

LAKELAND NEWS

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Mayor's perspective ~ *Amy Williams*

After over a year of public hearings, council discussions, and resident input the council decided in February to locate the new City Hall on the land it already owns at the Public Works building on St. Croix Trail. I would like to thank residents, staff and council for their patient, thoughtful participation in the process. The motion for the building project was passed with a not to exceed restriction so if the "Request for Proposals" (RFPs) come in higher than the agreed amount then it will be back to the drawing board. I am confident that the scaled down project can be completed well within budget and look forward to keeping residents apprised of the project as it moves forward.

I am pleased that the council unanimously voted to adopt MIDS at the February City Council meeting. MIDS, which is an acronym for Minimal Impact Design Standards, was developed as a way to consistently manage stormwater. By adopting the standards we are able to give permeable surface credit for building materials and water management strategies that previously would not have had a creditable impact on the permeable surface calculations when building or remodeling. Detailed information regarding MIDS can be found on line at www.stormwater.pca.state.mn.us.

We have teamed up again with Hamline University graduate students to continue work on the City's Comprehensive Plan. A comprehensive plan is the guiding document for council and staff with regard to the priorities and mission of a city. As a statutory city within the regulating boundaries of the Metropolitan Council, not only are we required to have a comprehensive plan, we are required to update that plan on a regular basis.

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What NOT to recycle...

- ⇒ No napkins
- ⇒ No styrofoam
- ⇒ No egg cartons
- ⇒ No #3 or #6 plastics
- ⇒ No plastic bags
- ⇒ No black plastic
- ⇒ No toys
- ⇒ No bulky items
- ⇒ No refrigerated/frozen food boxes



Cable Commission asking for Community Input

Cable TV subscribers are being asked to weigh in on local programming. The Lower St. Croix Cable Commission is debating whether to continue its agreement with the Central Valley Cable Commission. 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.

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

March 1, 2016
Precinct Caucuses
Major Political Parties
7:00 pm

March 9, 2016
Recycle Pickup

March 15, 2016
City Council Meeting
6:00 pm

March 23, 2016
Recycle Pickup

April 6, 2016
Recycle Pickup

April 12, 2016
LBAE Meeting
5:00pm to 6:00pm

April 19, 2016
City Council Meeting
6:00 pm

April 20, 2016
Recycle Pickup

May 3, 2016
Recycle Pickup

May 7, 2016
Spring Clean-Up
8:00 am to Noon
Valley Baptist Church

May 17, 2016
City Council Meeting
6:00pm

May 17, 2016
Recycle Pickup

May 31, 2016
Recycle Pickup

June 14, 2016
Recycle Pickup

Become an Election Judge!

We need you! To serve 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). Election judges serve in many capacities. State law allows you to receive time off work to be an election judge and you get paid! Your employer can reduce your salary by your judge salary during the hours you are away from work OR you can voluntarily take a vacation day and receive the judge salary you earn as extra income. Per M.S. 204B.195 an employer cannot force you to take a vacation day. If you are working in your own precinct, you may vote on a break, or vote absentee before election day.

The training is free, consists of a two-hour session and you are paid for attending. Head judges must attend an additional one-hour training as well. Students age 16 and 17 can be election judge trainees if they are US citizens, are in good academic standing and are granted permission from school/guardians.

- ◇ 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 to sign up. Thank you for your consideration to serve your community, your state and your country!

Mayor's Perspective continued...

With the help of their Professor Craig Waldron and our city staff, the Hamline students will provide the city with valuable input as how best to meet the requirements of Thrive 2040 so as to preserve the values of our community and satisfy the goals of the Met Council. We had great success with this partnership over the summer and I'm excited to continue the relationship.

