

# Lakeland Newsletter

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**Brian Zeller, Mayor**

## January Calendar

*Note: All city meetings start at 7:00 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.*

#### **Thursday, January 1**

*City offices closed in observance of the New Year*

#### **Friday, January 2**

*City offices closed in observance of the New Year  
\*Recycling Day*

#### **Tuesday, January 6**

*Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00pm*

#### **Thursday, January 8**

*Recycling Day*

#### **Thursday, January 15**

*Recycling Day*

#### **Monday, January 19**

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

#### **Tuesday, January 20**

*City Council Meeting - 7:00pm*

#### **Thursday, January 22**

*Recycling Day*

#### **Thursday, January 29**

*Recycling Day*

*\*please note day change from  
Thursday to Friday due to holiday schedule*

## Mayor's Corner

*Brian Zeller, Mayor*

I thought I would use this month's news letter to clarify three subjects that some citizens have questions about.

### **Question: Why did the city pay for such an extensive and expensive road project?**

The County Rd 18 roundabouts and road improvements were not paid for by the city of Lakeland. County Rd 18 is a county road. Washington County paid for 90-plus percent of the project with county funds and state funds that were awarded to the project. Lakeland and Lakeland Shores did pay a small amount toward the project. Lakeland's total contribution was approximately \$125,000. That amount includes the payment and installation of the new bike path from 5th street to 5th street on the west side of County rd 18. The total project cost was in excess of \$3.2 million. It is also worth mentioning that even though this is a county road, the county representative asked us to participate in the design of the road. City staff, Council members and a Citizen Advisory Committee all participated. This was a great example of how multiple governmental units can work together productively.

### **Question: Why is the city spending tax payer money to renovate the Lakeland Village Center?**

The City of Lakeland is not paying for the improvements being made to the Lakeland Village Center. The new parking lot, roof and storefront renovations are being paid for by the owner. Other costs associated with the Village Center are either being assessed against the property or reimbursed through the TIF district. Again, I want to emphasize that the City of Lakeland is not paying for the renovation of the retail center. It is wonderful to see the improvements and the investment the owners are making in our community. I look forward to seeing our current businesses grow and succeed as well as welcoming new businesses to our city.

**Question: Why are water department employees plowing the city streets?**

The water department and the public works department are effectively the same department. Jim Gilles, Matt Kline and Pete DeCorsey work in both departments. They are the gentlemen responsible for the snow plowing. You may recall that the county decided not to offer snow plowing services to independent cities. That left the City with two options. Either provide the service ourselves or try to find a contractor to provide the service. The City decided to buy two used trucks from the county and provide the service. They have been tested several times already and have done a great job. It is worth noting that the priority is to open the main arterial streets in town first. Then they make a second pass through town cleaning up and putting sand and salt down.

I hope I have answered some of the questions and concerns you may have. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact City staff or any of your elected officials. We are here to help.

Happy New Year!

***Highlights of Truth in Taxation/  
Special City Council (SCC)  
Meeting***

*(Held December 1 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)*

Public Hearing was held for the 2009 Budget & Levy.

The December CC meeting was set for December 16, at 7:00 p.m. to facilitate the Planning Commission meeting prior if needed. The Christmas Party/Open House will be held on Wednesday, December 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

An update was provided regarding the intersection of 8th Street North and CSAH 18.

***Highlights of Planning  
Commission (PC) Meeting***

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

***Highlights of City Council (SCC)  
Meeting***

*(Held December 16 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)*

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

- Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills to be Approved
- Resolutions approving Final 2009 Budget and Levy, and donation by Forest Lake Contracting.
- Liquor License for Bungalow Inn
- CUP for Cheep Mini Storage

There was review and discussion about options for the CSAH 18/8th Street North intersection, and it was reported that the County has postponed the project.

There was review and discussion about the Quixote raingarden project. It was determined that a meeting will be held with affected neighbors, and the matter will be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

There was review and discussion about the Lakeland Beach Restoration Project.

Approval was given to the Met Council Loan application for assistance with the local Stormwater Management Plan.

There was review and discussion about the status of the State's Local Government Aid.

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.

***For Your Information***

***Lakeland Fall & Winter Curfew  
Hours for Minors***

The city of Lakeland's curfew hours for minors from January through May are from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

During the curfew period, it is unlawful for any minor under the age of 16 years of age to idle, loiter, or be upon the public streets, boulevards, sidewalks, alleys, parks, beach, or any other public places in the City of Lakeland.

