

Lakeland Newsletter

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April Calendar

Note: All city meetings start at 6:00 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 residents for this service. If your recycling is missed, please call (651) 439-7279.

Thursday, April 3

Recycling Day

Monday, April 7

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 8

Local Board of Appeal & Equalization - 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Review property evaluation on those properties receiving notice from the Washington County Assessor's Office.

Thursday, April 10

Recycling Day

Tuesday, April 15

Local Board of Appeal Continuation - 5:00 pm
Regular Meeting - 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 17

Recycling Day

Thursday, April 24

Recycling Day

Saturday, April 26

Delivery of recycling carts begins

**Spring Clean Up is scheduled for
Saturday, May 3, 2014**

Watch for details in May's newsletter
and at ci.lakeland.mn.us

Perspective

Matt Kline, Director of Public Works

NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM ON THE WAY!

Lakeland and Lakeland Shores have participated in a joint Recycling effort since the late 1980s. The Recycling Committee has been working to improve recycling services for our cities, and a new single-stream system will be launched on May 7th.

Single-stream recycling is much simpler because materials do not need to be sorted and can be mixed in the cart. This system requires that all participants have carts that can be picked up by automated arms and dumped into the truck, and new carts will be provided for all residential properties.

65-gallon recycling carts will be delivered to your property by Maroney's Sanitation beginning April 26th. The carts will contain information about single-stream recycling and a calendar of service dates.

No carts/containers currently in use can be used for the new program. Options for them are:

1. Dispose of them with your trash hauler.
2. Bring them to Clean Up Day on May 3rd.
There will be a \$3 fee for disposal that day.
3. Keep them for other uses.

Recycling will be picked up every other week on alternate Wednesdays - beginning on Wednesday, May 7th. There will be no recycling pick up the week of April 28th. Maroney's Sanitation will continue to pick up and deliver recycling materials to Eureka Recycling for processing.

This system provides our program with revenue sharing returns based on recycling markets; and those revenues help support lower costs for our recycling program. Your increased participation can boost revenues!

Call City Hall at (651) 436-4430 if you have any questions.

Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting

(Held March 11, 2014 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

The Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for March 11, 2014 was cancelled due to lack of compelling agenda items.

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

(Held March 18, 2014 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

The meeting was preceded by a workshop regarding Online Water Bill Payment and SF 2272 / Bill regarding DNR certification.

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

- Minutes of the February 11, 2014 Council meeting minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- 2013 Final Financial Statements
- Bills to be Approved
- Resolution approving authority signatures
- Transfer business at Lakeland Village to new owner and name
- Expenditure for Spring Clean Up

There was review of charges relative to permits issued for 1109 Quixote Avenue North.

The matter of the purchase of a play structure at Humphries Park was forwarded to the next Council meeting.

Approval was given to purchase software to provide automatic payment option for water utility bills.

Contract was approved for single-stream recycling in the City, with purchase of new carts to accomplish the program.

Confirmation was made regarding Lakeland's position not to waive statutory monetary tort liability limitations.

It was reported that the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be Tuesday, April 8th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.; and that Spring Clean Up Dae will be Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

There was discussion about waterline freeze ups and resultant need for customers to run water constantly to prevent further problems.

It was reported that representatives from the DNR and Lakeland met to begin working on policies/procedures for redevelopment along the St. Croix River.

City Hall

Election 2014

2014 is an Election Year. The Primary Election will take place August 12, 2014, with the General Election held on November 14, 2014. Lakeland will have positions of Mayor and two City Council members on the ballot.

New Voting Equipment

The County's existing voting system is 15 years old, and is showing signs of wear and tear. The new voting system will be used for the first time in all polling places in Washington County for the 2014 Statewide Primary and Statewide General Election.

Under state law, when a County purchases new voting equipment, the County is required to make the system available to the public for 60 days prior to using it in an election. The County will be taking delivery of the new equipment soon and will put the equipment on display in County facilities from April 14 to June 13. For those residents who are interested, there will be demonstration ballots available to see how to vote on the new machines. The voting equipment will be on display during that time period at the following county service centers:

- Headwaters Service Center in Forest Lake, 19955 Forest Road N., Forest Lake
- Government Center, 14949 62nd St. N., Stillwater
- Woodbury Service Center, 2150 Radio Drive, Woodbury
- Cottage Grove Service Center, 13000 Ravine Parkway S., Cottage Grove

The new voting system will include 90 voting machines and 90 ballot boxes, and a counting machine for absentee ballots. The new equipment will offer a number of new features that improve service and efficiency, such as a larger LCD touchscreen display; a thermal printer; digital scanning; and an auto feed tray for absentee ballot counting.

