

Lakeland Newsletter

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Brian Zeller, Mayor

March 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, March 3

Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00pm

Thursday, March 5

Recycling Day

Thursday, March 12

Recycling Day

Tuesday, March 10

City Council Meeting - 7:00pm

Thursday, March 19

Recycling Day

Thursday, March 26

Recycling Day

***The 2009 Lakeland-Lakeland Shores
Spring Clean-Up has been scheduled
for Saturday, May 2, 2009.***

Watch for details in April's Newsletter!

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

Thankfully, the month of February was relatively quiet in the City of Lakeland. The City Council and City Staff continue their work on the 2009 Local Government Aid cuts and are determining what the impact will be on the services the City provides. At the advice of the City Administrator and City Treasurer, the Council is not taking any immediate action to amend the 2009 budget. We are scaling back spending in anticipation of necessary budget cuts but, we are waiting until more definitive information is provided by state officials. Although it will result in cuts to services provided, we are in relatively good shape financially. Past and present Councils have done a good job of building City reserves and holding down expenses.

I remain disappointed with the process and approach the State officials are taking with their budget crisis. The impact to local communities is significant and creates a large burden. State legislators will be traveling the state presenting the budget in town hall forums. I will be attending several of these meetings and will testify to the negative impact their budget cuts create to Lakeland specifically. If you are available to attend any of these events, I encourage you to do so. It is very important that we all stay informed and involved in the process. The representatives are encouraging our comments and asking for our feedback.

On a positive note, Public Works employees have been doing an excellent job with the snow plowing, work will continue on the parks improvements, repairs will be completed to the beach and the CSAH 18 project will be completed early this spring. Work at the Village Center is progressing nicely, and the entire project is looking great!

We have a lot to be thankful for and proud of in Lakeland.

Please call or email questions or concerns to City Staff or any of your City Council members.

Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting

The scheduled February 3, 2009 Planning Commission meeting was cancelled.

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

(Held February 17 - 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
- Resolutions suspending 2009-02 re LSCWMO Watershed Plan amendment, acknowledging 2009 Holidays and acknowledging donation by Edward Distel

Invitation was extended for St. Croix River Workshop on March 31 at Stillwater Library.

There was review and discussion on the 800 mhz radio project, and authorization for staff to proceed with grant application.

Approval was given for specifications and to allow bids for the 2009 Streets Project.

A workshop was set for April 7 at 5:30 p.m. to address Budget and Parks.

Authorization was given for a letter to be sent expressing the City's interest in participation in the I-94 Corridor Agreement; and for staff to do additional research on provisions of the Agreement.

Authorization was given for the current Comprehensive Plan draft to be forwarded to the Met Council for review.

Approval was given for the City Administrator Contract.

Proclamation was approved as requested by the Washington County Historical Society.

There was review and discussion about the Parks projects, which were referred to the April 7 workshop.

March City Council meeting was changed to Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

For Your Information

Thanks for the History

We express appreciation to Mr. Edward "Bud" Distel for his donation of a book of historical information about the Valley area. The book is a culmination of years of work and research. Bud is a long-time resident, and served as Lakeland's Postmaster for many years. The book is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

Thank you, Bud!

Lakeland City Council Meetings

The City of Lakeland City Council meetings are televised over local Cable TV (Channel 16) on either -

Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

or

Thursday at 4:00 p.m. and midnight

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

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.

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.

Parks & Recreation

Park Hours

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Aggregate Industries Brush Site

Thanks to Aggregate Industries who has agreed to provide a disposal site for brush from Lakeland residents again this year.

Aggregate Industries does not accept any construction lumber. They will accept only brush such as limbs, trees, and shrub trimmings. No leaves or grass.

The site will be open from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Aggregate Industries makes this site available to the residents of Lakeland. Participants will be required to provide identification

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 2 (Spring Clean Up)	
June 6	September 12
July 11	October 3
August 1	November 7

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.

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.

Garbage Service

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.

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 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

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.

Community Information

Afton Preschool Registration

Registration is being accepted 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.

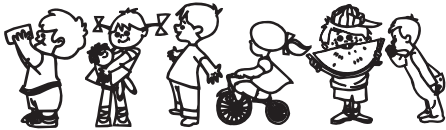


Hands n Hearts Preschool

Hands 'n Hearts Preschool, formerly St. Peter Lutheran Preschool, has changed its name and has begun enrolling for the fall session.

A new program for combined 3, 4, and 5 year olds will be held T/W/TH from 9:00 to 2:00.

Hands 'n Hearts is located at 880 Neal Avenue South in Afton. For questions, call Jackie Polinske (436-3357 or 436-8421).



Rainbow Christian Preschool & Kindergarten

2009-2010 Class Offerings

T TH 3 year olds	9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
M W F pre-kindergarten	9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
M W F pre-kindergarten	12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
T TH mixed age class	12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Kindergarten	9:00 a.m. - noon

Community registration opened February 2, 2009. Pick up a packet outside the Rainbow Office.

For any questions, call Julie at 436-8691 X105.

Valley Branch Library

Phone: 651-436-5882

Web: 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)

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

January 2009

Project Address	Project
452 Quinlan Avenue North	Remodel inside - new stairs, walls, insulation, furnace, & AC
360 St. Croix Trail North	Redo main plumbing supply lines throughout building
16700 7th Street South	Install gas fireplace

- 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

January 2009

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		12/31/08	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2009	1/31/09
100	General Fund	\$427,637.84	\$1,873.72	\$50,654.04	\$0.00	\$378,857.52
199	Applicant Dep./Exp.	\$8,285.65	\$0.00	\$1,529.02	\$0.00	\$6,756.63
200	Special Parks Fund	\$12,447.26	\$4.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,452.09
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$6,726.58	\$2.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,728.73
401	Public Works Fund	\$322,799.71	\$124.04	\$33,650.89	\$0.00	\$289,272.86
501	Fire Station Debt Service Fund	\$1,075.64	\$3.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,079.05
601	Water Utility Fund	\$382,213.94	\$18,879.22	\$14,458.40	\$429.17	\$387,063.93
605	Water Construction Fund	\$533,063.85	\$188.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$533,251.88
606	Water Debt Service Fund	\$302,087.71	\$6,228.94	\$178,641.25	\$0.00	\$129,675.40
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$57,721.07	\$597.92	\$116.45	(\$429.17)	\$57,773.37
705	Lakeland Village Const. Fund	\$535,363.27	\$167.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$535,530.38
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv. Fd.	\$17,738.54	\$5.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,744.03
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$379,699.24	\$92.17	\$619.90	\$0.00	\$379,171.51
Total Fund Balances		\$2,986,860.30	\$28,167.03	\$279,669.95	\$0.00	\$2,735,357.38

Save for future reference

City Council & Planning Commission

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

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

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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