



# CITY OF ST. BONI FALL NEWSLETTER October 2025

## ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Waconia Public Schools Operating Levy  
Vote at City Hall – 8535 Kennedy Memorial Drive  
7 AM to 8 PM



### 2026 Proposed Budget & Tax Levy

The City will conduct the annual Truth in Taxation meeting to discuss the 2026 budget on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 7:00 pm at St. Bonifacius City Hall in the council chambers. The public will be able to comment on the 4.5% tax levy increase and proposed 2026 budget at that meeting.



### FAREWELL TO BRENDA FISK, ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK/TREAS.

Brenda Fisk began her employment as Clerk/Treasurer for the City of St. Bonifacius on November 12, 1990. After 35 years of service, Brenda will be retiring. Her last date of working at City Hall will be January 30, 2026. Brenda will be missed, and we thank her for her service to St. Bonifacius. We wish her every happiness and all the best in this next stage.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The City is looking for volunteers to help fold the Community Newsletters. The city sends out approximately 930 newsletters in January, April, July, and October towards the end of the month. We need help putting the newsletters together, folding and getting ready for mail. If you would like to be placed on a volunteer call list, please call city hall at 952-446-1061. The process takes 2-3 hours, depending on how many inserts and volunteers we have. It's a wonderful way to meet some others in the city. Thank you!

## Welcome

*The City of St. Bonifacius welcomed Erin McDannold to the office on October 27<sup>th</sup> as the new Secretary/Receptionist. She will be a terrific addition to the office! Please give Erin a warm welcome.*



### ST. BONIFACIUS NEEDS COMMISSIONERS

The Parks/Planning Commission is an advisory group made up of volunteers appointed for two-year terms by the City Council. The commission meets on the second and last Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 pm, as needed. Members receive \$20 per meeting.

The objective of the Commission is to make recommendations to the City Council, which will guide the planning and management of city parks and related services and research, review and make recommendations on issues related to land use and development for the City.

Interested residents or business members should write a brief request to the City Council, expressing their interest and send it to [assistantclerk@st-bonifacius.mn.us](mailto:assistantclerk@st-bonifacius.mn.us).

### RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS



The city still has quite a few house plans on file, but we will no longer be retaining them in the property file. If you would like to help issue house plans to addresses for your street, please call and we will get them ready. Thank you.

### CITY IS TOYS FOR TOTS DROP-OFF



The St. Boni City office is a drop-off location for Toys for Tots. The city will be accepting new toys between now and December 5<sup>th</sup>. New toys should be unwrapped. No candy or weapon type toys accepted. Toys are accepted for children 0-12 with the greatest need for children 0-2 years of age. The best toys for donation often include: Soft plush toys (for infants and toddlers) Educational toys (for all age groups) Board games (for older kids and families).



## CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS AMENDED ORDINANCES

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED CANNABIS RETAILERS AND MUST ALLOW AT LEAST ONE RETAILER PER 12,500 RESIDENTS.

A PUBLIC HEARINGS WAS HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2025 TO CONSIDER AMENDING CITY CODE XI BY ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 114 RELATING TO CANNABIS RETAIL BUSINESSES, AMENDING CHAPTER 95 RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OF A TOBACCO LICENSE, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 157 RELATING TO CANNABIS. FULL ORDINANCES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CITY AND ONLINE.

### ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2025-03 SUMMARY

**SECTION 1:** City Code Title XI is amended by adding the following new chapter:

#### CHAPTER 114 CANNABIS RETAIL BUSINESSES.

##### Section 1. Purpose and Authority.

- (A) The Council finds and concludes that the proposed provisions are appropriate and lawful, will promote the public interest, and will protect the public health, safety, and welfare.
- (B) The City has the authority to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of the operation of a cannabis business.

##### Section 2. Definitions.

*Cannabis retail business*                      *Day care nursery*  
*Office of Cannabis Management*      *Retail registration*                      *School*

##### Section 3. Registration of Cannabis Retail Businesses.

- (A) *Registration Required.* No individual or entity may operate a cannabis retail business within the City without first registering with the City as provided in this section.
- (B) *Initial Registration Process.*
  - (1) *Application Form.*
  - (2) *Registration Fee.*
  - (3) *Zoning Verification.*
  - (4) *Processing of Application.*
- (C) *Approval of Application.*
  - (3) An application for a retail registration or renewal that meets the following will be approved:
    - (a) The applicant must have a valid license or preliminary license approval issued by OCM that allows retail sales;
    - (b) The applicant must have paid the registration fees;
    - (c) The location for the cannabis retail business must comply with applicable zoning ordinances; and
    - (d) All property taxes and assessments must be current.
- (D) *Annual Compliance Checks.*
- (E) *Location Change*
- (F) *Renewal of Registration.*
- (G) *Nontransferable.*

