

Lakeland Newsletter

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Bob Livingston, Mayor

August 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, August 1

Recycling Day

Saturday, August 3

Aggregate Industries Brush Site Open -
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Tuesday, August 6

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 8

Recycling Day

Thursday, August 15

Recycling Day

Tuesday, August 20

City Council Workshop - 5:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 22

Recycling Day

Thursday, August 29

Recycling Day

City Hall offices 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

Richard Glasgow, City Council Member

In mid-July, I was joined by several Lakeland officials and 100 others on a combination workshop and river cruise. The St. Croix River Partnership Team and Lower St. Croix Management Commission, with planning assistance from the Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources, has been co-sponsoring these workshops since 2008 to inspire and educate local officials, property owners, and the general public about issues affecting the Lower St. Croix River.

The subject and theme was the role of phosphorus in pollution of the river.

The numbers on a bag of common garden fertilizer - such as "5-10-5" - refer to the percentage of nitrogen (symbol "N"), phosphorus ("P") and potassium ("K") which are the nutrients needed in largest amounts by plants. Potassium is rarely a major pollution issue unless a large amount of it is in wastewater generated by industry.

That leaves nitrogen and phosphorus as prime contributors to river pollution.

Nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus are essential for plant and animal growth and nourishment, but the overabundance of certain nutrients in water can cause a number of adverse health and ecological effects. Nitrogen in the forms of nitrate, nitrite, or ammonium is a nutrient needed for plant growth. About 78% of the air that we breathe is composed of nitrogen gas; and in some areas of the United States, particularly the northeast, certain forms of nitrogen are commonly deposited in acid rain. Of course nitrogen is used in agriculture to grow crops, and on many farms the landscape has been greatly modified in order to maximize farming output. Fields have been leveled and also modified to efficiently drain off excess water that may fall as precipitation or from irrigation practices.

If excess nitrogen is found in the crop fields, the drainage water can introduce it into streams which will drain into the St. Croix which drains into the Mississippi

and might end up in the Gulf of Mexico. Excess nitrogen can lead to hypoxic conditions and thereby drastically reduce the aquatic life (like walleyes). It's happening now in the St. Croix as it flows through Lakeland.

As we walked out on the Hudson dock last week, the river showed bright green near the shore. That's primarily phosphorus at work. Phosphorus is a common constituent of agricultural fertilizers, manure, and organic wastes in sewage and industrial effluent. It is an essential element for plant life, but when there is too much of it in water, it can speed up eutrophication (which is a reduction in dissolved oxygen in water bodies caused by an increase of mineral and organic nutrients) of rivers and lakes. Soil erosion is a major contributor of phosphorus to streams. A large source of phosphorus is lawn and garden runoff. Fertilizers design for home use such as those sold in big box stores, cannot contain any phosphorus. Both Minnesota and Wisconsin have banned it in such products. In other words, the formula should have a zero as the middle number-such as N26-P0-K4.

Next Newsletter, I'll write about some promising solutions to the nutrient pollution of our river.

Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting

(Held July 2, 2013 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

There was review and discussion about options for proposed ordinance amendment regarding outside uses for accessory restaurants and similar uses, to be updated for the next meeting.

There was review and discussion about proposed ordinance amendment to allow keeping chickens. Public hearing was set for August 6, 2013.

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

(Held July 16, 2013 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

The meeting was preceded by a Council workshop to discuss 2013 Budget and Levy.

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

- Minutes of the June 18, 2013 Regular City Council meeting
- Bills to be Approved

- Resolution appointing Steve Iverson as Deputy Clerk
- Approve wage increase for City Clerk

There was report and discussion about Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department Relief Association funding.

There was report on the status of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Protection District and review of the 2013-14 budget increase. The Department is considering the option of a full time firefighter position and an administrative position has been added. There was discussion about challenges with recruiting and additional mandatory expenses.

There was discussion about equipment and process for providing City Council meetings online, to be decided at the next meeting.

It was reported that the Norha application for detachment of 1747 Rivercrest Road North to West Lakeland Township has been withdrawn.

There was review and discussion about beach/park rental policy, to be presented at the next meeting.

For Your Information

Aggregate Industries Brush Site

Aggregate Industries will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following days:

August 3 September 7 October 5 November 2

There is no change for this service. Aggregate Industries does not accept any construction materials. They will accept only brush such as limbs, trees, and shrub trimmings. No leaves or grass. Participants will be required to provide identification.

Parking Permits Required

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.

Mowed Grass Doesn't Belong on the Street

The St. Croix River is on the Endangered Rivers List. Have you ever seen the River as green as St. Patrick's Day after a rain? You can help!

Don't dump leaves or grass clippings on or near the road. When mowing your lawn, make sure the first two passes next to the street and driveway go back onto the lawn... and not onto the paved surface.

