

Lakeland Newsletter

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December 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

Tuesday, December 3

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 5

Recycling Day

Thursday, December 12

Recycling Day

Tuesday, December 17

Christmas Party - 4:00-5:45 p.m.

City Council Meeting - 6:00 p.m. - Including Truth
in Taxation Hearing

Thursday, December 19

Recycling Day

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25

City Hall Closed in observance of the Christmas
Holiday

Friday, December 27

*Recycling Day - recycling will be picked up one
day later because of the holidays.

Perspective

Matt Kline, Director of Public Works

Snow season is just around the corner so I was asked to review snow related items as they pertain to our city streets. The City of Lakeland has a snowplow policy and city ordinances that provide a more in depth version of what I will be covering in this article. Please contact City Hall or Public Works staff if you are interested in further information.

Snow season can be a daunting time for commuters and snowplow drivers alike. Plow drivers are trying to get their jobs done in a timely manner, and commuters are trying to get to their jobs in the same manner. Lakeland Public Works personnel strive to provide reasonable snow and ice control on our city roads while keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel, and environmental concerns. Please keep all of these elements in mind when you see the plow trucks in the field.

The following are criteria that are used to determine when or if snow control operations will start:

1. Snow accumulations of 2" or more
2. Drifting of snow that causes travel problems
3. Icy conditions
4. Time of snowfall

During or after a snow event, please keep the following information in mind:

1. The City has designated snow plow routes that determine which streets are plowed first. High volume routes take priority over lower volume routes.
2. Whether driving, shoveling snow, or waiting for the bus, please pay attention to the snow plow trucks. These are large vehicles and they do not stop quickly. It is imperative that you give them room to operate and allow the drivers to do their jobs.



3. Pushing snow across or onto a public street is prohibited by Minnesota State Statute and if found guilty, punishable with a misdemeanor. Please keep your snow on your property.
4. There shall be no parking on city streets for 48 hours after a snowfall unless the city streets have been cleared of snow prior to 48 hours. Winter parking regulations are also in effect from Nov. 1st - March 31st where no motor vehicle shall be left standing or parked on a city street from the hours of 1 am to 6 am. Either of these violations could result in your car being ticketed or towed.
5. Mailboxes that have been damaged due to direct contact with the plow or wing will be repaired by the city at a cost not to exceed \$75. Mailboxes that are damaged due to snow being pushed by the plow or wing will not be repaired by the City.

Plow drivers try their best to keep the city streets safe. However, if you observe icy conditions or areas that were missed, please feel free to call City Hall and report such conditions. The Public Works Department welcomes any feedback residents may have. Please drive safely this winter!

Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting

(Held November 12, 2013 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

There was review and discussion about proposed ordinance amendments for banners on ballpark fences, temporary outside sales, and outside uses in the RB district. Members provided input to be incorporated into the proposals and reviewed at the December meeting. It was determined that proposed amendment regarding exterior storage will not be pursued further.

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

(Held November 19, 2013 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

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

- Minutes of the September 17, 2013 & October 15, 2013 Regular Council meetings
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills to be Approved
- Park Reservations/Rental Agreement
- Resolution designating Amy Williams as Planning Commission Liaison
- Resolution acknowledging installation donation of a tree in 4th Street cul-de-sac
- Christmas Open House refreshments

Deputy Sullivan provided an update on recent thefts in the area east of County 18, most done because windows and doors were left open/unlocked. He encouraged everyone to be sure to secure all doors and windows in their homes and vehicles parked outside. There was discussion about potential neighborhood watch programs. Sullivan indicated that none of the break-ins have been forced or violent.

Agenda items regarding septic issues at 661 Quixote Avenue North and Personnel Committee update were postponed to a later meeting.

Mike Isensee from Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization presented and reviewed potential solutions and grant funds to correct drainage issues at/near Quixote Avenue and 6th Street North. He will return in spring 2014 with cost information for the Council.

Approval was given to the Street Maintenance and Sign Maintenance Policy as amended.

There was review of finance status and discussion in preparation for Truth in Taxation process and approval of the final 2014 Budget and Levy.

It was reported that playground equipment will be installed at Crocker Park beginning this week.

The Council recessed to Executive Session regarding legal information relative to 1109 Quixote Avenue North.

City Hall

Lost & Found

A Bluetooth cellphone device found on the street has been turned in to City Hall. Please contact City Hall at 436-4430 to claim the phone.

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

Aggregate Industries Brush Site

Thanks to Aggregate Industries management for again providing this important brush disposal service to Lakeland residents!

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 On the Way

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.

Plow drivers have a tough job to do, and they need everyone's help for the safety of all.

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.

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.



Christmas Party/ Open House

Lakeland City Hall

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

4:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Please join us for refreshments and celebration of the season!

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.

Administered by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the Rule requires utilities such as Xcel Energy to establish payment arrangements during the heating season with customers who cannot pay their bills in full. It applies to both homeowners and renters, but does not protect customers who fail to contact the company.

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, December 3 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.

Dog Gone Reading

Tuesday, December 17 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, December 19 5:00 p.m.

Book selection is "The Compassionate Carnivore" by Catherine Friend. The Book Club is meeting a week earlier because of the Christmas holiday. Read the book, come and discuss!

Washington County Law Library

If you are a low-income resident of Washington County in need of legal representation, help is available at the Washington County Law Library.

For more information about this service or other clinics and resources available at the law library, please contact the Washington County Law Library at 651.430.6330 or email the library at lawlibrary@co.washington.mn.us.

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
October /November 2013

<u>Project Address</u>	<u>Work</u>
16164 Hudson Blvd. North	Install two Fuel Tanks
1632 Rivercrest Road North	Install Deck
16180 6th Street North	Install Fence
100 Quehl Avenue North	Install Fence
16446 5th Street Court North	Extra Inspection

- 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
October 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	\$403,131.33	\$1,653.09	\$50,671.08	\$0.00	\$354,113.34
199	Applicant Escrow Fund	(\$11,251.10)	\$0.00	\$564.00	\$0.00	(\$11,815.10)
200	Special Parks Fund	\$109,515.20	\$927.77	\$384.02	\$0.00	\$110,058.95
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$3,252.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,252.14
401	Public Works Fund	\$254,362.23	\$7,138.72	\$21,330.79	\$0.00	\$240,170.16
501	Fire Station Debt Serv Fund	\$15,433.34	\$0.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,433.65
502	Fire Relief Assn. Fund	\$1,890.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,890.83
601	Water Utility Fund	\$463,717.05	\$37,947.98	\$17,309.13	\$429.17	\$484,785.07
605	Water Construction Fund	\$269,105.14	\$6.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$269,111.65
606	Water Debt Service Fund	\$29,379.51	\$6,168.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,547.82
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$86,734.85	\$2,446.38	\$1,132.46	(\$429.17)	\$87,619.60
705	Lakeland Village Const Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv Fund	\$4,249.95	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$2,499.95
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$377,361.23	\$11.16	\$1,084.63	\$0.00	\$376,287.76
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		\$2,006,881.70	\$56,300.23	\$94,226.11	\$0.00	\$1,968,955.82

Save for future reference...

City Council & Planning Commission

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Amy Williams - (12/31/16) aftonamy@hotmail.com

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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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