 AM-3 PM
Donate gently used books. Just pull into the library's parking ramp on Third Street.

None of the following items will be accepted: encyclopedias, magazines, Reader's Digest Books, textbooks, religious materials, National Geographic, videos, cassettes, books that are worn, stained, mildewed, or contain mold, handwriting, or highlighting.

Members Only Preview Sale*:

Wed., Nov. 18 5-7 PM

*Not a Friends member? Join at the door.

Open to the Public Sale:

Thu., Nov. 19 10:15 AM-7 PM
Fri., Nov. 20 10:15 AM-4:30 PM
Sat., Nov. 21 10:15 AM-4:30 PM
Bag sale all day on Saturday!



LIBRARY CARD CONTEST

Show your talent and creativity by designing a new limited-edition library card for Stillwater Public Library's 130th Anniversary. All ages are welcome to submit designs.

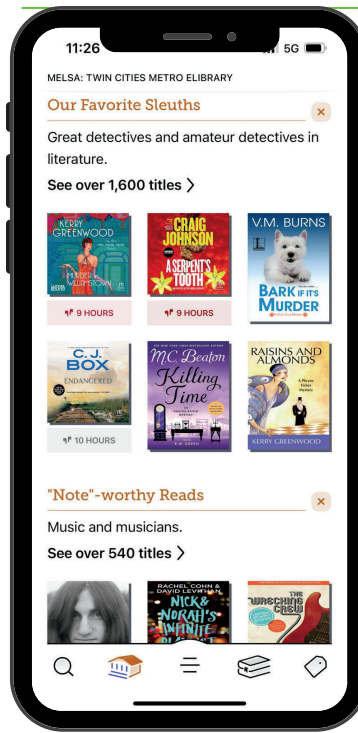
In 2027, Stillwater Public Library will celebrate its 130th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the library is holding a contest to create a new library card, set to debut in early 2027.

The contest is open to local cardholders of all ages, including kids, teens, and adults. If you don't have a library card, stop by the library or apply online.

Designs should highlight an aspect of the library or literacy, or reflect what the library means to you. Entries can be created by hand using colored pencils, markers, or paint, or designed digitally. Designs must be original (no AI-generated images) and previously unpublished.

Entry forms are available at the library or online at library.stillwatermn.gov/library-card-contest.

Entries are due October 31, 2026. We can't wait to see what you create!



READ. WATCH. LISTEN.

Enjoy digital books, audiobooks, magazines, and movies—all free with your library card.

Whether you're in the mood to read, watch, or listen, we have you covered. Use the Libby app to borrow eBooks, digital audiobooks, and eMagazines. Prefer to watch? Kanopy lets you stream movies, TV shows, documentaries, and more with your library card.

Explore our digital library at library.stillwatermn.gov/digital-library.

FEATURED FALL EVENTS

[A Holocaust Survivor Shares His Story \(Virtual\)](#)

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30-7:30 PM

Arrested in Denmark at age 8, Steen Metz shares his harrowing childhood experiences and survival in the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp. Registration required for this virtual event.

[Lullabies and Nightmares: Nordic Songs](#)

Monday, October 26, 6-7 PM

Step into a world where music carries both light and shadows with traditional Nordic songs played on the nyckelharpa. Program is funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Registration encouraged.

[Introduction to Stillwater Historic Building Research](#)

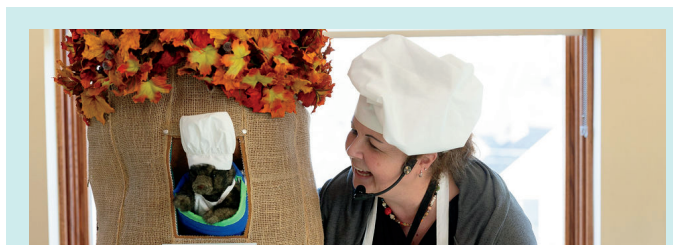
Wednesday, October 28, 6:30-7:30 PM

Get an introduction to historic building research with Stillwater's Heritage Preservation Commission Chair Matt Thueson. Registration encouraged.

