

Lakeland Newsletter



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January Calendar

*Note: All city meetings start at 6:00 p.m.
and are held at city hall, unless otherwise noted.*

Recycling Pick Up Days: Every Thursday

Maroney's Sanitation picks up all residential recycling material. Have your materials in a visible location beside the curb before 7:00 a.m. on collection day. There is no charge to the resident for this service. If your recycling is missed, please call (651)-439-7279.

Tuesday, January 3

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 4

CodeRED Mass Notification Call - 12:00 noon
(See more information on page 2 of this newsletter)

Thursday, January 5

Recycling Day

Thursday, January 12

Recycling Day

Monday, January 16

City offices closed in observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 17

City Council Meeting - 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 19

Recycling Day

Thursday, January 26

Recycling Day

City Hall offices are open from
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on weekdays.

Please call (651) 436-4430 for an appointment
if you have business at other times.

Mayor's Corner

*from Peg Larsen, Councilperson
Public Safety Commissioner*

Happy New Year!

State funding has an effect on our City's budget, and State finances appear to be better than originally thought. Council members approved the 2012 Levy with a 2.4% decrease from the previous year.

I would like to thank the men and women who have served our country, many of whom lost their lives or have lifelong effects that will stay with them. God bless them and their families and may 2012 bring many blessings!

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon in the Lower St. Croix Valley is gearing up to offer assistance to veteran's, especially for those from the 34th Division who will return in the spring. Volunteers are needed to provide transportation and other skills to help the veterans. Contact Lakeland Shores Mayor Randy Kopesky at 651-436-5066 or Afton Mayor Pat Snyder at 651-436-8620 for more information about how to volunteer.

Lakeland has two new employees in the Public Works Department. Mike Bodlovick will plow snow, maintain the parks, streets and buildings and provide water utility support. Rick Regnier will plow, do maintenance and operate the water plant and systems. Welcome to Lakeland, Mike and Rick!

We are lucky to live in a city where people care about each other and I have had the pleasure of living here for 28 years. There were many accomplishments during 2011 and 2012 brings challenges and hopefully many new beginnings for our City.

Winter Has Arrived...

And our snowplow drivers are hard at work keeping the streets clear and safe. Be aware of these policies and regulations:

- Between November 1 and March 31, no motor vehicle is to be left standing or parked on the streets of the City during the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- City Ordinances require that no vehicles be left standing or parked at the curb of any street or on any public place within the corporate limits of the City of Lakeland during a snow removal period.
- Do not place garbage cans/recycling containers on the street edge while streets are being plowed.
- Remove garbage cans/recycling containers as soon as possible after pick-up.
- Do not push snow across any street or highway.
- Do not park any vehicle on any street in the City after a snowfall until all the snow removal is complete.
- Vehicles illegally parked in violation of the provisions may be removed and citations issued.

Plow drivers have a tough job to do, and they need everyone's help for the safety of all. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Postal Notes

Remember to keep the area around your mailbox clear of snow. It is recommended that the box have a clear distance of 30 feet from the approach to the exit.

Carriers are not required to exit the vehicle to deliver the mail.

CodeRED Notification Systems

Keeping citizens informed.

Lakeland has joined the other cities in Washington County to contract with Emergency Communications Network to provide the CodeRED high-speed, time-sensitive notification system. The system will be used to send important notices and alerts for things such as weather, fires or floods, evacuation notice, missing persons, chemical spill or gas leak or other incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential for safety.

The system is dependent on a strong database of numbers/addresses. You should not assume you are in the database. It is recommended that you go to www.wcsheriff.info and click on the CodeRED logo to enroll in the notification system. If you do not have internet access, you can ask a friend or relative to do it for you or call the Communications Center at 651-439-9381 for help to enroll. You may choose to receive notification on landlines, cell phones and emails.

Washington County Sheriff's Office has scheduled a mass notification call that will be sent on Wednesday, January 4th at 12:00 noon to those in the database. More information will be provided in future Newsletter and on the Lakeland website soon.

Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting

The December PC was cancelled due to lack of compelling agenda items.

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

(Held December 20, 2011 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

The meeting was preceded by a Christmas/Holiday gathering from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

It was reported that on November 15, the Council conducted a Closed Session regarding litigation matters.