Limit fertilizing. Consider installing a raingarden or buy a compost bin. One pound of phosphorous in runoff can result in 500 pounds of algae growth. Algae turn the River green, and it can use up all the oxygen that supports the fish in the River. Fertilizers run into the River, and seaweed thrives.

Even if you are not close to the River, runoff makes its way to the River. Installing a raingarden can reduce runoff going to the River by over 90%.

Public Safety

Is Your Address Visible

City Ordinance requires a display of house and/or building numbers at each site. The numbers should be not less than three inches in height in a contrasting color to the structure and placed to be easily and clearly seen from the street when approached from either direction.

All Animals Must Be Leashed

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 \$3.75 for the remainder of the 2012-2013 licensing period. Complete the application and mail it to City Hall along with a check and current rabies verification.

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

2012-2013 ANIMAL LICENSE APPLICATION

Fee: \$3.75

(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.

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.

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.

(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.

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.

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.

Products are screened for quality. Some popular items are paint and stain, lawn and garden products and automotive fluids.

More information is available at:

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

Water

Watering Restrictions in Effect

Watering restrictions are in effect for Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, and Lake St. Croix Beach. Even numbered addresses water on EVEN days, odd number addresses water on ODD days. No watering between the hours of 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m.

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

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.

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.

Rainbow Christian Preschool

Located in St. Croix Valley Church, Lakeland.

- 3 year olds: T&Th from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

- 4 year olds: MWF from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
or 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Please check us out on the church website:

stcroixvalleyumn.org/rainbow or by
calling (651) 436-8691.

Fare for All Express

www.fareforall.org

(763) 450-3880

1 (800) 582-4291

No advance payment or pre-registration is needed to purchase packages. There are no income restrictions for participating in this program. Fare for All Express location in Lakeland is at Afton-Lakeland Elementary School, 475 St. Croix Trail South.

The next distribution day will be Tuesday, August 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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.

Book Club for Kids, grades K-3

Wednesday, August 7, 3:00 p.m.

Ready "My Haunted House" by Angie Sage before the Book Club meeting, come talk about the book with others and made a craft to take home. Registration is required.

PC and Internet Class

Friday, August 9, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Open lab approach providing help with computer and internet use and answering individuals' specific questions. Registration is required.

Valley Book Club

Thursday, August 22, 5:00 p.m.

Selected book is "Wait Till Next Year" by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Read the book, come and discuss.

Dog Gone Reading

Tuesday, August 27, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Children grades K-7 may practice reading by reading aloud to Chase, a specially trained dog. Reading sessions are 15 minutes in length. Registration is required.

Stop at the Information Desk or call 651 436-5882 to register or with questions.

Washington County Library

EBook Collection

Washington County Library's eBook collection is now compatible with the Amazon(r) Kindle. Patrons can now download popular and classic eBooks to a Kindle device or any mobile device running the free Kindle app, such as iPhone(r), iPad(r), Android(tm), and more. To get started, visit <http://washington.lib.overdrive.com/>.

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For more information, go to the Library's website at www.co.washington.mn.us/library.

Washington County Public Health Needs to Hear From You!

Residents and those who work in Washington county are invited to share their opinions on top local health issues in the County.

Go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/wchealth before August 30, 2013 to participate.

Washington County Swim Safety

Washington County health officials are urging swim safety to help prevent recreational water illnesses. You can get more information at www.co.washington.mn.us/specialtopics, and brochures are available at City Hall.

Volunteers Needed to Support Military Families

Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley (YRALSCV) brings together volunteers from Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, Lake St. Croix Beach, St. Mary's Point and Afton to support military families throughout the deployment cycle. They also support veterans in need of services.

Whatever your skills and interests, you are very welcome to apply them in support of our military.

For more information, please contact Pat Snyder: email: psnyder@systemsolutionsreps.com (651) 436-5090, or Randy Kopesky: (651) 436-5066, email: rkopesky@comcast.net.

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
June/July 2013

<u>Project Address</u>	<u>Work</u>
360 Queenan Avenue South	Install Fence
16087 1st Street North	Replace Roof
561 Quant Avenue North	Replace Roof
16356 7th Street Court North	Replace Roof
255 Quant Avenue North	Install New Gas Line
1151 Rivercrest Road North	Install 2 Water Heaters
181 Quant Avenue North	Replace Roof on House & Shed
780 Quixote Avenue North	Install Stairway on the Bluff
16540 4th Street North	Replace AC Unit

- 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

***Reports for June 2013 were not available at press time
and will be included in the September 2013 Newsletter.***

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

Council Members: **Asia Bednar** - (12/31/16) abednar.lakelandcouncil@gmail.com
Amy Williams - (12/31/16) aftonamy@hotmail.com
Richard Glasgow - (12/31/14) (651) 217-2189
Joe Paiement - (12/31/14) (651) 967-5050

Planning Commission

Chair: **Chris White** - (2/1/15) (651) 436-7697 Personnel Committee
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
Vacancy - (2/1/14)

Telephone Numbers

City Hall: **(651) 436-4430**
(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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