

Lakeland Newsletter

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Brian Zeller, Mayor

September 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, September 1

Recycling Day

Saturday, September 3

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

Monday, September 5

City Hall offices closed - Labor Day

Friday, September 9 *NOTE DATE CHANGE

Recycling Day

Tuesday, September 13 *NOTE DATE CHANGE

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 pm

Thursday, September 15

Recycling Day

Tuesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 22

Recycling Day

Thursday, September 29

Recycling Day

It's Back to School Time !!

Be reminded to drive carefully as children head back to school. Be on the lookout for children boarding and exiting buses, and allow room and time for the frequent stops buses make during morning pick up and afternoon drop off periods. ALL drivers need to stop when school bus lights are flashing.

Mayor's Corner

from Brian Zeller, Mayor

September was a pretty quiet yet productive month at City Hall. At the August City Council meeting, we reviewed the City's ordinance that regulates detached garages in all three of our zoning districts. After careful consideration, the Council decided to amend our current ordinance to increase the maximum size of a detached garage to be 1014 square feet. Council members felt the increase in square footage will allow people to store more items under cover instead of outside and unscreened.

We also adopted the preliminary budget for 2012. We passed a zero percent increase. That's right, I said Zero Percent. The Council and city staff have committed to additional review in hopes of cutting another \$25,000. If we can accomplish this goal, we will actually decrease the City's budget and your property taxes. Our current Council recognizes how important it is to cut unnecessary expenses.

We also completed the following:

- Signed off on final FEMA reimbursement paperwork
- Authorized the posting of open Public Works employee position
- Started the review process for continued streets projects.
- Staff completed website update
- Council members attended a series of monthly committee meetings
- Reviewed potential grant opportunities

Lakeland Village and the Lower St. Croix Valley Community Foundation are presenting the first River Valley Community Days the weekend of September 23 to 25 at Lakeland Village. See Community Information elsewhere in this Newsletter for details.

I hope you enjoyed your summer. As always...if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact City hall or any of your elected officials.

Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting

(Held August 2, 2011 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

There was review and discussion regarding amendment of Ordinance Section 159.083 regarding Accessory Buildings & Structures.

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

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

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

- Minutes of the July City Council Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills to be Approved
- 800 MHz Radio Agreement Amendment
- Code Red Mass Notification System

It was reported that there were 127 calls for service, 13 citations issued and 5,747 miles driven by the Sheriff's Department during July.

Ordinance 7529 was adopted regarding Accessory Buildings & Structures, including but not limited to increase maximum garage size in all zones.

It was reported that projects for reimbursement have been submitted for FEMA review.

Authorization was given to post the open position for Public Works employee.

It was reported that the new website is available - www.lakelandmn.com.

City Hall

Questions & Concerns

We welcome and encourage residents to contact us with questions and concerns about what is happening in the City, and our goal is to address them for you. We often need to clarify what is needed and can only respond when we know how to reach you. Please be sure to include a way for us to contact you when you send in your questions and concerns.

Lost & Found

Keys found in the city have been turned in to City Hall. Please call 651 436-430 to identify and rescue the keys.

Public Safety

Fire Department Personnel Changes

The Lower St Croix Valley Fire Department would like to acknowledge the service of Bryan Hanselman (Lake St Croix Beach) and his wife Lisa for their service and time to our community. We wish Bryan and his family the best of luck upon his resignation from our department.

We would also like to acknowledge Tim Strauch, (Lakeland), upon his successful completion of his Emergency Medical Technician course and passing the National Registry Exam. Way to go Tim!

Lastly, please help us welcome three new members to your department. They are David Jacobs (Lakeland), Adam Stafné (Lakeland), and Dan Whitman (Lakeland). All three will begin the EMT class in September. We wish them the best of luck and welcome them to our team!

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.

Important to 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!

Don't 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:
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 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.

Raingarden Planting

Great River Greening will have a team planting raingardens along Quixote Avenue North on Saturday September 10th. They will be working in the area between 4th and Upper 5th Streets North.

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

Carnival Coming to the Valley!

Lakeland Village will be hosting River Valley Community Days, a weekend carnival full of fun rides and great games on September 23th- 25th. The weekend's activities will take place on the large grassy area just south of Lakeland Village, formerly Lakeland Plaza.

"We are delighted to host a carnival for the Valley area as a way to bring our community together," comments Debi Erickson, Plaza owner. "We have so many wonderful people who live in this area and we wanted to find a way for all of us to have fun and get to know one another."

The weekend's festivities will also include a hot rod and vintage car show and other family fun activities.

