

Lakeland Newsletter

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Brian Zeller, Mayor

November 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, November 1

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 pm

Thursday, November 3

Recycling Day

Saturday, November 5

Aggregate Industries Brush Disposal -
8:00 - 11:00 am

Tuesday, November 8

ISD 834 Special Election
Lakeland residents vote at Afton-Lakeland
Elementary School
Polls open from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

Thursday, November 10

Recycling Day

Tuesday, November 15

Workshop - 5:00 pm
City Council Meeting - 6:00 pm

Thursday, November 17

Recycling Day

Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25

City offices closed in observance of the
Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 25

Recycling Day

Stillwater Area Public Schools District 834

Special Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Lakeland Voters

The polling place for the City of Lakeland is
Afton-Lakeland Elementary School at 475 St. Croix Trail
South. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Absentee Voting

You may vote by absentee ballot if you are unable
to vote in person on Election Day because you are:
(1) away from home, (2) ill or disabled, (3) an Election
Judge serving in another precinct, or (3) if an eligible
emergency is declared by the governor or quarantine
is declared by federal or state government. You can
receive an absentee ballot from Washington County
by applying in person at the Washington County
Service Centers in Stillwater, Woodbury, Forest Lake
or Cottage Grove during normal business hours
Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 10 a.m.
to 3 p.m. the Saturday before the election.

To find out if you are registered, visit Washington
county's new Voter Registration Lookup at
<http://www.co.washington.mn.us/>.

If you are not registered to vote, may register at
your polling location on Election Day.

**Call Washington County Elections at
651-430-6175 for more information.**

Go to <http://www.stillwater.k12.mn.us/Bond.html> -
Levy and Bond 2010 for complete information on
the ballot issues.

Mayor's Corner

from Richard Glasgow, Councilperson

I would like to thank Mayor Zeller for offering his Mayor's Corner to me this month so I can update the residents of Lakeland as part of my duties as Road Commissioner.

Our Public Works Department has seen a major change in the past month. Jim Gilles, the long-time Public Works Director, has resigned and taken a position elsewhere. At this time, we would like to thank Jim for his dedication to the City of Lakeland and wish him all the best with his new job. Jim Gilles worked for the city for 18 years, first as a Water Operator for our city water system and later as the Public Works Director. Additionally Jim served on our Fire Department for many years, and his service to our community will be missed as well.

Matt Kline, the current Water Operator, took on the additional duties of Interim Public Works Director. Matt has worked closely with Jim Gilles for the last ten years and is very familiar with the Public Works Department and the water system.

At the October Council Meeting, the City Council authorized offering Matt Kline the position of Public Works Director. The Council also started the process to hire a qualified Water Operator to relieve Matt from that additional position which could take up to two years to be fully licensed. The City Council has also approved the position of Public Works I and is currently in the final stages of hiring a person to fill that position.

Why is the City hiring an additional employee (Public Works I)? We are moving away from two seasonal employees to one full time employee. The Council has placed a high value on our roads and parks. We feel a full time employee will provide the consistency we need for those projects, along with snowplowing.

The snow season is quickly approaching, and we are planning to be fully staffed and ready take on another Minnesota winter. It would be nice to see snow for Christmas but not much before that.

I have been a Council Member for over 5 years, a Planning Commission member before that, and currently serve as the Roads Commissioner for the City of Lakeland. I have interacted with Matt Kline for all those years and found him a very dedicated loyal employee for the City. As Roads Commissioner, I have watched Matt take on additional duties and interact with the residents of Lakeland as well of those cities our Water Department services. Matt has been and will continue to be a great asset for the City of Lakeland for years to come.

I asked Matt for a statement on his new position, and he stated that he is being provided an opportunity to continue to provide the admirable services that Lakeland residents are accustomed to. He also welcomes the challenge of a new role with the City and looks forward to the new tasks that lie ahead.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (651) 472-4390 (M).

Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting

The PC meeting scheduled for October 4, 2011 was cancelled due to lack of compelling agenda items.

