

Lakeland Newsletter

Volume 44 Issue 2
February 2015



Lakeland City Hall
690 Quinnell Avenue North
Lakeland, MN 55043-0321

Voice: (651) 436-4430
Fax: (651) 436-8118

E-Mail: cityoflakeland@comcast.net

Amy Williams, 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: Alternate Wednesdays

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.

Tuesday, February 3

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11

Recycling Day

Monday, February 16

City Offices closed in observance of President's Day

Tuesday, February 17

City Council Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28

Recycling Day

City Hall offices are open
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on weekdays.

Call 651-436-4430 to arrange another
time more convenient for you.

Perspective

Amy Williams, Mayor

January was a busy month for our city with changes in staffing and on the City Council!

I hope that you will join me in welcoming Jeri Ryan as the newest member of Lakeland's city council. Council Member Ryan was sworn in the early part of January and will finish out the two remaining years of my term. Council Member Ryan is a long time Lakeland resident and has taught art to many of our children at Afton Lakeland School. Council Member Ryan has previously served on the City Council and on the City's Planning Commission. She will be an incredible addition to our council and I look forward to serving with her.

Council Member Bednar announced her resignation from the City Council at January's meeting. The Council will appoint a replacement to serve the two remaining years of her term. If you are interested in serving on our City Council please submit an application at city hall.

Last but certainly not least, please join me in thanking Chris Wallberg for her many years of service to our city as Lakeland's city clerk. Chris has been an incredible resource for our city, and her knowledge of the workings of Lakeland city government will be missed. She resigned from her position as Clerk earlier this month. I wish her much success and happiness in all of her future pursuits.

A desire to expand our current water building in order to provide sufficient space to office all city staff in one location was discussed during January's City Council meeting and workshop. Currently, our water building has offices for the city engineer, building official and public works director. The expansion would likely include new council chambers and offices for our clerk and deputy clerk. The expansion would allow the city to sell its building on Quinnell. By consolidating city staff into one location, we will be able to reduce workplace redundancies and improve cross training of vital city functions.

Mayor Craig Morris (1986-1991 and 1994-2002) has volunteered to head up a task force to explore the city's needs and options regarding the expansion. Members will be named to the task force at the April 2015 city council meeting. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the task force contact Mayor Craig Morris (612-834-0594 or Iflylow@comcast.net), City Hall or me.

Please feel free to contact me or any member of the City Council with your comments, compliments, and concerns. We are here to represent and serve you. Contact information is available on the back page of this newsletter.

Together we can make Lakeland an even better place to live now and for the future!

City Hall

City Hall

Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting

(Held January 6, 2015 - Complete minutes on file at City Hall)

Public Hearing was conducted regarding application for Interim Use Permit to conduct Commercial Special Occasion Ceremony Venue at 16028 5th Street South. PC recommended approval of the Permit.

There was continuing review and discussion of the draft 2018 Comprehensive Plan.

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

(Held January 20, 2015 - Complete minutes on file at City Hall)

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

- Minutes of the December 16, 2014 Regular City Council meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills to be Approved
- Resolution re-appointing Chris White as Chair of the Planning Commission
- 2015 Quixote Avenue North Drainage Improvements / Re-bid

Deputy reported that there have been a lot of telephone fraud cases in the area.

Fire District representatives reported that there will be an important meeting for the Lower St. Croix Valley Relief Association on January 29th at 7:00, and asked everyone to rsvp as soon as possible. They also presented resolution to ratify a retirement increase, to be addressed at the next meeting. It was reported that they are ready to purchase a new sign at the fire station.

There was consensus to begin review and discussion of potential change in the Animal ordinance regarding dog and cat licenses.

Approval was given for Lakeland to provide \$2,800 for the new Fire District sign, to be taken from cable funds.

Council Member Ryan said she is honored to be back on the Council, and expressed appreciation to Council for the vote of confidence.

Council Member Bednar submitted her letter of resignation from the Council, and expressed appreciation to those who worked with and supported her.

Mayor Williams reported that she is working on staffing, potentially expanding the Water Utility facility to provide space for all City staff, and whether snowplowing services should remain inhouse.

It was determined a Task Force will be formed to address the facility and snowplowing issues.

