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Mission Statement

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

From the Editor

Now, more than ever, a community like Wayzata needs to come together. I grew up here and I live here and I have seen the impact of the pandemic and the isolation it has caused.

I launched Wayzata Together to create a shared experience for folks who live and work in Wayzata.

As we slowly get back to normal, leaning on neighbors, family and friends will be crucial.

We thank the local businesses, the backbone of this community, for supporting this local publication. Without them, Wayzata Together would not exist. This publication will thrive on feedback and suggestions from Wayzata residents. If you have a story idea or photograph to share – please do. If you have constructive criticism – we're all ears. This is your magazine.

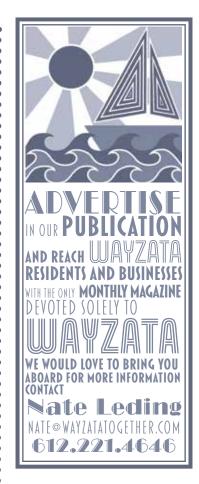
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About the Editor

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.







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## **Volunteer Program**

Volunteers are a major part of the community of Wayzata. The volunteer program is a collaborate effort among the city of Wayzata, residents, organizations, and businesses. What better way to come together than by volunteering for your community? There are many opportunities that offer flexible schedules. There are a number of initiatives that are powered by volunteers:

Big Woods Initiative Gardens Initiative Public Works Administrative Initiative Senior Initiative Wayzata Gateway Landscape Project

You can find out more information about the volunteer program at Wayzata.org.



## Wayzata Farmers Market

The Wayzata Farmers Market offers fresh produce and other products June through September.

It is located at 850 Lake Street North across from The Landing Hotel and around the Great Lawn at the Promenade.

Safe food handling measures and social distancing will be enforced.

The farmers market takes place each Thursday 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. weather permitting.

You can find out more at the market's website waysatafarmersmarket.org.

There was a great turnout for Spring Splash hosted by the Wayzata Conservancy! Info was provided about summer programming such as a Lake Exploration STEM summer camp.

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:**

### **Bell Courts Park**

340 Park Street E Wayzata, MN 55391

### **Big Woods Preserve**

1223 Wayzata Boulevard E Wayzata, MN 55391

### **Broadway Docks**

Broadway Avenue and Lake Street Wayzata, MN 55391

#### Children's Garden

620 Rice Street E Wayzata, MN 55391

### City Hall Park

620 Rice Street E Wayzata, MN 55391

### **Great Lawn**

851 Lake Street E Wayzata, MN 55391

### Heritage Park at Batson's Corner

1106 Wayzata Boulevard E Wayzata, MN 55391

## Klapprich Park & Field

340 Park Street E Wayzata, MN 55391

### Margaret Circle Park

320 Margaret Circle Wayzata, MN 55391

### Post Office Pocket Park

228 Minnetonka Avenue S Wayzata, MN 55391





## Chamber of Commerce 101

Wayzata is home to the Greater Wayzata Chamber of Commerce. The chamber is an integral part of our community promoting, connecting and supporting members.

"We look for opportunities large and small for Wayzata area businesses and the community to come together to work, live, shop, eat, and enjoy Wayzata," said Chamber President Becky Pierson.

If you are a business owner or simply a community member and are interested in joining the Greater Wayzata Chamber of Commerce, you're encouraged to visit its website wayzatachamber.com.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: Lake life

According to the folks at Wayzata Bait & Tackle (15748 Wayzata Blvd, Wayzata, MN 55391 | (952) 473-2227) this is the latest fishing information for Lake Minnetonka: (as of 5/19/21)

The water temperature is fluctuating so much it is making things tricky. A solid stretch of warmer days will make things a little more predictable. Folks are catching crappies in 10-14 feet of water. The best bet is the northern-facing bays that are getting the most sun. As of June 5, all species are fair game. Keep an eye on the weed lines and when they pop up. Weeds provide a popular place for fish to hide out.

## Lake Minnetonka Specs:

Area: 14205.6 acres Shore Length: 133.29 miles Mean Depth: 30 feet Maximum Depth: 113 feet Some of Lake Minnetonka's fish species: crappie, sunfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, muskellunge, northern pike, perch.

## Fishing License:

You need to buy a Minnesota fishing license if you're 16 or older. Annual licenses allow you to fish from March 1 to the last day of February the following year. In most cases, Minnesotans don't need a license if you're fishing in a state park.