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

(Held August 16, 2011 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

It was reported that on September 20, 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 September 13 SCC and September 20 CC meeting2
- Bills to be paid
- Ordinance 7530 re: Tobacco and Resolution approving summary for publication
- AFP for Upper Elevation Water System Improvements
- AFP for 2011 Street Improvements
- Extend business permits for 60 days
- Confirm Truth in Taxation hearing for December 20, 2011

There were 76 calls for service, 19 citations issued and 5,728 miles driven by the Sheriff's Department during September.

There was review and discussion about proposed Tax Increment District No. 1-2. Resolution was adopted setting a public hearing for establishment of the District.

There was review and discussion about changes in the Public Works Department. Approval was given to fill the open PW I position. Authorization was given to fill the PW II / Water Operator if appropriate after the ongoing interview process; or to re-post the position if there isn't a qualified applicant when the process is completed.

Direction was given for the Personnel Committee to offer the position of PW Director to Matt Kline, current interim PW Director.

Approval was given to the proposed 2012 Street Improvements Agreement, and snowplowing contract services for Lakeland Shores.

The Council recessed to Closed Session regarding litigation matters.

Public Safety

Lakeland Dog & Cat Licenses 2010-2011 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 2010-2011 licenses are effective January 1, 2010.

The licensing fee is \$5 for the remainder of the licensing period. Complete the application and mail it to City Hall along with a check payable to the City of Lakeland for \$5 and current rabies verification.

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

2010-2011 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.

Fire Department News

MARK YOU CALENDARS

The Lower St Croix Valley Fire Department will be holding their annual Pancake Breakfast with SANTA on Sunday, December 4th beginning at 8:00 am until Noon. Speaking of calendars, the annual calendar for the FD will be mailed to homes and businesses around the first week of December, as well. Have a safe and happy November!

NOW HIRING

The Lower St Croix Valley Fire Department is currently accepting applications for EMT/Firefighter for an upcoming hire. This is for a paid on-call position and not full time. You provide the time commitment and we provide all the training! You must reside or work fulltime

within ten minutes from the station. If you are interested, please log into our website at www.lscvfd.com and print out the employment application and questionnaire and return to us.

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

http://www.co.washington.mn.us/info_for_residents/environment/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 major holidays. Proof of residency, such as a driver's license, is required.

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.

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.

Aggregate Industries Brush Site

Aggregate Industries provides a disposal site for brush from Lakeland residents again this year. Participants will be required to provide identification.

The site will be open from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 5. This is the final date the site will be open during 2011.

Thanks to Aggregate Industries management for again providing this important service to Lakeland residents!

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

Senior Chore Services Initiative matches seniors with volunteers and professional service providers to assist with household chores and projects. Go to www.communitythreadmn.org or call (651) 439-3434 for more information.

Fare for All Express

www.fareforall.org (763) 450-3880
1 (800) 582-4291

Distribution in 2011 takes place on from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Croix Valley Church on Tuesday November 8 and Tuesday, December 6

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

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.

We also offer an extended day option for those pre-kindergartners on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 - 2:00! Coming February 2012, we will be offering a young 3's class on Tuesday's from 12:00-2:00 pm. Children must be 3 by 2/1/2012 and potty trained!

Please check us out on the church website: www.stcroixvalleychurch.org or by calling Jena Lyden at (651) 436-8691, ext. 105.

Valley Branch Library

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

Monday & Friday	10 am - 2 pm
Tuesday-Thursday	2 pm - 6 pm
Saturday & Sunday	closed

Job seekers needing help with resume or interview preparation can now get live expert help at the Washington County Library. Using your Washington County library card you may access a new online resource, JobNow!, from the library or from home. JobNow! offers live assistance from job coaches trained to work with individuals through every step of the job search process.

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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 (12/31/12) (612) 875-0330
Joe Paiement - Lower St. Croix Joint Cable Commission, Personnel Committee, Recycling Committee (12/31/14) 967-5050

Planning Commission: **Asia Bednar** - (2/1/14) (612) 986-3862
Members: **Pete DeCorsey** - (2/1/13) (651) 436-4430
Bill Francel - (2/1/12) (651) 436-4430
Chris White - (2/1/12) (651) 436-7697
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

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