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Mayor's perspective

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members of our community who have served on Lakeland's past planning commissions. They have spent countless hours reviewing, updating and advising council on proposed projects for our city. The work they do is often thankless and is always challenging. In the last several years it has become more and more difficult to attract talented people to serve and remain on this commission. With the resignation of Diane Wirth and the appointment of Jeri Ryan to the city council earlier this year, the commission was left with just two remaining members. The city council decided unanimously to absorb the duties and responsibilities of the planning commission at the May city council meeting. The stipends that had previously been paid monthly to commission members will now remain in the general fund to be used for other city projects while the duties of the planning commission will become the responsibility of council. I would like to personally thank Pete DeCorsey for his service to our city as a Planning Commission member and to Chris White for her role as Chair of that commission. Both Pete and Chris have dedicated themselves to the betterment of our city. Please be sure to thank them for their service the next time you see them.

Thanks also goes out to all the people who participated and volunteered with Lakeland's annual City Clean Up Day. It was a great success!

Excitement is in the air for our 2nd Annual Night to Unite event on August 4, 2015. Many ideas have been discussed for the event including a city wide garage sale, a dunk tank for elected officials and the ever popular bounce house for the kids. Many residents indicated they liked the way the event was done last year with our neighboring city of Lakeland Shores. There will be another planning meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be informal and open to all Lakeland and Lakeland Shores residents interested in helping with the planning of the event.

One of the reasons I chose to move to Lakeland was because it was such a kid friendly community. I loved that we could walk to the elementary school and bike to the beach. I cannot remember how many times over the years I have sent one of my children up to Freedom on foot to buy some ingredient needed for dinner. Now that school is out for the summer there will be many more children and families walking to the beach or one of our many wonderful parks. Let's all be good neighbors by driving slowly through our neighborhood, watching for pedestrians and taking time to enjoy this wonderful city of ours!

Have a safe and fun June! ~ Amy

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- Amy Williams, Mayor

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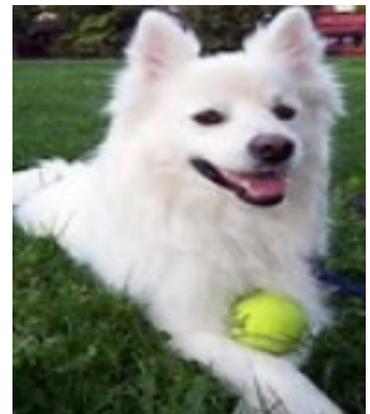
Responsible and respectful pet Ownership

Owning a pet is one of the great joys in life. Whether walking them down St. Croix Trail pathway or enjoying them in the backyard there are certain responsibilities that go along with pet ownership.

Please be reminded that pets must be leashed when not on your property. This ensures the safety and well being of other people, other animals as well as your own pets.

When out on city trails, parks and streets with your pets, always pick up after them. Not doing so is not only unsightly but is a hazardous health condition as well.

Vaccinate your pets against rabies. Although licensing is no longer required, rabies vaccinations are required in the City of Lakeland.



County to begin roadway striping work this summer

This summer, Washington County will be replacing the roadway striping on County Highway 18 (St. Croix Trail South) within the communities of Lakeland and Lakeland Shores. This roadway, including the three roundabouts, was reconstructed in 2008 and the visibility of the crosswalks and lane lines have significantly deteriorated since that time.

The lane lines and roundabout crosswalks between Afton-Lakeland Elementary School and I-94 will be replaced with new markings which will be recessed into the pavement surface. This installation method protects the markings from snowplow damage, thus reducing the need for future maintenance and its associated traffic disruptions.

County Highway 18 will remain open at all times during the work, but delays due to lane closures and flagging may at times be significant. Cross streets including Upper 5th Street, Division Street, 2nd Street, and 4th Street South will be closed to all traffic when work is occurring at the roundabouts. Access to neighborhoods and businesses will be maintained at all times, but drivers should expect delays and may need to use alternate routes.

The project is expected to last approximately one week, but a start date will depend on the contractor's scheduling and has not yet been determined. Once a start date for the work has been set, road signs will be placed several days before work begins to notify drivers of the scheduled project.

Summer median maintenance

Lakeland and Lakeland Shores have contracted with a seasonal landscape crew to perform maintenance to the medians along St. Croix Trail to ensure safe lines of sight in the area for drivers and pedestrians and to maintain the aesthetics of the area. Please use caution when in the area while work is being performed.