"The new equipment is similar in design and function as our previous equipment and the voter experience will be very similar," said Jennifer Wagenius, director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services. "Voters will select candidates by filling in an oval on a paper ballot, the ballot will be inserted into a vote tabulator that will digitally read the ovals that were marked, and the paper ballot can be used in any recounts that are necessary. "The paper ballot optical scan voting system has served our County and all of Minnesota well, and this new equipment is similar in design and function," she said.

The assistive marking device will remain the same for voters needing assistance in marking their ballot.

Gateway Corridor Transit Project

Gateway Corridor planners are seeking input from residents and business people on what should be studied in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Participation in the process can be done in a number of ways, and more information is available at www.TheGatewayCorridor.com.

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.

Public Safety

All Animals Must Be Leashed

The Animal Control Officer can pick up dogs 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.

Animal Licenses

New Licenses are required for ALL DOGS AND CATS for the 2014-2015 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 licensing fee is \$15.00 for the 2014-2015 licensing period.

2014-2015 ANIMAL LICENSE APPLICATION
 Fee: \$15.00
(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.

Please be aware that this license is for Lakeland residents only. Lakeland Shores residents must contact their City for licensing.

Parking Permits

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 residential street parking. Annual permits cost \$2 each, and five permits are allowed for each residence. Event permits are available for single-day parking and cost \$10. Permits may be obtained at City Hall.

Pet Owners

Be a courteous pet owner. Make sure you clean up 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.

Snowmobilers NOTE

March 31 is the last day for operation of snowmobiles in the City of Lakeland.

THE PAVED TRAIL WEST OF ST. CROIX TRAIL IS NOT TO BE USED BY MOTORIZED VEHICLES AT ANY TIME.

CodeRED Notification Systems

Keeping citizens informed.

There is a new link to register for the CodeRED notification system. Go to <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/5BD6DBC2457> to enroll. (Note: Those who sign up for "general notifications" will also get any general messages sent by their municipal or public safety agencies.)

If you do not have internet access, you may visit Washington County's public libraries to use a computer to register, ask a friend or relative to do it for you or call the Communications Center at 651 439-9381 for help to enroll. You may choose to receive notification on landlines, cell phones and emails.

Winter Curfew Hours for Minors

The City of Lakeland's curfew hours for minors from December through 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.

Public Works

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.

Garbage Service

The City of Lakeland currently has three licensed garbage haulers:

Maroney Service Inc. - (651) 439-7279

Highland Sanitation - (651) 458-0043

Veolia Environmental Services - (763) 786-3660

Waste Management - (952) 890-1100

Residents may choose a company licensed to haul rubbish in the City.

Washington County 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.

Visit the Free Product Room — Don't need it? Someone might. Items dropped off at the Environmental Center might be stocked in the Free Product Room for other residents to pick up free of charge.

More information is available at:

http://www.co.washington.mn.us/info_for_residents/environment/environmental_center/

Water Department

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.

Excavators & Plumbers

The following contractors have filed the necessary documents to conduct business in the city:

Capra's Utilities: (651) 762-2500

Featherstone Excavating: (651) 436-1987 or (715) 381-1704

Thoennes Plumbing: (651) 436-8611

These names and numbers are provided as a service to the Community. The City is not recommending or endorsing these contractors.

Community Information

Annual Spring Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 3, 2014 9 a.m. to 2p.m.

Clothing and small household items
St. Croix Valley United Methodist Church
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Fare for All Express

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Fare For All Express is a cooperative food buying program — the more people involved, the better. As more people participate in the program, better prices are secured from wholesalers. So the more people participate the better the deals. Fare For All offers healthy foods at a discounted price. Packages of fruit, vegetables, and frozen meats can be purchased for up to **40% off retail** prices.

No advance payment or pre-registration is needed to purchase packages. There are no income restrictions for participating in this program. This month's distribution day is Tuesday, April 15 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Lakeland at Afton-Lakeland Elementary School, 475 St. Croix Trail South.

The Lower St. Croix Valley Community Foundation

www.LSCVCF.com

Visit our website to learn about upcoming Foundation Activities, Community Committee Projects, Contribution Opportunities, and how you can get involved in enhancing your Valley.