[Free for All: The Public Library](#)

Thursday, November 12, 5-7:30 PM

Join us for a screening of the PBS documentary film *Free For All: The Public Library*. After the film, Stillwater Public Library Foundation Director Elsbeth Howe and Library Director Mark Troendle will host a conversation about the challenges and opportunities public libraries face and the future of library services in our community and beyond. Registration encouraged.



STORYTIMES

Baby & Toddler Storytime (ages 0-2)

Thursdays, Sept.-Nov. 12, 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytimes (ages 3-5)

Wednesdays, Sept.-Nov., 10:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Second Saturday Family Storytime

Second Saturday of the month, 10:30 AM

Stillwater Public Library * 224 3rd ST N Stillwater, MN 55082 * 651-275-4338 * library.stillwatermn.gov
Special thanks to Stillwater Public Library Foundation donors for funding ShelfLife.



STILLWATER

Public Safety Tips



988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE



The Stillwater Police Department Annual Toys For Tots campaign begins on Monday, November 23. You can drop off new, unwrapped toys at any of the following locations:

- Stillwater Police Department Lobby
- Stillwater City Hall Lobby
- Stillwater Public Library
- Papa John's Pizza – 1501 Stillwater Blvd
- Ace Hardware – 1662 Market Drive
- Nicolet Bank – 2270 Frontage Rd W.

Final day for toy drop off is Thursday, December 10 at Noon. Please help make this holiday season a bit brighter for a child in need. Thank you.

BRIGHTEN THE HOLIDAYS SAFELY

- ◆ Candles and festive decorations bring warmth to the season, but they can also be fire hazards.
- ◆ Consider flameless candles for a safer glow.
- ◆ If using real candles, keep them at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- ◆ Never leave candles unattended, and always blow them out before leaving the room or going to bed.
- ◆ Inspect holiday lights for frayed cords or broken bulbs.
- ◆ Water live trees daily and keep them away from heat sources.



Safe Charging Is a SUPERPOWER™

Stillwater Fire Department Fire Prevention Open House

October 10, 2026 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

250 Maryknoll Drive North
Stillwater, MN 55082



Firefighting Demonstrations, Blood Pressure Checks, Cub Pharmacy Flu Immunizations, Balloon Artistry, Toward Zero Death, Washington County, Stillwater Police Department, Stillwater Public Works, Refreshments, Door Prizes and much more.



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STAYING SAFE IN COLD WEATHER

Cold weather means furnaces, fireplaces and space heaters are working overtime. A few simple precautions can help keep your home warm and safe this winter.

Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from space heaters and other heat sources.

Have chimneys and fireplaces inspected and cleaned before use.

Never use an oven to heat your home.

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms, and test them regularly.

Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet rather than an extension cord or power strip.

Keep vents and exhaust pipes clear of snow and ice.

Taking a few precautions can help keep your home warm and safe all winter.





UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT- DEC 2026

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 3-4 Oct	RIVERTOWN ART FESTIVAL Arts, Crafts, Food & Music 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Lowell Park	VETERANS DAY OBSERVATION Honor those who have served our country 11:00 AM Stillwater Veterans Memorial	WEDNESDAY 11 Nov
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10-11 Oct	STILLWATER HARVEST FEST Giant Pumpkins, Music & Family Fun! 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Lowell Park	BORDER BATTLE TUG OF WAR Tug of War competition between Vikings and Packer fans! 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM Stillwater Lift Bridge	SUNDAY 15 Nov
EVERY WEEKEND IN OCTOBER	HAUNTED HISTORY TROLLEY TOUR Spooky stories on wheels 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM River Siren Brewery	FOX TROT THANKSGIVING 5K Kick off the holiday with a run and a clothing drive 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Stillwater North Hill	THURSDAY 26 Nov
SATURDAY 24 Oct	POLIO'S LAST MILE Walk a mile to support Rotary's fight to end Polio 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Stillwater Lift Bridge	HOMETOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS Celebrate the season with the annual tree lighting! 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Downtown Stillwater	SATURDAY 5 Dec

EXPLORE STILLWATER'S HISTORY ONE SPOT AT TIME

Have you noticed signs, sidewalk stickers or window decals featuring QR codes around Stillwater? They are part of a project designed to make it easy to learn more about Stillwater's history while exploring the community.