Be a courteous pet owner

Schedule of Events

- June 16, 2015
City Council Meeting
- June 17, 2015
Recycle Pickup
- June 23, 2015
Night to Unite
Community Meeting
- June 27, 2015
Lakeland Plaza Event
- July 1, 2015
Recycle Pickup
- July 3, 2015
City Offices Closed
- July 4, 2015
Independence Day
- July 11, 2015
Aggregate Brush Site
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- July 15, 2015
Recycle Pickup
- July 21, 2015
City Council Meeting
- July 29, 2015
Recycle Pickup
- August 1, 2015
Aggregate Brush Site
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- August 4, 2015
Night to Unite

In honor of Zach

When the City received a request to honor the memory of local teenager Zach Sobiech, who's public battle with Osteosarcoma touched the lives of so many, with an honorary memorial at Crocker Park, city officials and staff sprang into action. The decision was made to purchase a public bench and add the depiction "Zach's Playground" to honor the creator of the farewell song "Clouds" which raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Osteosarcoma research and gained world-wide recognition. The community could not be more proud to call him their own. The bench will be installed at Crocker Park playground and be paid for with non-tax dollars from a city fund resulting from charitable gambling proceeds.

Park bench memorial donation program

The city is looking into a park bench memorial donation program as a way for people to honor loved ones with a gift to the city to purchase and install a park bench on the trail or in one of the many parks with a memorial tribute engraved on the bench. Further details regarding the program will be provided in upcoming newsletters and on our website at www.ci.lakeland.mn.us.

Upcoming City Projects

The City of Lakeland will be notifying residents of the upcoming dates for road construction and drainage improvement projects. Projects are due to begin on or after July 13, 2015 with a planned completion date of September 30, 2015.

Street Reconstruction Projects include *4th, 5th and 6th Streets (from Quality Avenue North to the cul-de-sacs)*. Current asphalt will be milled in place, graded, and overlaid with new asphalt. Soil conditions will dictate the need for more extensive work such as removal of base layer.

Quant Avenue (from 1st Street North to Division and Division Street (from Quant Avenue North to CSAH 18) will see a greater amount of work involving the reconstruction of the streets. Division hill will have concrete curb installed along with storm sewer lines extending from the top of the hill to the bottom and ultimately connecting to the existing storm sewer located at the intersection of Quehl Avenue and Division Street. Current asphalt will be milled in place, graded, and overlaid with new asphalt.

Drainage Improvement Projects include *Quixote Ave North/6th Street North*. This project includes the installation of an overflow pipe, iron enhanced sand filter, and a pair of drainage basins. The project will be reducing the runoff that is currently eroding portions of the Saint Croix River bluff and consequently entering the river. *Quixote Ave North/4th Street North* project involves the grading of ditches and installation of a drainage basin to reduce the amount of runoff entering the St Croix River.



Planning Commission work will be performed by the City Council

After receiving Planning Commission Member Diane Wirth's resignation, the council had a tough decision on their hands. At the time Ms. Wirth resigned from the Planning Commission it consisted of just three members, two shy of the five member composition requirement per Lakeland City Code, Chapter 31, Section 16. Wirth's resignation left the Planning Commission with two remaining members, less than a quorum, and virtually no advisory recommendation authority to work within. Pursuant to State Statute 462.354 the City may by ordinance create a planning agency/commission which shall be advisory to the governing body. In addition, the city council may choose to designate itself as the city's planning commission by ordinance. The city council chose the latter of the two options and passed Ordinance 7545 amending the City Code designating the City Council as the City's planning co

While the Planning Commission, when it is a separate entity from the City Council, is advisory only to the governing body, the commission's workload can be significant. The council, who already makes the final decision on zoning, subdivision, building regulations and land use development by law, agreed to take on the full scope of the role for the foreseeable future.

In addition to the above the council will carry on the city planning activities and make planning decisions for the regulation of the future physical development of the city, including land use, building construction and the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Watch City meetings online or on Valley Access Channel 16

Valley Access Cable Channel 16; First and Third Thursdays at 1Pm and 9PM and First and Third Fridays at 10AM. Watch meetings at your convenience on our website at www.ci.lakeland.mn.us.

New kid in town

Bonsai Motors, LLC was granted a CUP at May's city council meeting to begin doing business at 404 St. Croix Trail South in Lakeland. Rick Swanson, Owner of Bonsai Motors LLC, an online auto sales business, expressed pleasure to be joining the city's business district. The public hearing held at the May city council meeting heard from only one resident concerned about the activity level and hours of operation of the business.