More fishing info: www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing

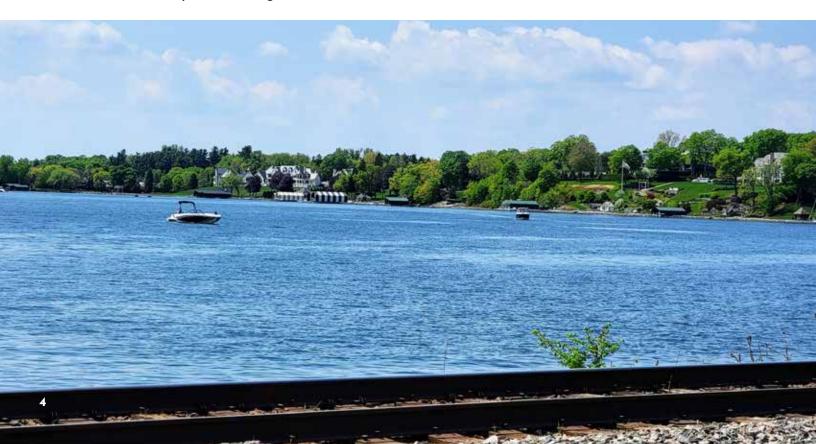
## **Key Dates:**

June 11 to 13 Take A Kid Fishing Weekend Minnesotans 16 or older who take a child 15 or younger fishing don't need a license on this weekend.

June 15 Wayzata Yacht Club summer sailing season begins

June 25 Wayzata Yacht Club Wine On Wayzata Bay Event

June 28 to 30 Wayzata Sailing School Sears Quals



## **Important Dates**

City Council Meetings: 6/1, 6/15

Planning Commission Meetings: 6/7, 6/21

Parks & Trails Board Meeting: 6/16

More info: www.wayzata.org

June 14 Flag Day

June 17 Greater Wayzata Chamber of

Commerce member picnic.

June 20 Father's Day

June 26 Wayzata Art Experience

More info: wayzatachamber.com

## Wayzata Public Schools

June 2 Last day for seniors

June 4 Senior graduation, 6:30 p.m., Mariucci Arena, Mpls

June 5 SAT testing, Wayzata High School

June 10 Last day for all students

June 12 ACT testing, Wayzata High School

June 14 School board meeting

More info: www.wayzataschools.org

## City of Wayzata Step to It Challenge

Build healthy habits by tracking your activity through the Step to it Challenge, a fun, free program that encourages people of all ages and abilities to become more active.

More info: www.steptoit.org

#### E-Bikes in Wavzata

You may see some new E-Bikes throughout the community this summer, a fun and unique way to get around town! The City has connected with the rental owners to make sure all E-Bike users are educated on the rules of the road and to be courteous of pedestrians while using their rentals.

Questions: city@wayzata.org





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# Appreciation Junch

Wayzata Together was so grateful for the food provided by Crisp & Green and Nothing Bundt Cakes for our sponsor appreciation lunch on Saturday, May 15 at Lake Street Plaza in downtown Wayzata.

Nothing like delicious salads and sweet treats on a beautiful day.

Becky Pierson, Greater Wayzata Chamber of Commerce President, Kerstin Deters-Engel of Allstar Construction, Dietrich Nissen of Inherited Stories, Dr. Barbro Brost of The Brost Clinic, Rachel Mohrbacher of Nothing Bundt Cakes, Wayzata Mayor Johanna Mouton, and Steele Smiley of Crisp & Green all attended.

Wayzata Together is lucky to have such terrific support from these fantastic organizations



The newly developed Panoway on Wayzata Bay was a picture perfect place to gather.

We lucked out - warm weather, sunny skies to go along with all the friendly smiles.

It was great to connect everyone and get to know more about their businesses.

Friends and family were also in attendance and have provided enormous amounts of support.

This will not be the last Wayzata Together gathering. Let's do this again...together!

Exceptional and healthy salads provided by Crisp & Green and delicious and sweet desserts provided by Nothing Bundt Cakes

## Wayzata Bay Car Wash





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(Pictured L to R) Kerstin Deters-Engel, Dietrich Nissen, Nate Leding, Dr. Barbro Brost, Rachel Mohrbacher, Johanna Mouton & Steele Smiley



# WAYZATA CONSERVANCY: Preserving History

Wayzata Section Foreman House

On April 6, 2021, the Minnesota State Historic Preservation board unanimously approved an application to have the Wayzata Section Foreman House placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

"The Wayzata Section House is significant because of what it can tell us about the Great Northern Railway, and its influence on the development of Wayzata," said board member Ginny Way. "It is a tactile reminder of the previous generations use of the land and the importance of the rail connection."