Funded through the Stillwater Area Community Foundation's Great Idea Competition, the project uses QR codes placed at historic locations to connect residents and visitors with stories, photographs and information about the place they are visiting. Approximately 50 locations are featured throughout Stillwater, with markers installed during the summers of 2024 and 2025.

Simply point your phone's camera at the QR code and follow the link. Each code takes you to an online article about the history of that particular location. Many also include historic photographs offering a glimpse of how the area has changed over the years.

Among the locations generating the most interest are the former prison site, Warden's House, McKusick Ravine and McKusick Lake. But those are just a few of the stories waiting to be discovered. The history spots offer a fun way to learn more about the familiar places and uncover pieces of Stillwater's past that may not be visible today.

Want to explore even more? The City's website offers self-guided historic walking tours, including videos you can watch while standing in the places where history occurred. Here are the different tours:

- **Downtown Walking Tour** features 14 sites throughout downtown and the South Hill, with short three- to five-minute videos at each stop.
- **South Hill Tour** offers two routes—the Chestnut Hill and Pine Street loops—highlighting some of Stillwater's significant historic homes.
- **Cultural Landscape District Tour**, showcases the connection between Stillwater's natural and built landscapes.

Whether you scan a History Spot or follow one of the City's walking tours, there are plenty of ways to discover Stillwater's past. The next time you're out exploring, take a few minutes to learn the story behind the places you pass every day.



SOAPBOX SHOWDOWN MAKES A CLEAN SWEEP!



Stillwater City employees proved that a little friendly competition can make a big difference! In June, staff from City Hall, the Fire Department, the Library, the Police Department and Public Works Department joined forces for the "Soapbox Showdown" Personal Hygiene Drive, collecting more than 350 essential items. Donations included unopened soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant. Every item was donated to Valley Outreach to help local

families. City Hall came out on top of this friendly competition by donating 151 items. Congratulations on your "Squeaky Clean" Award! The City is proud to support Valley Outreach and remains committed to engaging in efforts that enhance the well-being of residents and families through the community.

CITY MEETINGS

Stay informed with what's happening in your community! City Council and advisory board meetings are open to the public and provide an opportunity to learn more about the issues, projects, and decisions shaping Stillwater.

Regular meeting times are:

- City Council meets 1st Tuesday at 4:30 & 7 pm and 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm
- Charter Commission meets twice per year at 7 pm
- Downtown Parking Commission meets 3rd Thursday at 8:30 am
- Downtown Special Service District Management Board meets 2nd Tuesday at 8:30 am
- Energy Action Commission meets 1st Thursday at 8:30 am
- Heritage Preservation Commission meets 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm
- Human Rights Commission meets 2nd Monday at 3 pm
- Joint Cable Commission meets quarterly at 6 pm
- Library Board of Trustees meets 2nd Tuesday at 5:30 pm
- Parks & Recreation Commission meets 4th Monday at 7 pm
- Planning Commission meets 4th Wednesday at 7 pm
- Utilities Commission meets 2nd Thursday at 8 am

Visit the City's website for agenda packets and any meeting changes.

Stillwater
Public Works

Join us for a
SPOOKTACULAR
TRUCK OR TREAT
Public Open House

Roll on in and climb in the big trucks,
grab a treat, and meet the crew.
COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED!

3325 Boutwell Rd N
Stillwater, MN 55082

10/29/2026

3:00-7:00pm

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