Valley Branch Library

Valley Branch Library Hours are:

Monday, Friday & Saturday	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday	2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Storytime Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

For children preschool through kindergarten age; siblings welcome. Hear stories and participate in activities that entertain and help to develop early literacy skills. No registration.

Writer's Workshop for Kids

Tuesday, April 8
Write Your Own Silly Story 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Dog Gone Reading

Tuesday, April 22 4 to 6 p.m.

Children K-7 practice by reading aloud to a specially trained certified therapy dog. Reading Sessions are 15 minutes long. Sign up at the information desk or call 436-5882.

Valley Library Book Club

Thursday, April 24 5:00 p.m.

Book selection is "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Read the book, come and discuss!

Washington Conservation District Tree Sale

The Washington Conservation District is currently taking orders for their annual tree sale. Trees can be ordered in bundles of 25 for \$35, and the selection includes conifers, hardwoods and shrubs. There are also bird pack - 30 bird friendly trees for \$50, which includes bur oak, white oak, black cherry, white pine, chokecherry and wild plum.

Conservation District staff can also help you to plan your planting project and have tree bars available for rental. Visit www.mnwcd.org or call Wendy at 651 275-1136 X24 for more information or to place your order.

Washington County Home Improvement Program

The Washington County Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Loan Program offers low-income homeowners the opportunity to repair or improve their homes with no-interest deferred loans. Income and asset restrictions apply. The Loan Program is administered on behalf of the County by the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation. Contact 651 486-7401 for more information.

XYZ Club (Extra Years of Zest)

XYZ Club is for seniors 55 years and older and meets every Tuesday morning at Memorial Lutheran Church in Afton. Attendees play cards from 9:00 a.m. to noon, with a coffee break at 10:00 and more cards until noon. Programs will be announced as they develop. For information, registration or cancellation, call Marion Glasbrenner at 651 436-7742 by 9:00 a.m. on Mondays.

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Building Permits
February 2014

<u>Project Address</u>	<u>Work</u>
260 Quinlan Avenue South	Replace Furnace
16121 6th Street North	Replace Furnace/AC
16333 Division Street	Install Fence

- 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
February 2014

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		1/31/14	February 2014	February 2014	February 2014	2/28/14
100	General Fund	\$447,506.19	\$3,265.45	\$10,763.83	\$0.00	\$440,007.81
199	Applicant Escrow Fund	\$5,452.68	\$0.00	\$668.50	\$0.00	\$4,784.18
200	Special Parks Fund	\$43,150.39	\$1.12	\$127.99	\$0.00	\$43,023.52
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$3,252.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,252.14
401	Public Works Fund	\$332,150.41	\$1,505.63	\$8,370.17	\$0.00	\$325,285.87
501	Fire Station Debt Serv Fund	\$1,093.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,093.68
502	Fire Relief Assn. Fund	\$1,890.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,890.83
601	Water Utility Fund	\$488,503.12	\$16,112.98	\$24,899.45	\$429.17	\$480,145.82
605	Water Construction Fund	\$269,130.97	\$5.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$269,136.85
606	Water Debt Service Fund	(\$17,487.47)	\$6,168.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$11,318.68)
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$88,250.51	\$236.49	\$13.85	(\$429.17)	\$88,043.98
705	Lakeland Village Const Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv Fund	(\$20,868.66)	\$0.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$20,868.43)
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$416,333.75	\$11,187.87	\$1,838.79	\$0.00	\$425,682.83
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		\$2,058,358.54	\$38,484.44	\$46,682.58	\$0.00	\$2,050,160.40

Save for future reference...

City Council & Planning Commission

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

Mayor: **Bob Livingston** - (12/31/14) (612) 875-0330

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Joe Paiement - (12/31/14) (651) 967-5050
Amy Williams - (12/31/16) aftonamy@hotmail.com

Planning Commission

Chair: **Chris White** - (2/1/15) (651) 436-7697

Members: **Pete DeCorsey** - (2/1/13) (651) 436-4430
Bill Francel - (2/1/15) (651) 436-4430
Jeri Ryan - (2/1/17) (651) 436-4430
Diane Wirth - (2/1/14) (651) 436-6227

Telephone Numbers

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(Hours: 9 a.m. - Noon, Monday - Friday.
Call for an appointment at other times.
E-Mail: cityoflakeland@comcast.net
690 Quinnell Avenue North

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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