

It's time again for our great summertime family reunion, Waterama 2018  
Since the last there has been quite a few changes that now grace our scene.  
Bank, hospital, and firehall dreams fulfilled to name a few, with others too numerous to mention  
And once finished, the complete street project will flow all modes of transport convention.

Due to construction on the usual parade avenue, Waterama officials had to reroute it  
And if you're thinkin' of nosing along there, as they say in New York, "just forgeddaboutit".  
Moving barricades or jumping tape lines and you could find yourself in a bind  
So be safe, respect property: but have fun, and oh yeah, always "BeKind".

Aside from the detoured routes the show must go on for all you Guys & Dolls  
With the familiar time honored schedule of events including Lakeside dances & balls.  
To survive 60 plus years you learn to roll with the punches, in pulling off this community endeavor  
And after the dust settles my hunch is, future Wateramas will be bigger & better than ever.

Thanks to all who make this possible though we are not left to our own devise  
But have been providentially blessed to call this our home, this bit of paradise.  
Living here is sort of a continuing vacation; still it's ok to get away to rewind  
Though for many others this is their vacation spot, so always be inviting & kind.

I should note all the HS campus amenities (for now out of sight-out of mind)  
But in just over a month school bells will ring and it's back to the same old grind.  
Just kidding, though for some fitting in and academic success is harder to find  
So to make them for all, the best years of their lives, be inclusive, affirming & kind.

Till then enjoy the green grass, leafy trees, and pleasant lake breezes  
Be sure to come back to Winterama for more food and fun when our big lake freezes  
By now you're likely wondering "any clues so far in what I've opined"?  
Let me assure you that from my angle there are, however obtusely entwined.

Best wishes to all the queen candidates and we applaud you for your spirit  
Keeping smiling up thru the coronation for each pronouncement as you hear it.  
You know that you're all winners and allow me to remind you this bit of advice  
"It's nice to be important but it is more important to be nice."

Thanks to all for playing along right till the end of this years poem  
Your seat at the table is awaiting you, cross the street from the Retirement Home.  
Just as the roads intersect at 2nd St SE and SE 8th Avenue  
When your life pathways come together, be kind to others and they will be kind to you.

Have a wonder-filled 2018 Waterama!