A national designation will allow the city access to state and federal funding to preserve the historic building.

This tall task would not have been accomplished without the tireless efforts of the Wayzata Conservancy, Wayzata Heritage Preservation Board, the Wayzata Historical Society among others.

The Wayzata Section Foreman House will be restored and repurposed into a lakefront learning center. It will provide indoor and outdoor classroom and community space. The land around the house and adjacent shoreline will serve as an eco-classroom and will feature STEM-based learning.

Wayzata resident Walt McCarthy is a champion of the historic house and is making a substantial donation to the project. He grew up in Wayzata. His grandfather bought a house in the 1930s on what is now Hillside Drive.

"The reason I got interested in the foreman's house was that over the decades many of the buildings from the 'old' Wayzata have been torn down, and I thought I would like to help keep this one intact," said McCarthy. "I have been involved in some other historic efforts. I contributed to the raising of the Minnehaha (steamboat)."

McCarthy is excited about the future of the historic structure. "I think it would make a wonderful learning center," added McCarthy. "It would help kids learn about Wayzata when it was a small town."



The Section Foreman House as it appears today. The historic home is in much need of repair. This future community site will be a welcome addition to Downtown Wayzata



The Conservancy recently received its lead gift for the house allowing for a preservation architect to be hired this summer and construction plans drawn up for work to begin summer of 2022 subject to the final monies being secured.

The current budget includes funding for 10 years of maintenance at a cost of \$750,000 - \$1 million.

Private donations like McCarthy's are critical for this work to move forward.

Donations can be pledged in advance of full project funding and can be restricted for use on the Section Foreman's House. To learn more about financially supporting this project go to wayzataconservancy.org/donate.



Soon, the Section Foreman House will join its younger sibling, the Great Northern Depot (built in 1906), on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a well-deserved honor for a structure that has such deep ties to the railroad and the development of the Wayzata community.

"I am excited to see any project that focuses on reusing the Section House to tell the story of the railroad and, with luck, the importance of historic preservation in environmental sustainability," said Way.

The Wayzata Section Foreman House was built in 1902 and it stands in its original location between the railroad tracks and Lake Minnetonka, 738 Lake St. N, in Downtown Wayzata. These houses could be found all along the expanding Great Northern Railway to support the section foreman and their families. The section foreman oversaw a specific stretch of rail making sure it was in good repair.

The home was originally 32 feet by 16 feet. It had two rooms each on the first and second levels. It cost The Great Northern Railway \$750 to build. The 1910 census shows that the home was occupied by the section foreman and his large family.

Through the years, the Section Foreman House underwent several changes, but the integrity of the original home was never diminished. Dr. Charles N. Brooks bought the house from the railroad in 1962. The following year, Brooks built a new entrance on the south end complete with a front porch and an expanded living room. The City of Wayzata acquired the home several decades later and has owned the house and the property since.







circa 1910 circa 1940

Photos courtesy Wayzata Historical Society/Deanne Straka



Wayzata resident Johanna Mouton is the new mayor of the city. But she is certainly not new to town. In fact, Mouton has lived in this community for 25 years.

"What I really love about Minnesota though was this really tight-knit sense of community," said Mouton. "That's what drew me to be in a small town like Wayzata where people know their neighbors, there are multiple generations who live in the same town. People know their children and keep an eye out for them."

Mouton has come a long way to get to Wayzata. You see, she was born in the Bahamas and moved to the Washington, D.C. area as a young girl. Mouton maintains dual French and American citizenship. Mouton says that D.C. was a great place to grow up.

"Our school field trips were at the Smithsonian and the Air & Space Museum, National Gallery of Art," said Mouton. "I was under the mistaken assumption as a child that the entire country was the same way. It was really exciting. You got to meet a lot of people who worked in a variety of different industries, primarily military and government. I still call it home in a lot of ways."

Mouton has two sons who mean everything to her. "I have two amazing boys. Quinn is 17 and Ronan is 19," said Mouton. "They have been the joy of my life. Ronan graduated last year and he's in college. Quinn is a senior at Wayzata High School. They have played football here, they have played basketball."

