

Lakeland Newsletter

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Brian Zeller, Mayor

August 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

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Tuesday, August 2

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 4

Recycling Day

Saturday, August 6

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

Thursday, August 11

Recycling Day

Tuesday, August 16

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

Thursday, August 18

Recycling Day

Thursday, August 25

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 Brian Zeller, Mayor

As I am writing this month's Mayor's Corner, the Governor and the House and Senate are finalizing the budget and putting an end to the state government shutdown. We will learn the impact of their decisions in the next week or so. I believe the Lakeland City Council, with the help of staff, anticipated and planned for the worst while hoping for the best. We basically assumed we would not receive any of the local government aid we had in the past, and have completely eliminated the revenue from our budget. Over the past three years, significant budget reductions have been made to minimize the need to increase taxes. I am proud to say that our first draft of next year's budget will result in less than a 1% increase.

At the July Council meeting, Council members gave feedback to the City Treasurer and set a goal of 0% increase for next year. We provided some ideas and asked for additional review of revenue and expenses in order to accomplish that goal. I am confident that by working together, we will be successful.

Also in July, Bob Livingston and I met once again with FEMA representatives relative to our application to receive reimbursement for flood damage to the beach road, the beach parking lot and the beach itself. A conservative estimate suggests the City of Lakeland will receive \$8,000 to \$10,000 for road repairs, \$11,000 for beach parking lot repairs, \$4,000 for general repairs and prevention for a total of \$23,000 - \$25,000 minimum. We also asked for additional funds to cover additional repairs and additional preventative solutions to minimize future flood damage. Bob Livingston and John Parotti deserve most of the credit for securing this money for our City. Their patience and perseverance definitely paid off to our benefit.

Hopefully the river levels will recede so that we can access these areas and implement the repairs. It has been an interesting flood season to say the least.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or feedback for any of us, please feel free to contact us directly.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting

(Held July 19, 2011 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

There was a public hearing regarding an application by Eric Bauer to build a garage larger than the maximum allowed by Ordinance. PC members recommended that the City Council deny the application, because the application does not meet the standard that practical difficulties must be due to circumstances unique to the property and not created by the landowner.

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

(Held July 19, 2011 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

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

- Minutes of the June City Council Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills to be Approved
- 2011 Streets Improvements AFP #1

It was reported that there were 87 calls for service, 7 citations issued and 5,791 miles driven by the Sheriff's Department during June.

There was review and discussion about the application for variance by Eric Bauer to build a garage larger than the maximum allowed by Ordinance. Mr. Bauer withdrew the application.

Council directed that review of potential Ordinance change regarding garage size be conducted in August.

Approval was given for the Landscaping Maintenance Agreement with the County for CSAH 18.

There was review and discussion about safety options for the CSAH 18/8th Street North intersection.

There was review and discussion about rate increase for Building Inspection services, and the matter was continued to the August meeting.

There was review and discussion about contracting for Electrical Inspection services during the state shutdown. Members decided not to approve, since it was reported that the legislation is expected to end the shutdown this week.

Authorization was given to execute the MPCA Upper Elevation Water System Joint Powers Agreement.

There was discussion about anticipated FEMA funding for flood damage at Lakeland Beach; and that work will begin on the Beach and roadway when the funding decisions have been made.

Public Safety

Lakeland Fall & Winter Curfew Hours for Minors

The City of Lakeland's curfew hours for minors from June through August are between 10:00 p.m. and 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.

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 will be needed 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 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.

Please Note

Exterior Storage

Lakeland Code of Ordinances requires that ALL personal property - INCLUDING TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS - is to be stored within a building or fully screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring streets and property.

Mowed Grass Doesn't Belong on the Street

The St. Croix River is on the Endangered Rivers List. Have you ever seen the River as green as St. Patrick's Day after a rain? You can help!

Do not dump leaves or grass clippings on or near the road. When mowing your lawn, make sure the first two passes next to the street and driveway go back onto the lawn... and not onto the paved surface. Limit fertilizing. Consider installing a rain garden or buy a compost bin. One pound of phosphorous in runoff can result in 500 pounds of algae growth. Algae turn the River green, and it can use up all the oxygen that supports the fish in the River. Fertilizers run into the River, and seaweed thrives.

Even if you are not close to the River, runoff makes its way to the River. Installing a rain garden can reduce runoff going to the River by over 90%.

Let's all do our part to protect our National Scenic Riverway!

Public Works

Aggregate Industries Brush Site

Thanks to Aggregate Industries who have agreed to provide a disposal site for brush from Lakeland residents again this year. Aggregate Industries does not accept any construction materials. They will accept only brush such as limbs, trees, and shrub trimmings. No leaves or grass. Participants will be required to provide identification.

Aggregate Industries will be open from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. on the following days:

August 6 September 3
October 1 November 5

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.