**Section 4. Limitation on Certain Retail Registrations.** The City will issue up to two (2) retail registrations.

##### Section 5. Requirements for Cannabis Retail Businesses.

- (A) *Minimum Buffer Requirements.*
  - (1) No retail registration will be granted for any premises within six hundred (600) feet of a school.
  - (2) No retail registration will be granted for any premises within five hundred (500) feet of a day care nursery.
  - (3) *Attraction within a Public Park.*
  - (4) *Measurement.* Closest lot line of the premises to the lot line of the school, day care nursery, or attraction within a public park.
  - (5) *Exception.* The minimum buffer requirements contained in this section do not apply to lower-potency hemp edible retailers.
  - (6) *Exception.* The minimum buffer requirements contained in this section do not apply to Main Street from State Highway 7 north to Kennedy Memorial Drive.
- (B) *Hours of Operation.* 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- (C) *Samples.* May not distribute free samples
- (D) *Compliance with Laws.*

##### Section 6. Suspension of Registration

- (A) *Suspension.*
- (B) *Notification; OCM Investigation.*
- (C) *Effective Date of Suspension.*
- (D) *Reinstatement.*
- (E) *No Sales.*

##### Section 7. Penalties

- (A) *Civil Penalties.*
- (B) *Criminal Penalties.*

**SECTION 2:** City Code Title IX, Chapter 95, Section 95.99, Subsection C(1), is amended by removing and adding the following:

- (1) If the licensee is also the holder of a cannabis retail registration issued by the City pursuant to Chapter 114, any grounds for suspension or revocation of the retail registration under Chapter 114, Section 6.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication.

Adopted and ordered published at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025.

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2025-04 SUMMARY**

**SECTION 1.** City Code Title XV, Chapter 157.003, **Definitions** are hereby amended by adding the following:

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| <b><i>CANNABIS CULTIVATION FACILITY.</i></b>   | <b><i>CANNABIS TESTING FACILITY.</i></b>                        |
| <b><i>CANNABIS DISTRIBUTION FACILITY.</i></b>  | <b><i>CANNABIS WHOLESALING FACILITY.</i></b>                    |
| <b><i>CANNABIS FLOWER.</i></b>                 | <b><i>HEMP PLANT.</i></b>                                       |
| <b><i>CANNABIS MANUFACTURING FACILITY.</i></b> | <b><i>HEMP PLANT PARTS.</i></b>                                 |
| <b><i>CANNABIS PLANT.</i></b>                  | <b><i>LOWER-POTENCY HEMP EDIBLE.</i></b>                        |
| <b><i>CANNABIS PRODUCT.</i></b>                | <b><i>LOWER-POTENCY HEMP EDIBLE MANUFACTURING FACILITY.</i></b> |
| <b><i>CANNABIS RETAIL SALES.</i></b>           | <b><i>LOWER-POTENCY HEMP EDIBLE RETAIL SALES.</i></b>           |

**SECTION 2.** City Code Title XV, Chapter 157.023, Table of Land Uses is hereby amended by adding the underlined language as follows:

	Zoning District						
	R-1	R-2	R-6	B-2	MU-BR	MU-BI	I
Blank = Not permitted. C = Condition use; minimum conditions listed in §§ 157.055 through 157.058 of this chapter. P = Permitted use. S = Permitted with special restrictions; restrictions listed in §§ 157.055 through 157.072 of this chapter.							
<u>Cannabis cultivation facility</u>						<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>
<u>Cannabis distribution facility</u>						<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>
<u>Cannabis manufacturing facility</u>						<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>
<u>Cannabis retail sales</u>				<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>		
<u>Cannabis testing facility</u>						<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>
<u>Cannabis wholesaling facility</u>						<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>
<u>Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturing facility</u>						<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>
<u>Lower-potency hemp edible sales</u>				<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>		

**SECTION 3.** City Code Title XV, Chapter 157.056, is hereby amended by adding the following:

(N) *Cannabis cultivation facility, cannabis distribution facility, cannabis manufacturing facility, cannabis testing facility, cannabis wholesaling facility, lower-potency hemp edible manufacturing facility*

(O) *Cannabis retail sales, lower-potency hemp edible sales.*

(1) Obtain and maintain all required licenses and registrations from local, state, or federal government.

Adopted and ordered published at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City on the 3rd day of September, 2025.