## ***Postal Notes***

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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.

## ***Garbage Service***

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The City of Lakeland currently has two licensed garbage haulers:

**Maroney Service Inc. - (651) 439-7279**  
**Waste Management - (651) 437-9201**

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

## ***Parks & Recreation***

### ***Lakeland Garden Club***

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The Lakeland Garden Club's many activities are ongoing. If you would like additional information about the Club, call Jeri Ryan at (651) 436-5598.

### ***Park Hours***

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All public parks and picnic areas (not owned in the name of the State of Minnesota) shall be open for the use of the general public between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

### ***Keys Found***

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Keys were found at Humphreys Park and can be claimed at City Hall.

## ***Water***

### ***Water Payments***

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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 County Road 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.

## ***Excavators & Plumbers***

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

Capra's Utilities: 762-2500

Joe Chaves Excavating & Landscaping Supplies:  
436-7732

Featherstone Excavating: 436-1987 / (715) 381-1704  
Thoennes Plumbing: 436-8611

These names and numbers are provided as a service to the community. The city is not recommending or endorsing any of these contractors.

## ***Public Safety***

### ***Adopt A Hydrant***

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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.

### **SNOWMOBILERS - NOTE**

The bike trail is the designated snowmobile trail through the City. All snowmobile traffic should travel north and south on the designated trail, which is permitted between November 1 and April 1 each year provided that the trail is covered with snow.

The most right-hand street right-of-way should be used only as a direct route to the snowmobile trail. Snowmobiles are not allowed in any City parks, including ball fields and parking areas, or on private property without consent of the owners, including church and school property.

City Ordinances prohibit use of metal traction devices on a paved public trail.

### ***Watch for Children***

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There is a 30 mile per hour speed limit on all City streets, unless otherwise posted. With school in session and road construction in process, special care should be taken to watch for children on bikes and people walking. Drive slowly through neighborhoods, and please observe the stop signs at designated intersections.

## File for Life

The *File of Life* is available to residents of Washington County. *File of Life* is a way of insuring that health information is available to emergency personnel in a crisis situation. Often times in emergency situations, people may forget, are unable to speak, or to find or remember important health information. The *File of Life* contains this information.

The *File of Life* packet includes a magnetized plastic "file" containing a folded emergency information card, a smaller wallet size card and case, and a *File of Life* sticker. *File of Life* kits are available at City Hall.

## Pet Owners

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

## All Animals Must Be Leashed

The Animal Control Officer can pick up dogs and cats 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.

### Lakeland Dog & Cat Licenses

2008-2009

Licensing Period



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

Licenses can be purchased at City Hall during normal business hours or by mail. The 2008-2009 licenses will be needed effective January 1, 2008. The 2009 licensing fee is \$5 for the remaining one-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.

### 2008-2009 ANIMAL LICENSE APPLICATION

Fee: \$5.00

(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.

## A Reminder

If you see any unusual or suspicious activity, it is important to call the Sheriff's Department directly at (651) 439-9381 so a deputy can respond immediately.

## Public Works

### Snow Removal

Please be aware that 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.

Please refrain from parking any vehicles on the streets after a snowfall until all the snow removal is complete.

### Winter Reminder

During this plowing season, garbage cans and recycling containers should not be placed on the street edge while streets are being plowed and should be removed from the edge of the street as soon as possible after pick-up. The pushing of snow across any street or highway is illegal.

### 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.

## ***Aggregate Industries Brush Site***

The site will be closed until spring 2009.

## ***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.

## ***Washington County Year-Round Hazardous Waste Site***

Take household hazardous waste to the Oakdale site at 1900 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale.

January - March

Tuesdays - 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you have questions about what to take to the site, call Washington County at (651) 430-6770 or 430-6655.

## ***Community Information***

### ***Afton Preschool Registration***

Registration will be accepted starting February 1 for our combined age class. We offer class 9 a.m. - noon Tuesday/ Thursday for 3 year olds and Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday for 4 year olds.

Afton Preschool is located at Memorial Lutheran Church in Afton and is not church affiliated. The school, established in 1968, is a community preschool and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin or source of payment.

## ***Rainbow Christian Preschool & Kindergarten***

Rainbow Christian Preschool is a non-profit, half-day early childhood program sponsored by the St. Croix Valley United Methodist Church as an outreach ministry and service to all families with young children. Contact (651) 436-8691, ext. 105, for additional information.