City Meeting Videos

City Council Meetings are shown in Valley Access Channel 16 at the following times:

2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1 p.m. & 9 p.m.
2nd & 4th Fridays at 7 a.m.

City Council meetings are also available through the Lakeland website at www.ci.lakeland.mn.us. Click on City Meetings / City Council / Meeting Video.

Questions & Concerns

We welcome and encourage residents to contact us (651 436-44430, cityoflakeland@comcast.net, 690 Quinnell Avenue North, or stop at City Hall) 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.

Neighbors...

It has been my honor to serve as your City Clerk and I thank all of you who have been so generous with your support. - Chris Wallberg

Public Safety

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.

Animal Licenses

Licenses are required for ALL DOGS AND CATS. Current Licenses are effective through 2015.

Licenses can be purchased at City Hall during normal business hours or by mail. The licensing fee is \$7.50 for the remainder of the licensing period. Complete the application and mail it to City Hall along with a check and current rabies verification.

2014-2015 ANIMAL LICENSE APPLICATION

Fee: \$7.50

(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.

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.

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

To enroll in the Code Red System, go to <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/5BD6DBC2457>

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.

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.

A Reminder...

If you see unusual or suspicious activity anywhere in the City, it is important to call the Sheriff's Department directly so a deputy can respond immediately.

Public Works

Aggregate Industries Brush Site

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

Building Inspector

The City of Lakeland contracts with the City of Bayport to provide building inspection services. John Buckley is our current Building Inspector. His office hours are from 8-10 am on Mondays and Thursdays at the water utility office located at 1190 St Croix Trail So. His phone number is 651-436-1405. A significant number of projects require building permits.

Projects such as new construction, fences, chair lifts, and sheds/garages (to name a few) also require other permits such as site plans, certified surveys, building plans, etc. The easiest way to know whether your project requires a permit(s) is to plan ahead and call the Building Inspector to find out.

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.

More information is available at
http://www.co.washington.mn.us/info_for_residents/environment/environmental_center/

Septic Systems Contaminate Area Streams/Washington County Offers Help for Homeowners

Angie Hong, Educator, Washington Conservation District

This year, Washington County introduced a new program to help homeowners throughout the county replace failing and noncompliant septic systems to protect surface and groundwater resources. Low interest loans are available for anyone and there are grants for low income households as well. To qualify for this assistance, septic systems must be deemed noncompliant by the county or a private inspector. Learn more about these programs at www.co.washington.mn.us or 651-430-6655.

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

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.

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.

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

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

Rainbow Preschool

Half Day Preschool at Rainbow

Prekindergarten M,W,F 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
(Extended Day option from 11:30-2:00)

3 Year Old T,TH 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

651-436-8691

Preschool.Director@stcroixvalleychurch.org

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.
February 2, 9 & 23

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 with Chase
Tuesday, February 24
4:00 p.m.

Children in grades K-7 may practice reading aloud to a certified therapy dog and its owner. Reading sessions are 15 minutes in length. Sign up at the library or call 651-436-5882.

Valley Book Club Thursday, February 26
5:00 p.m.

Just read the book, come and discuss! The title for February is "Messenger of Truth" by Jacqueline Winspear. All are welcome!

Rain Barrel, Compost Bin & Annual Tree Sale

This spring the Washington Conservation District (WCD) is teaming up with the Recycle Association of Minnesota (RAM) to host a rain barrel and compost bin sale in conjunction with our annual tree sale. Rain barrels collect rainwater from your roof downspouts, which can later be used to water your lawn or garden during dry weeks. Most have a screen on the top to keep mosquitoes from breeding, an overflow valve, and a spigot at the bottom to attach to your garden hose.

You can pre-purchase rain barrels and compost bins from the Recycle Association of Minnesota this spring at very discounted rates. Online pre-ordering will begin early 2015 and stay open until sold out. There are also additional various pick-up dates this spring throughout the metro area in addition to the Washington County Fairgrounds which you can view on the RAM website.

The Washington Conservation District is currently taking orders for the annual tree sale. Trees can be ordered in bundles of 25 for only \$35, and the selection includes conifers, hardwoods and shrubs. In addition we are offering a special bird pack of trees - 30 bird friendly trees for \$50 that include Bur Oak, White Oak, Black Cherry, White Pine, Chokecherry, and Wild plum. Conservation District staff can also help you to plan your planting project and have tree bars available for rental. To order trees, check for sold out trees, or to learn more about the program, visit the WCD website or call Wendy at (651) 275-1136 x24.

