

# Lakeland Newsletter

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**Bob Livingston, Mayor**

## February 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, February 6**

Recycling Day

#### **Tuesday, February 11**

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 pm

\*Note change from regular meeting date

#### **Thursday, February 13**

Recycling Day

#### **Tuesday, February 18**

City Council Workshop - 5:00 pm

Regular Meeting - 6:00 pm

#### **Thursday, February 20**

Recycling Day

#### **Thursday, February 27**

Recycling Day

State Precinct Caucuses will be held  
Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Find your Caucus location at:  
<http://caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us>

## Perspective

*Matt Kline, Director of Public Works*

The Perspective this month will center on the street maintenance and reconstruction that occurs in the City. The street maintenance and improvement portion of the City's budget is \$315,000.

This can be broken down into two components. The street maintenance share is \$49,000 and the street improvement share is \$266,000. The street maintenance budget is used for wages and routine maintenance such as pothole patching, ditch work, etc. The street improvement budget is used for large maintenance/reconstruction projects such as seal coating, mill and overlay, and total street reconstruction. The street maintenance and improvement budget is roughly one third of the City's budget. This is due to the fact that maintaining and reconstructing roads is very expensive. It costs the City about \$350,000 per mile to reconstruct a road. This cost does not include fixing drainage issues, engineering costs, or construction oversight.

The determination of which roads get repaired starts with a grading process that is performed biannually by the Public Works Director and the City Engineer. The grading plays a role in developing a streets capital improvement plan (CIP) which outlines when the City will attempt to perform maintenance or reconstruction on any given road. The CIP forecasts a ten-year period and is updated on an ongoing basis. Creating a CIP is a delicate process between determining which roads will need maintenance/reconstruction and how much money the City will have in order to perform the estimated work.

The City will have a workshop before the February 18th City Council meeting to discuss the updated 2014-23 Streets CIP. Dialogue in the workshop will also focus on past reconstruction projects, future project costs, and the ability to fund our future projects. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please see the City website or contact City Hall to verify meeting times.

Incorporated into the ten-year CIP is the current 2014 Street Project which will be a large scale maintenance project. The City is in the planning process for the crack sealing and seal coating project which will cover a large number of the City's streets. Crack sealing and seal coating is performed in order to maintain the City streets and prolong their life expectancy. This work is estimated to cost \$144,127 and will impact eight of the 15 total miles of roadway within the City.

Over the past decade, the City has made a concerted effort to upgrade the street conditions. City Councils have made tough decisions to increase the amount earmarked for street improvements, and that increase was put to use in the form of street reconstruction and maintenance projects over the past ten years. The City still has major projects regarding street improvements that are covered in the CIP and will be discussed at the workshop meeting.

If you have any questions regarding street maintenance or improvement, please feel free to contact me via email or phone. My contact information is on the back page of this Newsletter under the Water Utility. I will be happy to discuss any concerns or questions you may have.

### ***Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting***

*(Held January 7, 2014 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)*

Public Hearing was conducted regarding Ordinance amendment regarding Outdoor Uses in the RB District. PC recommended adoption of the Ordinance amendment.

There was review and discussion about proposed ordinance amendments for Banners on Ballpark Fences and Temporary Outside Uses in the RB District. PC recommended returning the matter of banners to the City Council for further direction; and recommended Council approval of the Standards for Temporary Outside Sales.

### ***Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting***

*(Held January 21, 2014 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)*

The meeting was preceded by a public meeting regarding Parks Use and Equipment.

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

- Minutes of the December 17, 2013 Council meeting minutes

- Treasurer's Report
- Bills to be Approved
- Resolution approving City Appointments
- Resolution approving PC Appointments
- AFP No. 2 for 2012 Streets Project in the amount of \$37,493.37
- Confirmation of Resolution 2013-26
- Letter for CUP transfer for Beanie's

Ordinance 7541 and Resolution 2014-03 were adopted amending Chapter 159 to Provide Standards for Outside Uses Accessory to Restaurants and Similar Retail Uses in the RB District.

There was review and discussion about and approval given to the Policy Regarding Standards for Temporary Outside Sales and Events in the RB District.

There was review and discussion about Banners on Ballpark Fences, and there was consensus to table the matter.

There was review of the proposed 2014 Streets Project, to include crack sealing and seal coating a significant number of streets in the City. Approval was given authorizing bid document preparation by the City Engineer.

There was discussion about potential online payment of Water Utility bills; and direction for staff to obtain further information about the options.

There was review and discussion about options for purchase of recreation structures for City parks.

It was reported that more residents are complying with parking restrictions during snow events, but there is still a problem with snow being plowed. Snow is to remain on the property, and not pushed into or across the City streets.

Approval was given for wage increase for PW1 Water Operator.

## ***City Hall***

### ***Lost & Found***

We have several sets of keys here...waiting for their owners. A Bluetooth cellphone device found on the street has also been turned in to City Hall. Please contact City Hall at 436-4430 to claim the items.

