

LAKELAND NEWS

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Mayor's perspective ~ *Amy Williams*

March was a busy month for our city with plans in the works for improvements to Quality Avenue, adoption and implementation of MIDS storm water regulations and spring road restrictions in effect.

Two Hamline University graduate students presented ideas for the parks and recreation portion of our city's comprehensive plan at the March city council meeting. One student's presentation included suggestions that the City of Lakeland cooperate with nearby cities and agencies to provide information regarding recreational opportunities in the lower St. Croix Valley on our website. It was also suggested we invest in better signage for our parks. Are you aware that Lakeland has three parks and a beach for our residents to enjoy?

The second presentation focused on the city's parks and recreational opportunities from another perspective. Over the summer of 2015 students from Hamline University determined via surveys that our residents had a strong interest in receiving more information regarding constructing a fishing pier at Lakeland's public beach. There was a considerable amount of research data provided to the Council during the city's workshop. It is exciting to hear fresh ideas from the students that partner with our city. No decision has been made regarding a fishing pier but I look forward to the discussions that the idea is likely to spark. We will continue to work with Twin Cities college students on the development of our comprehensive plan. Their ideas and input, like that of our residents, is very valuable.

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Earth Day every day

With Earth Day fast approaching on April 22nd it is a great time to look at ways to reduce, reuse and recycle every day. You can live like every day is Earth Day by maximizing your recycling efforts, reducing what you acquire and reusing what you can. Recycling benefits our economy, saves energy and protects our environment. Just because something cannot be recycled in your curbside bin does not mean you cannot recycle it. Items like batteries and plastic bags can be brought to drop off locations to be recycled. Visit www.rethinkrecycling.com



Water Bill Changes

The Lakeland Water Utility will transition to quarterly billing this month. What does this mean for you? Your last monthly water bill was processed in March and is due by April 20, 2016. Water billing will occur every three months from here on out. The next bill you will receive will be in July and will cover service for the months of April, May and June. The collection of past due water bill payments will change as well. Unpaid water charges will be assessed to Washington County and be paid with Property taxes in lieu of the previous shut-off practice.



Cable Commission continues to seek community input

As the Lower St. Croix Cable Commission continues its debate regarding whether it should continue its agreement with the Central Valley Cable Commission they are seeking advisement from the public. If the Commission decides to dissolve the agreement, cable subscribers in Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, Afton, Lake St. Croix Beach and St. Mary's Point would no longer have access to four channels that feature distinctly local programming.

"Cancelling the agreement would save the five cities a total of \$21,600 a year" said Chairman Richard Glasgow.

An option that would save the channels—Channels 14, 15, 16 and 18—would be to institute a public education government (PEG) fee, which would cost subscribers approximately \$1.50 per month.

Subscribers can contact Glasgow at r.glasgow@comcast.net or 651.472.4390 to weigh in on the future of the agreement.

Seasonal Part-Time Public Works position: Come work for the city!

The City of Lakeland will be hiring soon for a part-time seasonal public works position. The position runs from May through October of 2016. Weekly hours of the position vary but are expected to consist of 10 to 40 hours per week. The compensation range for the position is \$10.75 to \$11.85 per hour (DOQ). The position will be responsible for lawn and parks maintenance, street maintenance among other public works priorities. A full position description can be found on the city website at <http://ci.lakeland.mn.us/> along with a job application form.

Please submit your application to the email address listed on the form or drop it off at 1190 St Croix Trail South, Lakeland, MN 55043.

Applications will be considered on a first come first serve basis. The position is an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). Open until filled.

Event Schedule

April 6, 2016
Recycle Pickup

April 12, 2016
LBAE Meeting
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

April 19, 2016
City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m.

April 20, 2016
Recycle Pickup

May 4, 2016
Recycle Pickup

May 7, 2016
Annual Spring Cleanup
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Valley Baptist Church

May 7, 2016
Brush Site Open
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Aggregate Industries

May 17, 2016
City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m.

May 18, 2016
Recycle Pickup

May 30, 2016
Memorial Day
City Offices Closed

June 1, 2016
Recycle Pickup

June 4, 2016
Brush Site Open
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Aggregate Industries

June 15, 2016
Recycle Pickup

June 21, 2016
City Council Meeting

Election 2016

If you are interested in serving as an election judge you must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and be able to read, write and speak English (M.S. 204B.19).

- ◇ Primary Election Tuesday, August 9, 2016
- ◇ General Election Tuesday, November 8, 2016

The City of Lakeland election will include following municipal offices:

- ◇ Mayor (1) Two Year Term 2017-2018
- ◇ Council Member (2) Four Year Term 2017-2020

Contact city@ci.lakeland.mn.us or 651.436.4430 if you would like to help serve or have any questions regarding running for a municipal office.
Thank you for your consideration to serve your community!

Mayor's perspective continued...

Property tax calculations can be confusing. There are several factors that influence a property owner's tax obligation. In Lakeland; city levies, county levies and Assessments, and school board levies are added together to determine the amount that must be collected in total from Lakeland property owners. The amount of each levy is determined by the budgets adopted by that taxing body. Individual property tax obligations are determined based on the classification of the property; such as residential, commercial, industrial, or agricultural and assessed value of the property. Taxes are lowest on residential homesteaded properties. The higher the value of the property the higher the tax obligation. The county assessor reviews property values in order to ensure that the tax obligations are allocated in accordance with this value principle. The purpose of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is to ensure that properties are valued (assessed) accurately and to provide property owners the opportunity to dispute or clarify their property values. This year's Local Board of Appeals and Equalization will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at Lakeland City Hall located at 690 Quinnell Avenue N. at 5:00 p.m.