## City Council Recap

The City Council meets twice a month. Highlighted are some items the City Council has acted on over the past three months:

- Resolution 2025-27 approving a lawful gambling license premises permit application for the St. Bonifacius/Minnetrsta Area Lions Club to conduct pull tabs (paper), electronic pull tabs, and electronic linked bingo at 4124 Mian Street: Crossbar.
- Approved Public Works purchase of a \$12,315 Water Line Locator from Utility Logic.
- Approved State of MN DNR grant agreement amendment for Missile Park Project to extend end date to June 2028.
- Accepted donations from Mohawk Jaycees \$15,000 for Fire Department rescue equipment and \$5,000 for Dave Wehle Jaycee Park playground equipment improvement
- Approved purchase of 2026 Can-Am side by side from St. Boni Motor Sports for \$43,126.
- Accepted resignation from secretary/receptionist Tania Duke effective August 15, 2025.
- Approved Resolution-17A authorizing completion of feasibility study for 2026 Street/Infrastructure Improvement Project
- Approved purchase of ornamental black steel fence from St. Boni Shed and Fence for \$42,750 for the Water Treatment Plant.
- Approved hiring of snow removal on-call employees Jason Menzel and James Vanderlinde at \$21.35/hour.
- Approved replacing Council Chambers television and equipment from Security Sound Co. for \$2,603.10, which includes the installation and connection of the camera system.
- Approved the application for Cannabis and lower potency hemp edible retailer located at 4110 Main Street.
- Appointed Catherine Jarocki to the Parks/Planning Community Development Commission.
- Approved Jason Menzel employment change from seasonal to part-time.
- Approved purchase of hot water pressure washer for \$15,420.50 from American Pressure Water.
- Approved repair and maintenance charge of \$14,790 from Traut Companies for the HSP-1 pump in the water treatment plant.

City Council meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public. You are encouraged to attend the meetings or watch them on LMCC Channel 8 or from LMCC website <https://www.lmcc-tv.org/>. All meeting minutes and council packets are also available on the city website. Please call Brenda at the City office if you would like to learn more about specific agenda items.

## SNOW REMOVAL ON CITY STREETS

When clearing snow from your own driveway, keep in mind that it is unlawful to plow across a city, county or state roadway. It is unlawful for anyone, especially commercial snow removal operators, to deposit snow in any fashion onto a public roadway or adjacent properties. It is also important to keep garbage and recycling containers at least three feet off of the roadway during the snow season.



Property owners with surmountable curb or no curb may want to protect their lawns from snowplow damage by marking their property one foot off the curb or edge of the asphalt. Stakes are available at the city office at no charge.

Property owners should trim trees or bushes which encroach onto the city streets. Please assist the city and protect your family and property by keeping fire hydrants in your area free of snow as well. The fire department needs to be able to spot and access the hydrants quickly in an emergency.

The city's sidewalk snow removal ordinance requires property owners to remove snow and ice from walkways and trails adjacent to their property. If it becomes necessary for the city to upkeep such walkways, the city shall assess all costs of maintenance against the taxes of such property.



## SNOW REMOVAL PROPERTY DAMAGE POLICY

### MAILBOX:

#### Direct hit to mailbox:

- Public Works to provide pictures of the hit and inform office when a mailbox is hit.
- Owners to also provide pictures when informing the city of the hit.
- Owner to submit receipts for the cost of materials. City will replace equivalent mailbox and post up to \$500 per structure.
- Labor expenses will not be reimbursed.

#### Weight of snow mailbox damage:

- Property owner 100% expense

### SEED/SOD:

#### Lawn replacement resulting from the City snowplow damage:

- Property owners requesting repairs to damaged lawns must report the damage to the City Office by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- Property owners will have two options:
  1. Seed: City will provide black dirt and grass seed. Installation will be at no cost for this one time-per-year replacement.
  2. Sod: City will provide black dirt and sod at the property one time per year on a day selected by the public works department. Sod installation, watering and care will be the responsibility of the property owner.
- To avoid future damage, property owners may mark their lawn by posting reflective posts at the edge of the curb.

**ADOPTED: 10/18/2023**



## WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE IF KIDS WERE IN CHARGE?

The League of MN Cities is encouraging our state's 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to share ideas about how they would make cities better through submitting essays in the League's "Mayor for a Day" essay contest.

Contest information can be found at [www.lmc.org/mayorforaday](http://www.lmc.org/mayorforaday). Three winning students will be chosen from among submitted entries. Each winning student will receive \$100 and will have their essay published in a future issue of *Minnesota Cities* magazine. Due Dec. 12, 2025.



## Holiday Trash Pick-Up

## Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule

Republic Sanitation will pick up on the following days for the holiday weeks:

- Thanksgiving week: Friday, Nov. 28.
- Christmas week: Friday, Dec. 26
- New Year's week: Friday, Jan. 2.



## **Hello friends and neighbors!**

### **Mayor Tim Eiler**

Fall in Minnesota seems to usually to be a time of “winding down.” Colorful and falling leaves signal that trees and plants are slowing down, getting ready for winter’s dormancy. The leaden skies, so common in Autumn, are reminding people to hunker down in a warm place, with a cup of something warm in hand.

