

Lakeland Newsletter

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January 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.

Wednesday, January 1

City Offices closed

Friday, January 3

Recycling Day - Note one day later due to the holiday.

Tuesday, January 7

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 9

Recycling Day

Thursday, January 16

Recycling Day

Tuesday, January 21

City Council Workshop - 5:00 pm

Regular Meeting - 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 23

Recycling Day

Thursday, January 30

Recycling Day

City Hall office are open from
9:00 am to 12 noon on weekdays.

Please call (651) 436-4430 for an appointment
if you have business at other times.



Perspective

Matt Kline, Director of Public Works

In this Perspective, I'd like to boast a little about the staff that works for the City of Lakeland. City staff has the enviable and at times unenviable task of carrying out policy that was created by the Lakeland City Council, both past and present. Examples of this work include enforcing zoning codes, keeping water flowing clean and clear into your house, plowing city streets, paying bills, and answering questions (a lot of questions). This is obviously a small list of actual jobs performed by City staff but I would fill up this whole article if I was to list them all.

As an aside, I would like to mention that this article will only detail the full time employees at the City of Lakeland. However, I would also like to say that we have an excellent group of part time and contracted employees too. A special thanks to Gail Billington, John Buckley, Ron Moorse, Chris Johnson, Dave Snyder, Tom Niedzwiecki, and John Parotti for helping City staff accomplish our tasks.

Chris Wallberg - City Clerk

Chris has 13 years of experience as the City Clerk of Lakeland and has actually worked for the City for over 24 years. She was the recording secretary before becoming City Clerk. Her primary duties include zoning, elections, record keeping, and managing City Hall. She has an intimate knowledge of the inner workings of City Hall. Chris also has a distinctly local perspective because she lives in the City and can relate well with any questions or concerns she encounters.

Steve Iverson - Deputy Clerk

Steve has worked for the City for a year and a half. His expertise in Quickbooks and finance allowed him to seamlessly move into the position, and provide new perspectives and innovations for the City's financial processes. Steve's responsibilities include accounts payable and receivable, payroll and tax preparation, financial reporting, recording meeting minutes, and serving as Deputy Clerk.

Rick Regnier - Public Works

Rick has been with the Ccity for two years. He is involved in all aspects of the Public Works Department including water, parks, and streets. He has brought with him a working knowledge of other public works departments from previous positions in North St Paul, Stillwater, and Mahtomedi. Rick also brings a hands-on work ethic that is critical in the PW department, likely due to his previous ownership of his own handyman business.

Jacob McNabb - Public Works

Jake is the City's newest employee. He recently graduated with an Associate's degree in Water Quality Sciences from Vermilion Community College located in Ely, MN. The degree is a hands-on program that prepares students for jobs in the water and wastewater industries. This allowed Jake to come equipped with a working knowledge of the City's water system. His previous employment has also equipped Jake with the capability of working with a wide range of personalities, and he has put this to good use while interacting with a bevy of water customers.

Matt Kline - Director of Public Works

I have been with the City since 2001. My first position was as Water Operator, and I have since taken on the role of Director of Public Works. My tenure and experience with the City along with my education have also given me an intimate knowledge of how Lakeland works, just from a different perspective. My education includes a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

As you can see, the City has a knowledgeable and experienced group of individuals who are working for you. If you happen to stop in at City Hall or see the Public Works Department on the street, please stop and thank them for the job they are doing. They deserve it.

Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting

(Held December 3, 2013 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

Public Hearing was conducted regarding application for Variance to allow existing driveway and sidewalk to remain at 1109 Quixote Avenue North. PC recommended approval of the Variance with conditions.

There was review and discussion about proposed ordinance amendments for banners on ballpark fences and outside uses in the RB district.

Public hearings were set for January 7, 2014.

Members provided input to be incorporated into proposal for ordinance amendment regarding temporary outside sales, to be reviewed at the January meeting.

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

(Held December 17, 2013 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

The meeting was preceded by a Christmas/Holiday gathering. A plaque was presented to Al Bergevin in appreciation of his service to youth baseball in the community; and naming the ballfield at Crocker Park in his honor.