## ***St. Peter Lutheran Preschool***

St. Peter Lutheran Preschool is a Christian-based program located one mile south of I-94 on Neal Avenue in St. Peter Lutheran Church. For any questions, contact Jackie Polinske at the church office at (651) 436-3357.

## ***Valley Branch Library***

Phone: 651-436-5882

Web: [www.co.washington.mn.us/library](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/library)

Monday/Tuesday 2 pm to 8 pm

Wednesday/Thursday 2 pm to 6 pm

Friday/Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

*(Story time on Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. for preschool through kindergarten age kids and their caregivers.)*

Monday, January 5, 2009 marks the official kick-off of Washington County Library's "Winter Jackets" — a winter reading program that encourages adults to delight in reading during the chill of winter.

The program will run January 5 through February 28, 2009 at all Washington County Branch Libraries. Beginning January 5, stop by any Washington County Branch Library to pick up a "starter kit." In addition to promoting reading, Winter Jackets will feature author events, special programs, drawings for prizes and more.

Find more information on the web at [www.co.washington.mn.us/library](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/library) or call Valley Library with questions, 651-436-5882.

## ***XYZ Club (Extra Years of Zest)***

XYZ Club for seniors 55 years and older meets every Tuesday to play cards and visit at Memorial Lutheran Church in Afton.

Cards are played on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. with a coffee break at 10:00, continuing with cards until 12 noon.

If you have any questions, call (651) 436-3373.

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612-598-2020

## *Building Permits*

*November 2008*

Project Address	Project
723 Quinnell Avenue North	Demolish existing house
190 Quality Avenue South	Moving closet out into garage area
84 Quehl Avenue North	Install gas fireplace and gas line
16051 Quality Ct. South	Replace existing water heater

### **- 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 2008*

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		10/31/08	Nov., 2008	Nov., 2008	Nov., 2008	11/30/08
100	General Fund	\$340,691.78	\$186,498.80	\$21,744.17	(\$61,327.50)	\$444,118.91
199	Applicant Dep./Exp.	(\$5,937.30)	\$21,900.65	\$5,183.43	\$0.00	\$10,779.92
200	Special Parks Fund	\$16,568.19	\$12.31	\$4,141.00	\$0.00	\$12,439.50
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$6,718.40	\$5.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,723.41
301	Special Assessments Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
401	Permanent Improvement Fund	\$226,797.97	\$199,480.36	\$52,854.45	\$0.00	\$373,423.88
501	Fire Station Debt Service Fund	\$14,999.48	\$13,953.14	\$27,884.00	\$0.00	\$1,068.62
601	Water Utility Fund	\$397,036.88	\$16,918.30	\$13,443.70	(\$20,440.83)	\$380,070.65
605	Water Construction Fund	\$531,498.24	\$701.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$532,199.53
606	Water Debt Service Fund	\$229,393.50	\$49,927.40	\$0.00	\$14,327.50	\$293,648.40
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$56,731.97	\$737.00	\$377.00	(\$429.17)	\$56,662.80
705	Lakeland Village Const. Fund	\$0.00	\$653,358.54	\$20,250.00	(\$92,731.73)	\$540,376.81
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv. Fd.	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$190,194.18	\$37,319.61	\$21,337.64	\$139,731.73	\$345,907.88
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$2,004,693.29</b>	<b>\$1,198,812.41</b>	<b>\$1,672,153.39</b>	<b>(\$20,870.00)</b>	<b>\$3,015,420.31</b>

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## City Council & Planning Commission

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**Mayor:** **Brian Zeller** - Personnel Committee, Weed Inspector  
(12/31/10) (612) 325-3038

**Council Members:** **Robert Craggs** - Parks, Recycling Committee (12/31/10) 436-3784  
**Richard Glasgow** - Lower St. Croix Joint Cable Commission  
(12/31/10) 217-2189  
**Peg Larsen** - Public Works (12/31/12) 436-5073  
**Robert Livingston** - Acting Mayor, Emergency Response,  
Public Health & Safety (12/31/12) (612) 875-0330

**City Administrator:** **Mark Nagel** - (651) 436-4430

**Planning Commission:** **Joe Paiement** - (2/1/10) 436-3726  
**Members:** **Asia Bednar** - (2/1/11) (612) 986-3862  
**Chris White** - (2/1/09) 436-7697  
**Diane Wirth** - (2/1/11) 436-6227  
**Kevin Witt** - (2/1/10) 436-2737

## Telephone Numbers

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Call for an appointment at other times.  
E-Mail: [cityoflakeland@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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

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