Mouton has another child, a fur baby named Ruger.

"He keeps me very busy, said Mouton. "When he's not with me, he's with his grandma and grandpa. He's a Blue Pitbull which is a breed I wasn't familiar with. (His coat is) like a silvery blue. I fell in love with this little, tiny puppy when I saw him."

Ruger's second home is Mouton's parents' house. "My parents moved here several years ago," said Mouton. "Once they retired, they bought a home here and they split their time between here and France."

Her parents were on hand in January when Mouton was officially sworn in as Wayzata's newest mayor.





She took over for Ken Willcox who opted not to run for reelection after serving as mayor for 12 years. Mouton is the first female mayor of Wayzata.

This isn't her first, "first" though. Years ago, she became the first woman to serve as a Wayzata volunteer firefighter.

"I like that it is a small community that has a long, deep, rich history," said Mouton. "People know one another. People are engaged and passionate about their views. That passion is great. It drives conversation, it drives ideas. At the end of the day, it's wonderful that we can all come together and share those thoughts respectfully."

So what does Mouton see in the future for a town with such a storied past?

The continued development of Wayzata's lakefront is top on her list.

The first phase of the Panoway project, transformed a portion of Lake Street creating more green space and places to walk.

"I think it's really important for us to get traction on the second phase of Panoway," said Mouton. "And provide the next level of experience that is probably unprecedented within the entire Midwest certainly. It puts the stake in the ground of what Wayzata has certainly in the state if not the entire region.

Of course, Mouton took over as mayor at the height of the pandemic. A challenge for any mayor, especially one in her first term.

"Right now, the biggest thing I worry about is the long-term implications and impacts that COVID is going to have," said Mouton. "How is it going to change how we address our zoning and permitting. How is it going to affect our downtown commercial core? Because everything will change going forward."

Eventually, the pandemic will be over. But our lives have been forever changed and what we considered normal before may never appear again.

With that said, one thing that will not have changed is how special the city of Wayzata is.

"All the communities have something special," said Mouton. "But what I really appreciate is that we have a town center. We have the residential, we have the business. You can stay within the city limits and get just about anything you could possibly ever need. I have everything I need here."

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## SUMMER FUN: History of Waysata Beach



Summer is here finally! We've been cooped up too long. We don't have to be bundled up while walking down Lake Street.

Fortunately, Wayzata has many locations to enjoy the outdoors. And there is no better place to spend these warmer days than Wayzata beach.

Once again, the beach is bustling with kids splashing in the water, jumping off the docks and building sandcastles.

Recreation by the waters of Lake Minnetonka really got going with the arrival of the railroad.

The first train arrived at Wayzata in 1867. That same year the first steamboat, the Governor Ramsey, began operation. This opened Wayzata and the entire Lake Minnetonka area to hundreds of new visitors looking to take part in summer recreation.

It was around this time that more and more sailboats crisscrossed the big lake.

Fast forward to the early 1920s. The Village of Wayzata purchased the land now known as Shaver Park for \$6,000. The lagoon nearest the lakeshore was dredged. In 1926, Wayzata's first mayor Rufus Rand, donated funds for a new municipal bathhouse and beach. Soon after, Wayzata acquired the land including the north lagoon for \$750.

In 1926, the Wayzata Businessman's Association collected \$2,400 for a new walking bridge between the lagoons.

Lifeguards were hired in 1929 to safeguard the beach. In 1929, the American Legion provided a boat and oars in addition to lifesaving equipment consisting of several life jackets, ropes, and lifesaving rings.

While the 20s were roaring, so were the motorboats on Lake Minnetonka. Motorboat racing was a big deal and thousands of people would pack the Wayzata waterfront to watch the racing boats. Many of those boats were made by local boat builders Moore, Wise, Hausen and Swaggert. In 1925, Ramaley Boats also called Wayzata home.

In 1935, Bill Prinz was awarded the concession stand at the beach. He also offered rowboats to rent. You can still grab a bite to eat and purchase rentals to explore the lake.

If you were a baby boomer raised in Wayzata, you may recall taking swimming lessons at the "H" docks off Wayzata beach. The beach was the place to be in the summer for area youth.

More than 100 years after Wayzata beach and the surrounding area started taking shape, it remains a popular destination during the summer months. It's a great place to bring a book and sit in an Adirondack chair occasionally looking up to see a sailboat pass by.

