



WAYZATA
Love is in the air
together
February 2022


Wayzata Together aims to do just that, bring Wayzata together by showcasing our community with thoughtful content, local photography and sharing Wayzata's history, honoring the past and focusing on our bright future.



Wayzata is my hometown. I grew up here, walking to Widsten Elementary School Kindergarten through 6th Grade. Widsten is where I initially met my wife. I have so many memories growing up - J.J. Hill Days, the 4th of July bike parade along Broadway Avenue, skating at Klapprich Park, and spending countless summer days at Wayzata Beach. My grandmother came to Wayzata in the 1930s. My grandfather was coaxed away from the Iron Range to become the first manager of the Wayzata's new municipal liquor store in 1947. My great uncle was the commander of the Wayzata Legion. It's an honor to be the publisher of Wayzata Together. Wayzata is my hometown and as a current resident, living here with my wife, daughter, dog and cat, I'm thrilled to share this wonderful community with you.

Nate Leding
Editor

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From The Editor

In the spirit of February, there is so much to love about Wayzata!

We hope you love Wayzata Together's February magazine.

In this month's issue you'll find information about fun, outdoor activities for the family around Lake Minnetonka.

You'll also read a story about a Wayzata couple who have been married for more than 50 years. It's an article that's sure to warm your heart.

We introduce you to a four-legged friend who is a big hit at a local business.

Our fishing report let's you know where the hot spots are for ice fishing.

We also take a stroll down memory lane with some Wayzata history.

You'll also take away some important health information from Dr. Barbro Brost.

Enjoy February, there is a lot to love about Wayzata!



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Cover:

Jewelweed located on Lake Street in Downtown Wayzata

Opposite Page:

Lake Minnetonka, Wayzata Bay...although the lake was quiet today, the imprints left behind in the snow tell a different story.

Negative
space
designwerks

Marly McPhail
Ann Rief



Important Dates

Key Dates:

- 2/14.....Valentine’s Day
- 2/11.....Presidents Day
(City Hall Closed)

Wayzata School District

2/18, 2/21.....No School K-12

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February Activities

Three Rivers Park District (www.threeriversparks.org)



GALE WOODS FARM

An educational opportunity to gain an understanding of agriculture, food production, and land stewardship.

BAKER PARK RESERVE

Cross-country skiing, sledding, snowshoeing.

FRENCH REGIONAL PARK

Cross-country skiing, skijoring/dog sledding, sledding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing.

Klapprich Ice Rink & Warming House

The warming house and skating rink will be open with an attendant on duty, weather-permitting, weekdays from 3 to 10 p.m., as well as from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends and days when Wayzata Public Schools are not in session.

PLYMOUTH FIRE & ICE WINTER FESTIVAL

2/53-7 P.M.

Plymouth's 33rd annual winter festival takes place at Parkers Lake Park. The event includes a youth ice fishing contest, miniature golf on the ice, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing.

LONG LAKE SLED DOG RIDES

2/13, 2/19, & 2/20

Venture out and take in a dog sled race from Unleashed Sled Dog Adventures at Birch's on the Lake. Tickets are available on Eventbrite for \$40 per person which includes a brunch buffet.

KLONDIKE DOG DERBY

The Klondike Dog Derby takes place again in downtown Excelsior.

2/4.....9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Sled Dog Veterinary Checks
2 - 6 p.m.	Sled Dog Rides at Excelsior Commons
4 - 6 p.m.	Hug-A-Husky & Meet-The-Mushers Event

2/58 - 10 a.m.	Musher Race Prep
9:30 a.m.	Opening Ceremony
10:00 a.m.	Race Start
	<i>Watch 40 teams race down Water Street!</i>
5 p.m.	Awards Ceremony
6 - 10 p.m.	Excelsior Brewing Company Wrap Party



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History of Wayzata



The Muni: Community Cornerstone

The Wayzata Bar & Grill has been a mainstay in Wayzata for decades. It's affectionately known as the Muni. While the restaurant is a fixture now, the start took some doing.