Approval of the Consent Agenda (on file at City Hall), including the following:

- Minutes of the November 15, 2011 Regular City Council meeting and November 18, 2011 & November 29, 2011 Special City Council meetings.
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills to be Approved
- Extend Business Permits
- 2012 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization set for Tuesday, April 12, 2012, with a second meeting scheduled on April 19, 2012, if necessary.
- 2012 Liquor Licenses - Bungalow Inn and Village Wine & Spirits
- Payment and Change Order for Upper Elevation Water System Improvements
- Resolution approving application for HOME Funds

It was reported there were 70 calls for service in November, with 16 citations issued. Total miles driven in the area was a total of 6,097.

A Public Hearing was held for the 2012 Budget & Levy and 2012 Truth In Taxation. Resolution 2011-31 was adopted approving the Final Property Tax Levy for the Year 2012 for a total certified levy of \$1,006,076. Resolution 2011-32 was adopted approving the Final Budget for the Year 2012 for a total amount of \$1,039,237.

A Public Hearing was held to establish an Economic Development Authority (EDA) regarding TIF District No. 1-2. The following resolutions were adopted:

- 2011-33 Establishing EDA
- 2011-34 Terminating the Contract for Private Development (CPD) adopted November 18, 2011.

Peg Larsen, Richard Glasgow and Joe Paiement were appointed to the Lakeland EDA.

Highlights of Lakeland Economic Development Authority Meeting

(Held December 20, 2011 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

The following EDA Resolutions were adopted:

- 2011-35 Organizing the EDA
- 2011-36 Approving transfer of CPD

For Your Information

Lakeland Winter Curfew Hours for Minors

During the months of October through May, curfew is between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. During the curfew period, it is unlawful for any minor under the age of 16 years to idle, loiter, or be upon the public streets, boulevards, sidewalks, alleys, parks, beach, or any other public place in the City of Lakeland.

City Council Meetings on TV

Lakeland City Council meetings can be seen on
[Valley Access Channel 16](#)

2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1 p.m. & 9 p.m.
2nd & 4th Fridays at 7 a.m.

Public Safety

Adopt-A-Hydrant

Please help protect your neighborhood by taking the time to remove snow and ice that accumulates around fire hydrants during the winter season.

Make sure the hydrant is readily visible to Fire Department personnel.

Is Your Address Visible?

City Ordinance requires a display of house and/or building numbers at each site. More importantly, it is essential that buildings be clearly marked with address numbers. The numbers should be not less than three inches in height in a contrasting color to the structure and placed to be easily and clearly seen from the street when approached from either direction.

Be Safe - Be Seen!

There is danger in the dark - the biggest being vehicles that don't expect you or can't see you. Wearing reflective clothing is a good defense against invisibility, but you need to be sure the reflective areas are large enough and are exposed from every angle.

Pet Owners

Be a courteous pet owner. Make sure you clean up after your dog when you are out walking in the City parks and along the street. Carry a plastic bag with you to pick up waste and take it home with you.

All Animals Must Be Leashed

The Animal Control Officer can pick up dogs running at large. If the animal is licensed, every effort will be made to return the animal to its owner. If the animal is unlicensed, it will be taken to the St. Croix Animal Shelter and held until the owner has paid all City and shelter fees.

The City's Animal Control Officer also handles all barking dogs or other nuisance complaints. For additional information, call the City Hall at (651) 436-4430.

ALL Lakeland Dog and Cat Licenses have expired and are due for renewal.

Licenses can be purchased at City Hall during normal business hours or by mail.

ALL DOGS AND CATS OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE MUST BE LICENSED.

The new 2012-2013 licenses will be needed effective January 1, 2012. The licensing fee is \$15 for the two-year licensing period. Complete the application and mail it to City Hall along with a check and current rabies verification.

Please be aware that this license is for Lakeland residents only. Lakeland Shores residents must contact their City for licensing.

2012-2013 ANIMAL LICENSE APPLICATION
 Fee: \$15.00
 (Proof of current rabies vaccination must accompany application.)

Animal's Name _____ Age _____

Breed _____

Weight _____ Color _____

Owner's Name _____

Street Address _____

Mail to: Lakeland City Hall, 690 Quinnell Ave. No.