The event is presented by Lakeland Village and the Lower St. Croix Valley Community Foundation.

For more information visit www.lscvcf.com.

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 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.

Fall Native Plant Sales

Washington Conservation District

Natives are ideal for fall garden plantings.

Autumn may not be the season when most people think about gardening, but it is actually a great time of year to plant native perennial flowers, shrubs and trees. Cooler temperatures during September and October help to keep the ground from drying, which reduces the need for watering during those first critical weeks after planting. In addition, the roots of native plants continue growing underground even after the plant has gone dormant for the winter. By the time spring arrives, your

new natives will emerge vibrant, healthy, and virtually indistinguishable from those planted earlier in the spring or summer.

This fall, local native plant nurseries are collaborating with Wild Ones and the City of Woodbury to provide two opportunities for area residents to browse and purchase a wide variety of natives all in one location.

September 10, 9am-1pm at Woodbury City Hall

Local growers will have plants available for purchase. Visit www.ci.woodbury.mn.us/parks-and-trails/forestry/native-plant-market for more information.

September 17, 10am-2pm at Washington County Fairgrounds Pavilion

The St. Croix Oak Savanna Chapter of Wild Ones, a non-profit organization that promotes biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities, will be offering a selection of native plants from a variety of area native nurseries. Visit www.for-wild.org/chapters/scos/ for more information.

Native plants are well adapted for Minnesota's ever changing climate. They require no fertilizers or pesticides and don't need to be watered once they are established. Native flowers, shrubs and trees provide food and habitat for wildlife and attract birds and butterflies to your yard. To find the best plants for your yard, as well as garden designs, and local retailers selling native plants throughout the year, visit www.BlueThumb.org.

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:

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.

Gateway Corridor Transit Options

In late July, residents and local businesses reviewed revised transit options, presented at an open house held at the Woodbury City Hall. Attendees were asked to weigh in on the eight proposed transit options, which include express bus, managed lane, bus-rapid transit (BRT) and light rail transit (LRT) on various routes near I-94 from Minneapolis to western Wisconsin, as well as commuter rail on the existing railroad tracks running north of I-94. For each of the options, proposed station locations along those routes include Manning Avenue and Carmichael Road in Hudson.

The study team will be analyzing the feedback received and will be recommending changes be made where appropriate. The next step of the study will analyze construction and operating costs, ridership forecasts and potential environmental impacts for each transit option. This phase of the study will be completed in late 2011 and a last round of open houses will be held in early 2012 to receive public feedback. To see what has been completed to date or to find more detailed information on the transit options, please visit www.thegatewaycorridor.com.

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

Volunteers Needed

Great River Greening is looking for volunteers to work on restoration of native landscapes in our area. Go to www.greatrivergreening.org. Volunteer or call (651) 665-9500 ext. 11 for more information.

Treasurer's Report

July 2011

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		6/30/11	July 2011	July 2011	July 2011	7/31/11
100	General Fund	\$500,776.02	\$4912.15	\$91,770.64	\$0.00	\$409,917.53
199	Applicant Escrow Fund	\$26,770.51	\$0.00	\$859.75	\$0.00	\$25,910.76
200	Special Parks Fund	\$69,317.53	\$1.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69,319.08
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$3,452.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,452.14
401	Public Works Fund	\$502,314.28	\$14.43	\$12,979.42	\$0.00	(\$489,349.29)
501	Fire Station Debt Serv Fund	\$15,367.26	\$0.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,367.30
502	Fire Relief Assn. Fund	\$6,675.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,675.78
601	Water Utility Fund	\$355,880.31	\$22,475.79	\$20,250.95	\$429.17	\$358,534.02
605	Water Construction Fund	\$270,087.75	\$8.72	\$35,263.75	\$0.00	\$234,826.72
606	Water Debt Service Fund	(\$19,832.49)	\$6,168.67	\$16,420.00	\$0.00	(\$30,083.82)
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$67,719.42	\$1,253.59	\$2,386.28	(\$429.17)	\$66,157.56
705	Lakeland Village Const Fund	\$6,502.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,502.95
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv Fund	\$15,709.30	\$0.36	\$17,137.50	\$0.00	(\$1,427.84)
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$299,648.58	\$19,826.61	\$3,682.72	\$0.00	\$315,792.47
Total Fund Balances		\$2,120,389.34	\$50,661.61	\$200,757.01	\$0.00	\$1,970,293.94

- 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

Save for future reference...

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
John Buckley
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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Lakeland City Hall, 690 Quinnell Ave. No., Lakeland 55043 by the 15th of the month.*

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