In the mid-1940s the city of Wayzata was looking for additional revenue sources. Some Minnesota cities at the time had launched municipal liquor stores. These were profitable.

The idea was first floated before residents in 1945. By a vote of 171-106, the measure failed.

Folks living in Wayzata would sing a different song in 1947.

They voted on a number of options to increase revenue that year. The most votes went to the establishment of a municipal liquor store.

The liquor store opened on Lake Street in September of 1947. The first manager was my grandfather, Lawrence Leding.

Years later, a restaurant was added.

The place had a number of names through the years including the Blue Room, Town Tavern, and the Port O' Call Bistro. But it's always been known as the Muni.

The current location opened in 2011.

From its humble beginnings to what it is now, this Wayzata mainstay is always a hub of activity for the community.

Even the address, 747 Mill Street, is a subtle reminder of '47, the year it all began.



Photo courtesy of Wayzata Historical Society

Wayzata Bait & Tackle

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February Fishing Report:

Anglers continue to hit the smaller bays, particularly the smaller bays.

By the end of the month, walleyes will be off limits so you'll see a lot of folks getting their last licks on that species. After that, most will focus on crappies suspended over deep water in about 30-35 feet of water.



Wayzata Chilly Open



Photo courtesy of Wayzata Chamber of Commerce

Enjoy Lake Minnetonka's first infinity skating loop - a 45,000 sq. ft. ice venue. Tickets are required and limited to 250 people at any given time.

2/11 - 2/12CINEMA & SKATES 4:30 - 9 p.m., Cost: \$10

2/12SNOWGA 9-10 a.m.

2/12CHILI COOK-OFF & LIVE MUSIC 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.





Neighborhood Spotlight: Elaine & Bob Ambrose

For more than half a century, Wayzata residents Elaine and Bob Ambrose have been married.

They moved to Wayzata in 1984 and have been a fixture in the community ever since. If you've been in Wayzata for a decent amount of time, you know these folks.

You won't find a friendlier couple.

They both grew up in small New York towns separated by a river just northwest of New York City near the Pennsylvania border.

Despite attending different high schools, fate would have Elaine and Bob attending a history class in summer school.

"There was a sense of connection," said Bob. "I was hooked immediately."

They dated in high school and continued their courtship when both went off to college - Elaine in New Jersey and Bob in Rhode Island.

"At one point, I felt he was getting a little pushy," said Elaine.

In fact, Elaine sent Bob a Dear John letter and said it would be better to go separate ways.

"I look back on it now and I think it was really wise for me to not just jump into a relationship that started when we were really quite young," said Elaine.

Elaine later realized that nobody could quite compare to Bob and they reignited their relationship.

Their path together would then take a southern route.

Bob's father had a job transfer which took him to Alabama. "The whole family was down there other than me," said Bob. "I ended up going to the University of Alabama."

In the spring of 1967, Elaine had graduated from college. A few months later, the couple was married and living in Alabama.

In the mid 1960s, Alabama was at the center of our nation's Civil Rights movement. It was eye opening

Years later the pair moved to Minnesota when Bob took a job at the state capitol in St. Paul. They then ventured west to Wayzata.

So, what's the secret to this longevity?

"I think it's a blessing. Also, I'm perfect," joked Elaine.

On a serious note, being in the middle of the Civil Rights movement in Alabama back in the late 1960s shaped their relationship for the rest of their lives.

"I think it forged our relationship through fire in many ways," said Elaine. "I think we responded to the social strife in different ways and we grew with it."

They are proud parents of two boys. One has made a career as an artist and the other is working as a psychological counselor.

Bob and Elaine will celebrate 55 years of marriage later this year.

Congratulations!

Shop, Eat & Local

What is an ideal Valentine's Day Gift? Wayzata Together asked that question to a few local businesses to help with your holiday shopping ahead of February 14th.

"Something for the home, since we spend so much time there."