Snowmobilers NOTE

Operation of snowmobiles is permitted only on the east bike trail until April 1 PROVIDED THAT THE TRAIL IS COVERED WITH SNOW. Snowmobiles may travel on the most right-hand lane then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway to access the bike trail.

Public Works

Building Permits

The City contracts with the City of Bayport for building services. Inspections are made daily and will require 24-hour notice. To schedule an inspection, call (651) 436-1405 and leave a message.

Building Department Hours

Monday & Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Be sure to contact the Building Inspector at (651) 436-1405 PRIOR TO STARTING ANY BUILDING PROJECT to determine whether a permit will be required.

Garbage Service

The City of Lakeland currently has three licensed garbage haulers:

- Maroney Service Inc. - (651) 439-7279**
- Highland Sanitation - (651) 458-0043**
- Waste Management - (651) 437-9201**

Residents may choose a company licensed to haul rubbish in the City.

Washington County Environmental Center

Collection hours are -

- Tuesdays - 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.
- Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Saturdays - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Closed on Christmas and other major holidays. Proof of residency, such as a driver's license, is required.

For more information —
http://www.co.washington.mn.us/info_for_residents/environment/environmental_center/

Water

Water Payments

Water bill payments may be dropped off in the box on the south side of the Lakeland City Hall building, or in the drop box at the Water Utility Building located at 12th Street South and CSAH 18 (St. Croix Trail).

Payments received after 12:00 noon on the 20th of the month will be credited on the next month's bill. No cash please.

Power Outages

Call NSP Lights Out at (800) 895-1999.

Remember municipal water customers...you are able to use your water system during power outages. Please use the water conservatively for normal water usage purposes.

Excavators & Plumbers

The following contractors have filed the necessary documents to conduct business in the city:

Capra's Utilities: (651) 762-2500

Joe Chaves Excavating/Landscaping Supplies:
(651) 436-7732

Featherstone Excavating: (651) 436-1987 or
(715) 381-1704

Thoennes Plumbing: (651) 436-8611

These names and numbers are provided as a service to the Community. The City is not recommending or endorsing these contractors.

Community Information

Afton Preschool Registration

Afton Preschool will open enrollment for Fall 2012 classes on February 1, 2012. We offer a combined age class of 3-5 yr. olds on Tues., Wed. & Thurs. mornings from 9-12. There are also few openings for the current school year.

The school is located at Memorial Lutheran Church in Afton and is not church-affiliated. For more information, please call Cindy at (651) 436-8557.

Rainbow Christian Preschool

Located in St. Croix Valley Church, Lakeland

3-year old preschool: T & TH - 9:00-11:30 a.m.

4-year old preschool: M, W & F from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Please check us out on the church website:
www.stcroixvalleychurch.org or by calling
(651) 436-8691.

Box Tops for Education Don't Toss Them Out!

Local schools can benefit from Box Tops, specially marked milk caps and Labels for Education. Contact Linda Barclay at (651) 998-0813 for more information.

Community Thread

Community Thread is one of eight regional Volunteer Centers connecting people through service. We make volunteering easy! Go to www.communitythreadmn.org or call (651) 439-3434 for more information.

Cold Weather Rule

The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is in effect from October 15 through April 15 each year. Xcel Energy customers who are concerned about paying their heating bills should contact the company now to learn about their rights and responsibilities under the Rule.

Administered by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the Rule requires utilities such as Xcel Energy to establish payment arrangements during the heating season with customers who cannot pay their bills in full. It applies to both homeowners and renters, but does not protect customers who fail to contact the company.

For additional information, call (651)296-5175, email energy.info@state.mn.us, or visit the website at www.commerce.state.mn.us and click on Energy Info Center.

Fare for All Express

www.fareforall.org

(763) 450-3880

1 (800) 582-4291

No advance payment or pre-registration is needed to purchase packages. There are no income restrictions for participating in this program.

Fare for All Express location in Lakeland is at Afton-Lakeland Elementary School, 475 St. Croix Trail South. Distribution in 2012 takes place on from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. the following Tuesdays:

January 10	May 8	September 11
February 7	June 12	October 9
March 6	July 17	November 6
April 10	August 14	December 4

Washington County Library

Washington County Library announces a new schedule of hours that takes effect on Jan. 3, 2012, as libraries open to the public in the New Year. All branch libraries will be closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Valley Branch Library

Phone: (651) 436-5882

Web: www.co.washington.mn.us/library

Tuesday-Thursday	2 pm - 6 pm
Friday & Saturday	10 am - 2 pm
Storytime will resume in February!	
Sunday & Monday	closed

- REMEMBER -
Contact the Building Inspector before you start a project!