CenterPoint Energy Reminder

CenterPoint's Pipeline Safety Management has asked the City to notify the public that any suspicious activity near or around vacant property should be reported to the law enforcement officials. You are also asked to call 1-612-321-4680 to discontinue natural gas service at vacant properties. If you smell, hear or see a gas leak:

- Leave the area immediately on foot, and tell others to do the same.
- Do not use electric switches, telephone (including cell phones) drive or start a vehicle or do anything to cause a spark.
- When safely away from the area, call the emergency gas leak hotline at 1-8900-296-9815 and dial 911 to report the location and description of the leak.
- Do not try to repair a gas leak yourself.

CenterPoint will send a trained service technician immediately.

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.

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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

Children must be 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, 2011 to enroll. We offer a combined age class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. 3 year olds may attend 2 or 3 days and 4 year olds attend all three days from 9 a.m. - noon.

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.

We also offer an extended day option for those pre-kindergartners on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 - 2:00!

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

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

An initiative that matches seniors with volunteers and professional service providers to assist with household chores and projects.

www.communitythreadmn.org (651) 439-3434

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 the following Tuesdays:

August 9 September 6 October 11
November 8 December 6

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

Farmers Market

There will be a Farmers Market at the Borderline parking lot on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, beginning June 11 through October 22, 2011.

The Lower St. Croix Valley Community Foundation

www.LSCVCF.com

Visit our website to learn about Upcoming Foundation Activities, Community Committee Projects, Contribution Opportunities, How you can get involved in enhancing your Valley.

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

Washington County Library commemorates the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry with a One County, One Book reading program. Log on to www.co.washington.mn.us/library, or call the library's Info Desk at 651-731-1320 for information.

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. Call Washington County Library's Info Desk, 651-731-1320, with questions about the new resource.

Activities at Valley Branch Library

Big Time Fun with "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"
Monday, August 1, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

For preschoolers. Take part in a morning of caterpillar craft and literacy-based activities. We will read the book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, and have a "buggy" good time. Limited to 15 participants. Registration begins July 11.

A free computer class: "Internet Basics"
Wednesday, August 10, 1-2 p.m.

Learn the basic techniques of searching for information and entertainment on the internet. Class is free and lasts one hour. Limited to 2 participants.

Sign up at the Library's Service Desk or call the Library at 651-436-5882 with questions.



Gateway Corridor Transit Options

Lakeland residents could see new transit connections to downtowns St. Paul and Minneapolis, as well as western Wisconsin, if the Gateway Corridor plans become a reality. The Gateway Corridor Commission is conducting an 18-month transit study that is analyzing the best modes and routes of new transit along the Gateway Corridor, an area three to five miles on either side of I-94 from Minneapolis and St. Paul to Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

For more information or to sign up to receive updates and notices, please visit <http://www.thegatewaycorridor.com/>.

Celebrate Water This Summer!

Save the Fish...and then Eat 'Em!

This July is the 100-year anniversary of the St. Croix River Association, and local partners are using the occasion as an opportunity to get people involved in projects to clean up lakes, rivers and streams in the St. Croix Valley. The East Metro Water Resource Education Program is partnering with the River Association to print 100,000 "Save the Fish...then Eat 'Em" drink coasters, which will be distributed to local bars and restaurants throughout the month of July.

The goal of the campaign is to reach people who live, work or recreate in the St. Croix Valley and give them an easy way to stay up-to-date on projects that benefit the river, as well as cost-share grants for clean water projects and other opportunities. A new website created for the campaign, www.stcroix360.com, will have a list of upcoming events, as well as information and resources to help people plant trees, build raingardens, create wildlife habitat and restoring shoreline and streambank property with native plants. Residents of Washington County will be able to request free site visits at their homes and to apply for cost-share grants for clean water projects when they are available.

Treasurer's Report

June 2011

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		5/31/11	June 2011	June 2011	June 2011	6/30/11
100	General Fund	\$272,733.95	\$262,449.51	\$19,908.44	(\$14,499.00)	\$500,776.02
199	Applicant Escrow Fund	\$25,729.76	\$1,100.00	\$59.25	\$0.00	\$26,770.51
200	Special Parks Fund	\$63,401.23	\$6,051.50	\$135.20	\$0.00	\$69,317.53
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$3,452.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,452.14
401	Public Works Fund	\$420,982.03	\$199,548.30	\$118,216.05	\$0.00	\$502,314.28
501	Fire Station Debt Serv Fund	\$1,089.76	\$14,277.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,089.76
502	Fire Relief Assn. Fund	\$1,275.78	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,675.78
601	Water Utility Fund	\$356,081.49	\$17,280.78	\$17,911.13	\$429.17	\$355,880.31
605	Water Construction Fund	\$252,910.74	\$17,247.01	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$270,087.75
606	Water Debt Service Fund	(\$41,086.64)	\$6,755.15	\$0.00	\$14,499.00	(\$19,832.49)
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$66,126.30	\$7,404.36	\$5,382.07	(\$429.17)	\$67,719.42
705	Lakeland Village Const. Fund	\$6,502.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,502.95
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv Fund	(\$38,744.42)	\$54,453.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,709.30
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$301,551.95	\$2,009.30	\$3,912.67	\$0.00	\$299,648.58
Total Fund Balances		\$1,692,007.02	\$593,977.13	\$165,594.81	\$0.00	\$2,120,389.34

- 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

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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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