In the coming months we will be looking closely at how to address residents' concerns about safety, water management and overall road conditions along Quality Ave. As the primary access road for several streets and cul-de-sacs on the west side of St. Croix Trail, safety along this very busy street has been a major concern for years. Quality is a long street with many homes serviced directly or indirectly and as a result its reconstruction is likely to be a very challenging and potentially expensive project. As a point of reference, the amount currently identified as needed to simply address the condition of the road is almost twice the amount of the budget for the New City Hall. That said, I have confidence in our residents, staff and this council to arrive at a solution that responsibly addresses not only road conditions on Quality Avenue but water management and the safety of that street as well.

Community Opportunities

Love Gardening?

Looking for something fun and worthwhile to get involved in?

No experience—no problem!

Come join the City's Garden Club!

Beginning in April, the club will meet and create a fun personal garden project that members can take home. This will surely get the creative

juices flowing and

familiarize the group members with each other.

The group will gather ideas and make plans to create and implement both

projects for the city's gardens and parks and your home gardens as well! Anyone interested in joining please contact Council Member Jeri Ryan at 651.436.5598 or jryan@ci.lakeland.mn.us.



Washington County Citizen Review Panel seeks members

Panel members volunteer to work with child protection staff of Washington County Community Services and the State of Minnesota. Members analyze trends, provide a citizen's perspective and insights into the child protection system, recommend and advocate for needed changes and resources, promote cooperation among community resources and child protection service agencies, and increase community understanding and investments in protecting all children. The panel has also examined child protection policies, procedures, practices, and outcomes of the state and county child protection agencies. Panel members may gather information through interviews and observations, and review records, case files, and reports. The members prepare and make available to the public an annual report containing a summary of the panel's activities and recommendations to improve the child protection system.

This year, the panel has focused on three areas:

- 1) Reconsideration requests in findings of child maltreatment
- 2) Encouraging the development of a trauma informed system
- 3) Providing ways to inform the public about child protective services in Washington County.

Those interested in becoming a member may apply by contacting Community Services at 651-430-4111 or email Nissa.Knutson@co.washington.mn.us.

Panel members must be residents of Washington County, complete an application process, and participate in a personal interview. Applications are available at www.co.washington.mn.us, Search for "citizens review panel application."

City Business

Automatic Bill Pay

Sign up for auto pay!
Obtain a form on our website at www.ci.lakeland.mn.us or stop by city offices for the convenience of automatic bill pay. Remember after March 2016 quarterly billing goes into effect—watch for notices on your March bills. 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



Spring Clean-Up!

Saturday, May 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Valley Baptist Church

EVENT 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 for a good cause. Teens for Christ will receive all proceeds from this event.



*So clean up the mess...
Cuz you don't need the stress!
Bring all of your junk...
And get out of your funk!*

IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!

No Garbage, Hazardous Waste, Yard Waste or Electronics will be accepted at this event.

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

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.

Child Foster Care Informational Meeting

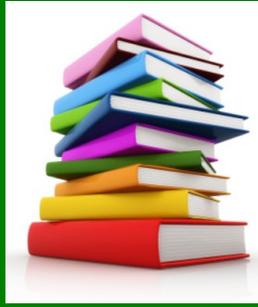
Informational meeting for those interested in providing child foster care in Washington County March 7, 2016 at the Washington County Government Center from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. No charge. RSVP at (651) 430-6455

Guided Fitness Hike

60 minutes including a warm-up with fitness challenges along the way; trail routes will vary by park and be on a mix of turf, gravel and grass.
March 24, 2016 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Nordic Center
Lake Elmo Park Reserve/Free with park pass

Valley Branch

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



March Calendar of Events:

March 7, 2016

Preschool Story Time 10:30am

March 14, 2016

Piggy Palooza Storytime 10:30am

March 21, 2016

Preschool Story Time 10:30am

March 24, 2016

Book Club 5:00pm

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

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.



No Building Permits issued in February 2016



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Councilmember Jeri Ryan: jryan@ci.lakeland.mn.us or (651) 436-4430

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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

Washington County Commissioner Gary Kriesel: (651) 430-6213

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