## 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

### Lock Your Doors & Windows!

Law enforcement has reported a number of thefts from homes and autos in the area recently. Theft is a crime of opportunity. Residents are reminded to lock all homes, garages and vehicles - and call the Washington County Sheriff to report any theft or suspicious activity.

### 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.

### 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.

### Be Safe – Be Seen!

As the days get shorter, be reminded that there is danger in the dark - the biggest being vehicle drivers who don't expect you or can't see you. Wearing reflective clothing is a good defense against invisibility, but you need to be sure the reflective area are large enough and are exposed from all angles.

### 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.

### 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

Operation of snowmobiles is permitted on the east bike trail between November 1 and April 1 each year, PROVIDED THAT THE TRAIL IS COVERED WITH SNOW.

The bike trail east of St. Croix Trail is the designated snowmobile trail through the City. All snowmobile traffic should travel north and south on the designated trail. The most right-hand street right-of-way should be used only as a direct route to the snowmobile trail. Snowmobiles are not allowed in any city parks, including ball fields and parking areas or on private property without consent of the owners, including church and school property.

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

### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***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.

More information is available at:

[http://www.co.washington.mn.us/info\\_for\\_residents/environment/environmental\\_center/](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/info_for_residents/environment/environmental_center/)

### ***Winter Is Here...***

And our snowplow drivers will be hard at work keeping the streets clear and safe. Please be aware of the following policies and regulations:

- Between November 1 and March 31, no motor vehicle is to be left standing or parked on the streets of the City during the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- Do not place garbage cans/recycling containers on the street edge while streets are being plowed.
- Remove the cans/containers as soon as possible after pickup.
- Do not push snow across any street or highway.
- Do not park on any street in the City during a snow removal period, defined as 48 hours after each snowfall.
- Vehicles illegally parked in violation of the provisions may be removed and citations issued.

Remember that it is residents' responsibility to keep curbside mailboxes clear of snow and ice.

## 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

### Minnesota Cold Weather Rule

The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is in effect from October 15 through April 15 each year. Xcel Energy customers who are concerned about paying their heating bills should contact the company now to learn about their rights and responsibilities under the Rule.

For additional information, call (651)296-5175, email [energy.info@state.mn.us](mailto:energy.info@state.mn.us), or visit the website at [www.commerce.state.mn.us](http://www.commerce.state.mn.us) and click on Energy Info Center.

### Fare for All Express

[www.fareforall.org](http://www.fareforall.org)  
(763) 450-3880 • 1 (800) 582-4291

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, February 11 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Lakeland at Afton-Lakeland Elementary School, 475 St. Croix Trail South.

### 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.

### Rainbow Christian Preschool

#### Annual Winter Carnival

Thursday, February 20 - 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

St. Croix Valley Church - Lakeland

[www.stcroixvalleychurch.org](http://www.stcroixvalleychurch.org) or 651 436-8691

### 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.

#### Intro to Genealogy

Tuesday, February 4 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

No fee.

#### Dog Gone Reading

Tuesday, February 25 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, February 27 5:00 p.m.

Book selection is "The Worst Hard Time" by Timothy Egan. Read the book, come and discuss!

### 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**  
**January 2014**

<u>Project Address</u>	<u>Work</u>
16208 First Street North	Replace Patio Door
768 Quinnell Avenue North	Replace Furnace

**- 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**  
**December 2013**

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		11/30/13	December 2013	December 2013	December 2013	12/31/13
100	General Fund	\$587,571.23	\$5,790.42	\$70,726.99	(\$29,699.00)	\$492,935.66
199	Applicant Escrow Fund	(\$7,070.87)	\$0.00	\$660.61	\$16,258.70	\$8,527.22
200	Special Parks Fund	\$46,086.96	\$1.90	\$288.36	(\$2,202.62)	\$43,597.88
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$3,252.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,252.14
401	Public Works Fund	\$417,001.09	\$6.61	\$13,701.93	\$0.00	\$403,305.77
501	Fire Station Debt Serv Fund	\$1,093.45	\$0.23	\$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	\$497,809.41	\$18,893.11	\$20,587.14	\$429.17	\$496,544.55
605	Water Construction Fund	\$269,117.95	\$6.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$269,124.46
606	Water Debt Service Fund	\$41,716.24	\$6,168.62	\$0.00	\$14,499.00	\$62,383.86
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$88,697.36	\$1,172.62	\$1,548.71	(\$429.17)	\$87,892.10
705	Lakeland Village Const Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv Fund	\$38,378.01	\$0.18	\$18,122.42	\$0.00	\$20,255.77
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$375,564.47	\$45,716.78	\$1,351.51	\$1,143.92	\$421,073.66
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>		<b>\$2,361,108.27</b>	<b>\$77,756.98</b>	<b>\$126,987.67</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,311,877.58</b>

Save for future reference...

## City Council & Planning Commission

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**Bill Francel** - (2/1/15) (651) 436-4430  
**Jeri Ryan** - (2/1/17) (651) 436-4430  
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## Telephone Numbers

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Call for an appointment at other times.  
E-Mail: [cityoflakeland@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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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