Mr. Swanson assured them the online auto sales business was a very quiet business which would not generate more than 200 visits to the location on an annual basis which equates to approximately four visits a week, much less than a dentist's office for example. In addition, he stated that very rarely did they accommodate clients later in the evening hours. The hours of operation are Mondays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesday through Saturday by appointment only. Bonsai Motors does not store its vehicle at this location.



Keeping citizens informed.

Notification System To enroll in the Code Red System, go to <https://public.coderedweb.com/>

For those who are hearing impaired the sign up form offers a TDD ONLY option for tone delivery of emergency messages. Messages delivered to phone numbers marked TDD will only be delivered in a TDD/TTY format.



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. Payments received after noon on the 20th of the month will be credited to next month's bill. Please do not place cash in the drop boxes.

Building Department

Building Official John Buckley is available on Mondays and Thursdays at city offices between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. He is available for inspections by contacting 651. 275.4408 .

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

In addition to the single sort recycling offered to the community there are additional things you can do to preserve natural resources for future generations.

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



Water Conservation Toolbox

Have you ever wondered if it's possible to collect storm water or Irrigation purposes? Or wanted to find a water-efficient appliance or fixture? The Water Conservation Toolbox can answer those Questions.

The metro has ample water supplies, but rely heavily on groundwater and there are signs of stress starting to show in our aquifers. Everyone should do what they can to conserve water.

The Water Conservation Toolbox is easy to navigate with four categories.

- Residents and Businesses
- Suppliers
- Communities
- Learners

In each Category the staff scoured the internet to find the best tools from learning how to replace a leaking toilet to calculating home water usage.

Visit www.metrocouncil.org to access the toolbox.

Community WhatzUp?

Lakeland Plaza Sidewalk Sale June 27, 2015

Set to kick-off about 9:30 a.m. and last throughout the day, Lakeland Plaza will be holding its *Sidewalk Sale* which will include the businesses located in the Plaza. Jordan Meats and Deli will be selling bratwurst , the Liquor Mart will be providing in-store wine tasting and the event is currently slated to include a small antique car show as well. Please join in the fun!

Summer Series for Parents—Youth Service Bureau

Because being a parent isn't always a picnic!

- June 25 Set Limits-and Enforce Them
- July 30 Kick the Habit Before it Starts
- August 20 Tackle Back-to-School Stress

All sessions held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., \$5 / session Register online or pay at the door. Youth Service Bureau, 101 West Pine Street, Stillwater, MN

Aggregate Brush Site

First Saturday of the month (except July)
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5, and October 3, 2015.

*Brush only, yard waste and construction lumber is no longer accepted.

Half Day Preschool at Rainbow

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Preschool.Director@stcroixvalleychurch.org

Valley Library calendar of events

Monday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Summer Reading Program

“Bookawocky” It’s a summer reading program for children, teens and adults Begins Saturday, June 6th and runs through Saturday August 8th. Bookawocky encourages all ages to read and enjoy the Library. Children participate by completing literacy activities to earn rewards. They can also write or draw book reviews to enter drawings for tickets to the Minnesota State Fair and Minnesota Twins’ “Reading All Stars” game. Teens and adults also earn rewards by completing reading-related activities. Teens can enter to win tickets to the Minnesota State Fair and adults who participate can receive a book sale item. Programs include visits by magicians, musicians, jugglers, scientists, comedians, and live animals and insects. There’s something for everyone and all programs are free and open to the public. For additional information, including a complete schedule see www.co.washington.mn.us/library.

Septic system assistance

The Department of Public Health partnering with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority have grants and loans available for repair or replacement of non-compliant subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS). www.co.washington.mn.us/septic

Keeping Lakeland a beautiful and safe place to live, work and play...

We built this city...we built this city...on community.

What is community?

Community...is more than just the place that we live. Community is why many people commit time and energy to maintain and enhance the quality of life that is enjoyed in a particular area.

Please contact city staff if you are interested in becoming more involved in your community at 651.436.4430 or at city@ci.lakeland.mn.us.

May 2015 Building Permits



Address:	Building Permit:
98 Quality Ave. N.	Patio Door and Windows
368 Quentin Ave. N.	Water Heater
15140 2 nd St. N.	Patio Door
16110 3 rd Street North	Fence
16644 7 th St N	Windows
16799 Division Ct	Windows
16220 Upper 2 nd Street	Windows
16468 2 nd St N	Replace Roof
760 Quixote Ave. N.	Siding and Windows

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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We are here to serve you

If you would like to volunteer for a community committee or become more active in the community, please contact us.

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