Summer is back and one of Wayzata's gems is open for business.



The name Wayzata, Wazíyata [wa-zi-ya-ta], is a Dakota word meaning North. Lake Minnetonka was a special place for those who inhabited the area. The Mdewakanton Dakota, a division of the Great Sioux Nation, coveted the lake for its abundance of fishing and hunting. The Dakota inhabited the area for thousands of years.

In 1854, Wayzata was platted by Oscar E. Garrison. Wayzata then saw settlers move in who built a sawmill, hotel, and a blacksmith shop. Clear cutting the land to grow corn and wheat was how most early settlers made their living. The Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad extended its tracks to Wayzata in 1867. This allowed local farmers to easily get their goods to market and allowed tourists easy access to Lake Minnetonka.





Median Value Of Owner-Occupied Housing Units - \$523,600

Source: 2019 U.S. Census Data





Gray C, age 5...owner, Matt Finkelson

If you haven't noticed, Wayzata is very pet friendly. Each month, Wayzata Together will feature furry friends around town.

Do you know of a picture perfect pet? Email a pic to nate@wayzatato-gether.com



## **Important Numbers**

Wayzata Public Schools 284 763.745.5000

Wayzata City Hall 952.404.5300

Wayzata Library 612.543.6150

Wayzata High School 763.745.6600

**Wayzata West** 763.745.6000

Wayzata Central 763.745.6000

Gleason Lake Elementary 763.745.5400

Blake Highcroft Campus 952.988.3550

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Redeemer Lutheran School 952.473.5356

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Providence Academy 763.258.2500

**Breck School** 763.381.8100

**The Blake School** 952.988.3420



Wayzata Fire Department 952.404.5337



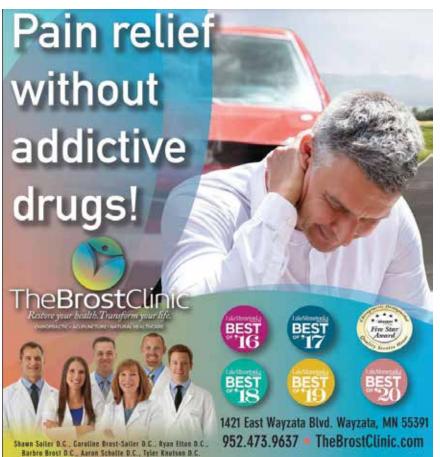
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The past year showed us all the importance of having a healthy body, when an opportunistic virus comes around. People with underlaying health issues like obesity, high blood pressure, and diabetes suffered much more severe consequences. People that are in good health were much less severely affected. Since other new viruses will come around in the future, it is important to continue staying strong and healthy. Here are some simple guidelines to follow for good health.

## 7 Steps to a Healthy you

- Leat right! Healthy, preferably organic foods nourish us, supports healthy body composition and ensures optimal function of all our body systems. Setting a healthy weight goal and reaching it, is more important than ever. Being overweight is one of the major risk factors for disease and immune compromise.
- Take vitamins and supplements that are known to increase health and boost immune function! Vitamin D3, Vitamin C and Zinc are vital for a strong immune defense. A good multivitamin, Omega 3 fish oils and calcium and minerals are basics that everyone need in todays world.
- 3. Exercise daily! Even a half hour walk or why not enjoy the Minnesota lakes for swimming and kayaking! Minnesota also has the best bike trail system in the country. Fresh air and exercise does wonders for your health and wellbeing.
- 4. Sleep 7-8 hours a night! Sleep is important for our bodies to rest and rejuvenate. Melatonin, that is naturally produced in our bodies during sleep, is an important factor in immune function. Melatonin is also the precursor to Serotonin. Sleep is important to ensure that we manufacture the building block for the "Happiness hormone"!



- Water intake! A simple role of thumb is 8 glasses a day. Even slight dehydration makes your organs function less efficiently, makes you less focused and increases the risk for depression.
- Regular elimination! If you follow the above outlined lifestyle this will take care of itself!
   Constipation or other bowel issue are almost always the result of an unhealthy lifestyle.
   A good probiotic can also be important to normalize your healthy gut flora.
- Get regular chiropractic care to eliminate any painful or restricted joint problems promote healthy body mobility and a body free from nerve interference. Your nervous systems controls all your other body system. A well adjusted body is a healthy, happy body!

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By Dr. Barbro Brost, D.C. The Brost Clinic



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