The Building Inspector is located at the Lakeland Water Department Plant No. 2, located at 1190 St. Croix Trail So.

Mailing Address: 690 Quinnell Ave. No., Lakeland, MN 55043

Hours: Monday & Thursday – 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Phone: 651-436-1405

Treasurer's Report
November 2011

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		10/31/11	Nov. 2011	Nov. 2011	Nov. 2011	11/30/11
100	General Fund	\$338,241.00	\$267,714.92	\$19,780.34	\$0.00	\$586,175.58
199	Applicant Dep./Exp.	\$4,987.28	\$250.00	\$2,597.99	\$0.00	\$2,639.29
200	Special Parks Fund	\$69,816.87	\$1.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69,818.37
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$3,452.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,452.14
401	Public Works Fund	\$395,427.65	\$195,408.16	\$18,206.32	\$0.00	\$572,629.49
501	Fire Station Debt Serv Fund	\$15,368.22	\$14,277.80	\$28,555.00	\$0.00	\$1,091.02
502	Fire Relief Assn. Fund	\$6,675.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,675.78
601	Water Utility Fund	\$352,933.34	\$23,373.50	\$12,195.26	\$429.17	\$364,540.75
605	Water Construction Fund	\$123,187.72	\$4.57	\$158,694.73	\$0.00	(\$35,502.44)
606	Water Debt Service Fund	(\$11,577.06)	\$7,035.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,541.79)
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$70,054.96	\$12,176.90	\$9,461.99	(\$429.17)	\$72,340.70
705	Lakeland Village Const Fund	\$6,502.95	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,002.95
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv Fund	(\$1,484.33)	\$24,030.32	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$22,120.99
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$312,546.00	\$9.60	\$3,857.47	\$0.00	\$308,698.13
Total Fund Balances		\$1,686,132.526	\$544,282.54	\$255,274.10	\$0.00	\$1,975,140.96

Save for future reference...

City Council & Planning Commission

Lakeland City Hall: E-Mail - cityoflakeland@comcast.net Web Site: www.lakelandmn.com

Mayor: **Brian Zeller** - Gateway Corridor, Lower St. Croix Water Management Organization, Weed Inspector (12/31/12) (612) 325-3038

Council Members: **Richard Glasgow** - Lower St. Croix Joint Cable Commission, Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Protection District, Public Buildings/Building/Planning (12/31/14) (651) 217-2189
Peg Larsen - Gateway Corridor, Emergency Response, Public Health & Safety (12/31/12) 436-4430 (City Hall)
Robert Livingston - Acting Mayor, Parks/Playgrounds/Bike Trails/Beach, Personnel Committee (12/31/12) (612) 875-0330
Joe Paiement - Lower St. Croix Joint Cable Commission, Personnel Committee Chair, Recycling Committee (12/31/14) 967-5050

Planning Commission

Chair: **Chris White** - (2/1/12) (651) 436-7697 Personnel Committee

Members: **Asia Bednar** - (2/1/14) (612) 986-3862
Pete DeCorsey - (2/1/13) (651) 436-4430
Bill Francel - (2/1/12) (651) 436-4430
Diane Wirth - (2/1/14) (651) 436-6227

Telephone Numbers

City Hall: (651) 436-4430
(Hours: 9 a.m. - Noon, Monday - Friday.
Call for an appointment at other times.
E-Mail: cityoflakeland@comcast.net

Water Utility Department: (651) 436-8044
(Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday)
E-Mail: lakelandwater@comcast.net

Building Inspector: (651) 436-1405
Hours: Monday & Thursday 8-10 a.m.
Located in Lakeland Water Dept. Plant No.2,
1190 St. Croix Trail So.

Animal Control: (715) 386-7789

Fire Department (non-emergency): (651) 436-7033

Washington County Sheriff (non-emergency): (651) 439-9381

Future Newsletter Articles should be submitted to: Newsletter Editor
Lakeland City Hall, 690 Quinnell Ave. No., Lakeland 55043 by the 15th of the month.

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