If you should have any questions about your assessed value or property taxation in general we encourage you to attend.

Spring is right around the corner. Please stay alert for increased foot, bike and roller traffic on our city streets. Stay tuned for additional updates on our new city hall and improvement projects for the bike path. It is an exciting time to be a resident in Lakeland!

Happy Spring! ~ Amy Williams

State, County and Community News

St. Croix River Association aims to inform the community of the river's governing laws

Natalie Warren is the new face of the St. Croix River Association. Warren is employed by the organization through a three-year state grant and plans to work with landowners, real estate developers and local governments to explain land-use regulations before misunderstandings turn into confrontations. She will educate and perform research to help residents "preserve the areas where they live." The St. Croix River is one of 208 federally designated wild, scenic and recreational rivers and enjoys special federal and state protections from overdevelopment. Warren's area of focus is 52 miles long and extends from Taylors Falls, Minnesota to Prescott, Wisconsin.

Spring Garden Club Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jeri Ryan

All Lakeland residents are welcome. Come share garden decorating ideas using recycled and repurposed items.

Everyone will make a garden stepping stone to take home. All materials provided free of charge.

Please R.S.V.P. for directions and a head-count.

jryan@ci.lakeland.mn.us
Phone: 651-436-5598



Got firewood?



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City Business

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Obtain a form on our website at www.ci.lakeland.mn.us or stop by city offices for the convenience of automatic bill pay. Payments received after the 25th of the month will be assessed a late fee. Please do not place cash in the drop boxes.

Building Department

MNSPECT can be reached Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for building plan, permit questions or to schedule an inspection please call (952) 442-7520 or email info@mnspect.com. MNSPECT Building and Safety staff are available at Lakeland City Offices on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The city encourages you to reuse, reduce and recycle whenever possible. Go to www.rethinkrecycling.com for additional information.



It's Time for Spring Clean-Up!

Saturday, May 7, 2016 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Valley Baptist Church

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF LAKELAND AND LAKELAND SHORES.
(Photo ID Required).

A big shout out to the dedicated Teens for Christ who will get their hands dirty that day for a good cause. Teens for Christ will receive all proceeds from this event.

No Garbage, Hazardous Waste, Yard Waste, Electronics or Mattresses/Box Springs will be accepted at this event.



THANK YOU VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, TEENS FOR CHRIST AND MARONEY'S!

Community WhatzUp?

Would you like your monthly newsletter emailed? Please contact us at city@ci.lakeland.mn.us or call at 651.436.4430 to be added to our monthly e-list. Electronic newsletters save on mailing and printing costs.

Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting

April 12, 2016 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 690 Quinnell Avenue North

Annual Spring Clean-Up

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8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Valley Baptist Church

Aggregate Brush Site to Open for the Year

First Saturday of the month beginning in May 2016 through October 2016
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. except for July, alternate date to be determined
Located at Aggregate Industries at 16164 Hudson Boulevard North in Lakeland
Brush only —no demolition debris will be accepted.
Special thanks to Aggregate Industries for offering this valuable community service at no charge to residents!

Valley Branch

Monday, Friday, and Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Closed on Sunday



April Calendar of Events:

- 4/4/16: Preschool Story Time 10:30 a.m.
- 4/11/16: Preschool Story Time 10:30 a.m.
- 4/13/16: Library closed until 1:30 p.m.
- 4/18/16: Sing, Play, Learn: Colors, Feelings, Music 10:30 a.m.
- 4/21/16: Snake Discovery! 3:30 p.m.
- 4/23/16: Washington County Library 50th Anniversary 10:00 a.m.
- 4/25/16: Preschool Story Time 10:30 a.m.
- 4/26/16: Dog Gone Reading With Legacy 4:00 p.m.
- 4/28/16: Book Club at Valley Branch 5:00 p.m.

Read a good book today!

2016 Local Board of
Appeal Equalization (LBAE)
Public Hearing to be held April 12, 2016
at City Hall from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Washington County Environmental Center

The Environmental Center provides residents with a free and convenient disposal of household hazardous waste, electronics and recyclables. Proof of residency such as a driver's license is required.

Hours:
Tue: 11am to 7pm
Thu: 8am to 4:30pm
Fri: 8am to 4:30pm
Sat: 8am to 2pm

4039 Cottage Grove Drive
Woodbury, MN 55129
(651) 275-7475

March 2016 Building and Septic Permits

Address:	Building Permit:
901 Quentin Ave South	New Roof/Attic Insulation
1196 Quinlan Ave South	Re-Roof
16644 7th Street North	Water Heater Replacement
16420 7th Street Lane South	Septic Permit
114 Quality Avenue North	Septic Permit
154 Quinlan Ave South	Fireplace Insert

Supporting military families throughout the Valley... to become involved in the Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley please contact Randy Kopesky at rkopesky@comcast.net.



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City Website: www.ci.lakeland.mn.us

Please visit the city's website for application forms, city code updates, public notices, meeting information and community news, etc. Please submit community photos for the online community showcase photo gallery to city@ci.lakeland.mn.us

County and State Contact Information

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