

# Lakeland Newsletter

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**Brian Zeller, Mayor**

## February 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.*

#### **Tuesday, February 3**

Rescheduled to February 17

#### **Thursday, February 5**

Recycling Day

#### **Thursday, February 12**

Recycling Day

#### **Monday, February 16**

City offices closed in observance of  
President's Day

#### **Tuesday, February 17**

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00pm  
City Council Meeting - 7:00pm

#### **Thursday, February 19**

Recycling Day

#### **Thursday, February 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

*Brian Zeller, Mayor*

It shouldn't matter if you voted for our new president or not. It shouldn't matter if your state representative or local official won or lost the election. No one person is going to solve the current problems on his/her own. This is a time for us all to get more involved at local, state and national levels. Serious decisions are being made that will impact all of us for years to come. I believe it is time for all of us to hold our elected officials accountable for their actions and decisions. This is not a time for partisan politics.

Locally in Lakeland, we are being impacted by decisions being made at the state capital. Specifically, our Local Government Aid (LGA) is being cut at extreme levels. Lakeland receives approximately \$150,000 in LGA annually. That accounts for more than 15% of our budget. These cuts occur after our budgets are established and approved. Even worse, we were given notice in December that our 2008 payment was being reduced by \$40,000 for 2008. At the January City Council meeting the Council reviewed our 2008 income and expenses to determine how to address the underfunded LGA payment. Thankfully, we were under budget for 2008, and that will cover approximately half of the underfunded amount. The remainder will be covered by our reserve account that has been built up over the years for this type of emergency. The City Council and Staff are also working on the anticipated LGA cuts that will occur in 2009. The 2009 City budget will have to be amended to address this decrease. This will not result in a local tax increase for 2009. It will require us to decrease line items in the approved budget. Again, these are decisions that will impact all of us.

At the state level all expenditures are up for debate and possible cuts. This could affect schools and/or school programs, for example. It is imperative that we stay informed and involved with our elected representatives.

Feel free to contact your City Council members if you have questions or would like to understand our process in more detail. We are all available and happy to talk with you. Also, all City meetings are open to the public and your involvement is encouraged. City Council meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

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

*(Held January 13 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)*

A Public Hearing was held on an application by Lawrence & Denese Lenertz for variances to lot widths to remove and rebuild the home at 435 Quixote Avenue North, with a recommendation for the City Council to approve with Staff recommendations as documented.

A Public Hearing was held on the City of Lakeland Comprehensive Plan [December 2008]. Recommendation forwarded to the CC to approve with minor changes.

### **Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting**

*(Held January 20 - 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 2009 Annual Appointments, LSCWMO Watershed Management Plan amendment, support of MN National Guard troops deploying to Iraw, CLIMB pull tabs.
- Re-appointment of Kevin Witt and Chris White to the PC.

Approval was given to the Application by Lawrence & Denese Lenertz for variances to lot widths to remove and rebuild the home at 435 Quixote Avenue North.

It was reported that there were 54 calls for service, 4 citations issued and 5,006 miles driven by the Washington County deputies in December.

There was review of the State LGA cut relative to the City's 2009 Budget (see Mayor's Report).

Approval was given for the contract with Great River Greening for the Quixote Avenue Raingardens Project.

There was review of 2008 Budget wrap-up information.

Council members and Staff recessed to closed session regarding potential litigation at 1175 Quinlan Avenue South and 16777 7th Street North.

## **For Your Information**

### **City of Lakeland Annual Appointments for 2009**

A resolution was passed at the January City Council meeting making the following appointments for 2009:

Animal Control	Kathi Pelnar
Assessor	Washington Cty Assessor
Attorney	Eckberg, Lammers, Briggs, Wolff & Vierling / Nicholas Vivian
Building Inspector	City of Bayport Building Inspector / John Buckley
City Clerk/Zoning Adm.	Chris Wallberg
Official Depositories	US Bank League of Minnesota Cities 4M Fund First State Bank/Bayport
Engineer	Short, Elliott, Hendrickson / John Parotti
Official Newspaper	Stillwater Gazette
Treasurer	Tom Niedzwiecki
Weed Inspector	Brian Zeller, Mayor

### **Parking Permits Have Expired**

The area of the City between I-94 and Upper 5th Street North, and CSAH 18 and the St. Croix River, is a designated parking area where permits are required for street parking. Annual permits cost \$1 each, and five permits are allowed for each residence. Event permits are available for single-day parking and cost \$5. Permits may be obtained at City Hall.

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

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The city of Lakeland's curfew hours for minors until 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.

## **Snow Removal**

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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.

## **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.

## **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**

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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 THE PAVED PUBLIC TRAIL.

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

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***

### ***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***

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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***

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The site will be closed until spring 2009.

## ***Building Permits***

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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***

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

### ***February - 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***

### ***Congratulations!***

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The City of Lakeland would like to recognize and thank the following members of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department for their years of service to the citizens of the Valley community:

Mike Cruz	10 years of service
John Anderson	20 years of service
Kevin Kirby	20 years of service
Ralph Piscitello	25 years of service
Jim Stanley	30 years of service

## ***Afton Preschool Registration***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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Phone: 651-436-5882

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

Effective January 2, 2009 hours are:

Monday & Friday 10 am - 2 pm

Tuesday-Thursday 2 pm - 6 pm

Saturday & Sunday closed

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

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

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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.

## *Building Permits*

*December 2008*

Project Address	Project
739 Quixote Avenue North	Install new gas line
16700 7th Street South	Inspection fees
723 Quinnell Avenue North	Demo existing house and install new house

### **- 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*

*December 2008*

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008	12/31/08
100	General Fund	\$444,118.91	\$43,232.91	\$72,941.92	\$0.00	\$414,409.90
199	Applicant Dep./Exp.	\$10,779.92	\$0.00	\$1,089.89	\$0.00	\$9,690.03
200	Special Parks Fund	\$12,439.50	\$7.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,447.26
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$6,723.41	\$3.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,726.58
301	Special Assessments Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
401	Permanent Improvement Fund	\$373,423.88	\$128.09	\$36,468.97	\$0.00	\$337,083.00
501	Fire Station Debt Service Fund	\$1,068.62	\$7.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,075.64
601	Water Utility Fund	\$380,070.65	\$19,137.83	\$17,423.71	\$429.17	\$382,213.94
605	Water Construction Fund	\$532,199.53	\$864.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$533,063.85
606	Water Debt Service Fund	\$293,648.40	\$6,293.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$299,942.07
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$56,662.80	\$2,732.94	\$1,245.50	(\$429.17)	\$57,721.07
705	Lakeland Village Const. Fund	\$540,376.81	\$0.00	\$4,525.00	\$0.00	\$535,851.81
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv. Fd.	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$17,250.00
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$345,907.88	\$45,126.97	\$9,607.43	\$0.00	\$381,427.42
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>		<b>\$3,015,420.31</b>	<b>\$117,534.68</b>	<b>\$144,052.42</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,988,902.57</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** - (2/1/12) 436-7697  
**Diane Wirth** - (2/1/11) 436-6227  
**Kevin Witt** - (2/1/12) 436-2737

## 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](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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