Truth in Taxation Public Hearing was held for the 2014 Budget & Levy. Resolution 2012-23 was adopted approving the Final Budget for 2014 for a total amount of \$1,044,528. Resolution 2013-24 was adopted approving the Final Property Tax Levy for 2014 in the amount of \$995,817.

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

- Minutes of the November 19, 2013 Council meeting minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills to be Approved
- Park Reservations/Rental Agreement
- 2014 Liquor Licenses - Bungalow Inn and Village Wine & Spirits
- Set 2014 Board of Appeal & Equalization

There was review and discussion about the PC recommendations regarding a variance application by D. James Space. Resolution 2013-25 was adopted approving variance to allow the existing driveway and sidewalk to remain at 1190 Quixote Avenue.

There was review and discussion about a request for support of funding for the Gateway Corridor Commission. Resolution 2013-26 was adopted in support of the Washington County request for \$5,000,000 in state bond funds for the Gateway Corridor.

Approval was given to wage increases for the Deputy Clerk and PW1 Water Operator. Direction was given to provide 30-day notice of termination of the Zoning Administration Consultant Agreement.

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.

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.

ALL Lakeland Dog & Cat Licenses Expire December 31, 2013

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

More information is available at:

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

Street Light Out?

Residents can report street light outage directly to Xcel Energy. The number is 1-800-960-6235.

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, or visit the website at www.commerce.state.mn.us and click on Energy Info Center.

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, January 14 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Lakeland at Afton-Lakeland Elementary School, 475 St. Croix Trail South.

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.

Special Program

Monday, January 15

MacPhail Center for Music presents "A Musical Snowstorm" - to encourage musical play. For preschool children. Registration required.

Valley Library Book Club

Thursday, January 23 5:00 p.m.

Book selection is "The Florist's Daughter" by Patricia Hampl. Read the book, come and discuss!

Dog Gone Reading

Tuesday, January 28 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.

Washington County Library

World Book Night April 23, 2014

World Book Night U.S. is a non-profit organization that has launched its campaign to encourage reading and giving. One half million free paperbacks will be handed out across America on one day - April 23, 2014.

Washington County Library has agreed to be a distribution site for the program. For more about World Book Night, go to www.us.worldbooknight.org. Sign up by January 5, 2014.

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
November/December 2013

<u>Project Address</u>	<u>Work</u>
641 Quixote Avenue North	Demo Existing House
641 Quixote Avenue North	Build New house
266 Quehl Avenue North	Replace Water Heater
16678 7th Street South	Install Tram
363 Quentin Avenue North	Replace Furnace
16720 4th Street North	Replace Furnace/Bath Fan
16210 5th Street North	Replace Roof

- 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
November 2013

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		9/30/13	October 2013	October 2013	October 2013	10/31/13
100	General Fund	\$354,113.34	\$254,950.87	\$21,492.98	\$0.00	\$587,571.23
199	Applicant Escrow Fund	(\$11,815.10)	\$6,025.23	\$1,281.00	\$0.00	(\$7,070.87)
200	Special Parks Fund	\$110,058.95	\$2.10	\$63,974.09	\$0.00	\$46,086.96
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$3,252.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,252.14
401	Public Works Fund	\$240,170.16	\$190,934.86	\$14,103.93	\$0.00	\$417,001.09
501	Fire Station Debt Serv Fund	\$15,433.65	\$14,340.80	\$28,681.00	\$0.00	\$1,093.45
502	Fire Relief Assn. Fund	\$1,890.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,890.83
601	Water Utility Fund	\$484,785.07	\$28,638.48	\$16,043.31	\$429.17	\$497,809.41
605	Water Construction Fund	\$269,111.65	\$6.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$269,117.95
606	Water Debt Service Fund	\$35,547.82	\$6,168.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,716.24
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$87,619.60	\$5,385.50	\$3,878.57	(\$429.17)	\$88,697.36
705	Lakeland Village Const Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv Fund	\$2,499.95	\$36,303.06	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$38,378.01
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$376,287.76	\$532.24	\$1,255.53	\$0.00	\$375,564.47
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		\$1,968,955.82	\$543,287.86	\$151,135.41	\$0.00	\$2,361,108.27

Save for future reference...

City Council & Planning Commission

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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
Diane Wirth - (2/1/14) (651) 436-6227
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Telephone Numbers

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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**

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