Brooke McNatt
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"Stay at a local hotel, dinner, flowers or chocolates. Get ahead of the game & order your flowers early. You get to enjoy them all week & get the best selection."

Lesa Fenwick
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"Make your home like your favorite hotel. Purchase bedding, robes, towels, bubble bath, candles...anything that reminds you of a luxury vacation."

Molly MacDonald
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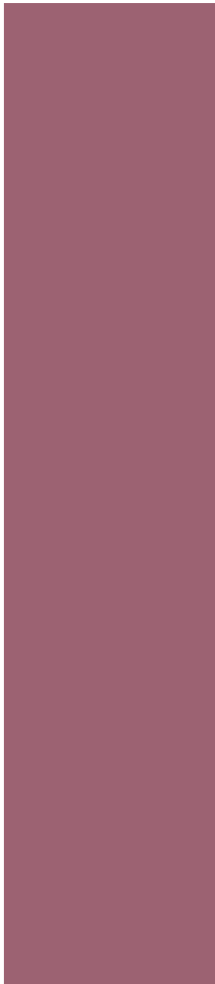
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PawParazzi

Each month, Wayzata Together will feature furry friends around town. Do you know of a picture perfect pet? Email a pic to nate@wayzatatogether.com



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Joseph Beltran (owner)

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Winter Injuries

By Dr. Barbro Brost, D.C.
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The white Minnesota winter can be beautiful on a cold, sunny day. A winter sunrise over Wayzata Bay is something to behold! But winter can also be dangerous. Slippery roads and icy walk ways set the stage for both slip and fall injuries and car accidents. Shoveling snow is tough on your back, even starting a snow blower can cause a back injury. Ice skating is fun but a fall on the hard ice can cause damage. Sledding down a hill, hitting bumps can cause back and neck injuries, especially for parents and grandparents who try to keep up with their kids! Skiing or snowboarding is great exercise but, again, if you fall, you can get hurt.

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We clearly can't live in fear of possible injuries. We need to get out to enjoy and have fun in the snow! But, if injuries happen know that good chiropractic care can help speed up the healing process!

If you hurt after shoveling snow, have a fall or end up in a car accident, the team of chiropractors at The Brost Clinic have your back! We have the experience and the equipment to get you back to feeling good again.

If you have a car accident, even a fender bender or a slip and fall, getting in or out of your vehicle, you are covered for any resulting care needed under your car insurance policy in Minnesota. We always recommend an exam even for minor injuries, since they can develop into more severe problems if untreated.

So, enjoy the snow and the beautiful winter season with the comfort of knowing that we are here to help if you should need us!

Your Local Home Report

Home Sales in the Wayzata area from 12/16/21 to 1/12/21

Address	Neighborhood	List Price	Sale Price	Sold Date	DOM	Beds	Baths	SqFt
434 Pondridge Circle	Wayzata	\$328,900	\$328,900	01/07/2022	42	3	3	1,487
309 Benton Avenue*	Wayzata	\$695,000	\$661,000	01/11/2022	72	5	3	2,849
440 Highcroft Road	Wayzata	\$2,495,000	\$2,329,000	01/07/2022	0	5	6	4,757
1044 Lake Street E	Wayzata	\$3,850,000	\$3,750,000	12/16/2021	86	5	6	5,303

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FEATURED PROPERTIES



3960 Walden Shores Rd / Deephaven
11,000+ sq ft / \$7,250,000

Keith Waters built home with breathtaking panoramic views. This southwest facing beauty looks out at the Minnetonka Yacht Club, Carson Bay and St. Louis Bay. Truly an entertainer's dream home!



124 Chicago Ave N / Wayzata
Build Package \$1.6M+

Walkable to the Wayzata Legion, grocery store, Walgreen's, and downtown Wayzata. This property is ready for a completely customizable single-family rambler or 1 1/2 story home.

Photo represents similar house to be built.



249 Chicago Ave N / Wayzata
Build Package \$1.9M+

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