Anyone watching the city of St. Boni, though, would have to be excused for thinking it’s Springtime! A LOT has happened and is happening here!

In the last week of October, you’ll hear a new voice and see a new face when you call or go to city hall. We welcome our new city receptionist on 27 October. Welcome her as she welcomes you!

Speaking of new faces, Brenda Fisk, our city administrator of the last 35 years, has decided to retire at the end of January 2026. With her tenure, it’ll be hard to fill her shoes. We have posted the position as of 1 October, however, and she has graciously agreed to do a handoff with the new person.

The new fence around the water treatment plant and well head area is being installed by St. Boni Shed & Fence as I write this and should be completed by the time you get this in your mailbox. The look and feel of our city are critical for a variety of reasons, so were sure to make it as good looking and high quality a fence as we could, while also being careful with your money as we must be. I’m only saddened by the fact that we can’t directly bill the pet owners who up to now let their animals use area as a litter box.

The new scoreboard at the Missile Park field will be installed in the first week of November, weather permitting. This is a big improvement that will dress up the city and help to bring more games to the city! Take a look when you have a chance. Also, thank Stodola Well Drilling for letting us use their property as a staging area during the installation. Finally, the old scoreboard will be moved to another ballfield in town. A lot of groups like that field and this should help lock in more field rentals, as well!

Our public works department has new side-by-side that will help them be even more efficient. The vehicle will allow the team to move materials right to the location they’re needed and do so without putting a heavy truck on grassy areas or paved trails. The lifetimes of our more expensive trucks will also be extended! Keep in mind that the city’s side-by-side is set up to be street legal, and per code section 71 of the city ordinances, is the ONLY such vehicle allowed on St. Boni city streets.

We welcome Catherine Jarocki as a new planning and Economic Development commissioner and thank her for her willingness to serve. She joins former Mayor Kerry Taylor and Andy Harvala on the commission. There is still a need for more commissioners. The city can use your help – if not as a commissioner, then in other ways. Can your friends, neighbors, and fellow residents count on you?

Alas, all the renewal and city activity notwithstanding, winter is coming as it does every year. With it comes parking restriction time.

Even with all the activity going on, residents are reminded to stay informed about upcoming city events and changes. We are trying new ways to get city-related information out to you in timely fashion. Still, be sure to check the city website and community bulletin boards for updates on meetings, seasonal regulations, and local happenings. Staying engaged ensures everyone benefits from the improvements and transitions taking place in St. Boni.

Or Current Resident

## 2025 FALL NEWSLETTER

### CITY CALENDAR

Nov. 1 ..... No Parking on City Streets from 3 am – 7 am begins  
Nov 4 ..... Election 7:00am -8:00pm  
Nov 5 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Nov. 11 ..... City Office Closed for Veteran’s Day  
Nov. 12 ..... City Free Compost Ends (Mulch Store)  
Nov 15 ..... Utility Bills Due  
Nov. 19 ..... Missile Park Ballfield Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Nov. 19 ..... Delinquent Utility Assessments Hearing 6:45 pm  
Nov 19 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Nov. 20 ..... Fire Advisory Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Nov. 27-28 ..... City Office Closed for Thanksgiving  
Nov. 28 ..... Garbage Pick-up due to Holiday  
Dec. 1 (by 8:00 a.m.) ..... Delinquent Utility Bills Due  
Dec. 3 ..... Truth in Taxation Discussion – Council Meeting  
Dec. 15 ..... Utility Bills Due  
Dec. 24&25 ..... City Office Closed for Christmas  
Jan. 1 ..... City Office Closed for New Year’s Day  
Jan. 8 ..... Council/Consult/Staff Quarterly Workshop 7:00 p.m.  
Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> ..... Fire Relief Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Jan. 15 ..... Utility Bills Due  
Jan. 19 ..... City Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day

### CONTACT CITY HALL

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Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Public Works On-Call: 952-446-8193

For after hours Public Works emergencies, please contact  
the Minnetrista Police Department at 952-446-1131.

### 2025-2026 ST. BONI CITY COUNCIL

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### MEETING SCHEDULES

City Council  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
7:00 p.m.

Parks/Planning Commission  
2<sup>nd</sup> and last Tuesday  
6:00 p.m. (if there is an agenda)

Contact City Hall at least 4 business days before council or planning  
commission meeting if you have an item for the agenda.

Watch the City Council Meetings:  
Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission  
(LMCC) broadcasts meetings on  
Mediacom Cable, Ch. 8,  
and also on their website at [www.lmcc-tv.org](http://www.lmcc-tv.org).

### CITY STAFF

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