



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 24, 2017
TO: Mayor & Council Members
FROM: Mike Anderson, Assistant to the City Manager
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

Elm Avenue/4th Street W Streetlight Update

On Monday, March 20th, MnDOT began the process of deactivating the traffic signal system at the intersection of West Elm Avenue (Old TH 14) and 4th Street W. This included removing the signal light heads, installing new LED stop signs on the north and south 4th Street approaches, as well as the installation of a motion activated pedestrian crossing warning system on the east side of the intersection. This temporary improvement is intended to model the proposed new intersection control at this intersection following the completion of the Elm Avenue reconstruction project slated to begin this year. Traffic engineers, as well as law enforcement, are monitoring the vehicle and pedestrian movements at this intersection during the deactivation phase. If no adverse impacts are determined over the 90 day evaluation period, the signal system will be further removed and the advanced signage removed. The temporary improvements will then remain until the construction project is complete.

See the attachment for background on the reason for the change in intersection control and deactivation of this signal system.

Waseca Siren Maintenance

Waseca siren maintenance at all siren locations is planned for **Tuesday, March 28th**. Only quiet tests are planned, but there is no guarantee that only quiet tests will be conducted. So please do not be alarmed if you hear the sirens sound throughout the day.

Need A Ride? Try SMART

On Wednesday, March 22nd, Staff attended a SMART Quarterly Advisory Board Meeting. Staff was informed that since the program was implemented in January 2016, the numbers have increased every month. This is a good sign that the word is spreading about this great and affordable transportation system. Please help spread the word if you know of people who are in need of a ride. The bus route throughout Waseca has designated stops that occur every hour. Please see attached brochure for further information.

Waseca Library Events

Level Up: Squishy Circuits

Explore electronics using playdough and circuits at Waseca Public Library on March 27th, at 4 pm! Registration required. This free event is geared for ages 7-12. Due to limited space, registration is required. Stop by the Library to register or call 507-835-2910.

Sponsored by Consolidated Communications and the City of Waseca.

MEDIA: Please contact Waseca Public Library (507-835-2910 or jlee@tds.lib.mn.us) with questions.

Cook the Book

Attention sweet teeth! Visit Waseca Public Library to choose a recipe from the selected cookbook. Then bring the finished dish to Waseca Public Library on Thursday, March 30th, at 12 pm. It's a great way to meet people in the community, share cooking tips, and try out delicious food. Open to all cooking and baking skill levels!

The selected cookbook this session is: *The Sprinkles Baking Book* by Candace Nelson.

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, , March 25TH

13TH Annual Sleigh & Cutter Children's Dream Catcher

Starfie Event Center

Bingo starts at 2:00pm, meat raffles, silent and live auctions

March 31st - April 21st

Waseca Arts Center Area High School Show

Waseca Art Center, 200 North State St

Free admission

Friday, March 31st, - 5-7 p.m.

Waseca County Early Childhood Fair

Intermediate School Gym, 19th Ave NE

Free

Saturday, April 1st, - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Waseca Girl Scouts Spring Vendor Fair

Waseca Jr/Sr High School, 1717 2nd St NW

Saturday, April 1st, 7:00 p.m.

Concert: Amy Kortuem—Harpist

Waseca Art Center: Schultz Auditorium, 200 North State St

Admission \$10

The complete City Limits document can be found on the City's website at <http://ci.waseca.mn.us/the-city-limits-weekly-managers-report/>