Rain barrels and compost bins:
<http://www.recycleminnesota.org>

Tree Sale Order Form & Information:
www.mnwcd.org

Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley

YRALSCV brings together volunteers from Lakeland, 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 Randy Kopesky at rkopesky@comcast.net.

Building Permits
November/December, 2014

Project Address

Work

Information not available as the Newsletter goes to press.
It will be included in next month's edition.

- 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 2014 (Preliminary)

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		11/30/14	Dec 2014	Dec 2014	Dec 2014	12/31/14
100	General Fund	\$369,900.80	\$257,290.85	\$77,196.96	(\$37,699.00)	\$512,295.69
199	Applicant Escrow Fund	(\$7,855.01)	\$0.00	\$15,939.30	\$0.00	(\$23,794.31)
200	Special Parks Fund	\$43,730.70	\$1.24	\$460.97	\$0.00	\$42,970.97
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$3,252.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,252.14
401	Public Works Fund	\$345,054.31	\$192,220.66	\$24,491.78	\$0.00	\$512,783.19
501	Fire Station Debt Serv Fund	\$15,024.91	\$13,930.31	\$27,859.00	\$0.00	\$1,096.22
502	Fire Relief Assn. Fund	\$2,390.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,390.83
601	Water Utility Fund	\$495,305.15	\$14,573.36	\$41,865.59	\$429.17	\$468,442.09
605	Water Construction Fund	\$245,638.70	\$9.30	(\$2,876.48)	\$0.00	\$248,524.48
606	Water Debt Service Fund	\$43,818.06	\$6,168.62	\$0.00	\$14,499.00	\$64,485.68
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$90,256.36	\$2,561.01	\$460.60	(\$429.17)	\$91,727.60
705	Lakeland Village Const Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv Fund	\$501.83	\$35,598.25	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$35,900.08
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$456,536.27	\$23,825.18	\$1,767.73	\$23,200.00	\$501,793.72
Total Fund Balances		\$2,103,255.05	\$546,178.78	\$187,565.45	\$0.00	\$2,461,868.38

The Newsletter is sponsored in part by the following businesses:



AL'S AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

General Auto Repair
Cars • SUV's • Light Trucks

16283 8th St. N. (Frontage Rd.) 436-7620
www.alsautotrans.com

O'CONNELL FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION SERVICES

Licensed in WI & MN

- Family-Owned & Operated - - On-Site Crematory -
520 S. 11th St., Hudson, WI (715) 386-3725
1010 Newton St., Baldwin, WI (715) 684-3434



Proudly
serving the
St. Croix
Valley Area

130 St. Croix Trail North, Lakeland 651-436-7574

PAIEMENT LAW OFFICE, L.L.C.

Joseph M. Paiement, Attorney ***Licensed in MN/WI*

Constance J. Paiement, Attorney

• Business & Commercial (651) 967-5050
• Estate Planning & Probate
• Personal Injury Fax: (651) 967-5055
• Criminal Defense 221 East Myrtle Street
• Real Estate Stillwater, MN 55082
• Income Taxes www.paiementlaw.com

KIRSTEN KRUZEL TAX SERVICE

30 Years Experience • Free Electronic Filing
Specializing in daycares & small businesses

1660 Rivercrest Rd. N. • Lakeland, MN 55043

thetaxladykirsten@comcast.net 651-337-0180

PINKY'S SEWER SERVICE, INC.

Septic tanks pumped, sewer and drain lines cleaned

Serving the St. Croix Valley



436-5788

LAKELAND FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC & ACUPUNCTURE

- all pain conditions
- treating all ages - babies to seniors
- headaches
- sports, auto & work injuries
- childhood ear infections & cholic

Dr. Rosann Froehle, D.C.

651-436-6000

76 St. Croix Trail N.

www.lakelandmnchiro.com

RAZOR'S EDGE BARBERS

612-840-0242

Sandy

Master Barber

ROOT'S SALON

651-436-7707

Dena, Trisha,
Stephanie & Crystal
Color & Design Specialists

Open Monday-Saturday - 9 a.m.
Open Evenings Monday-Friday until 8 p.m.

178 St. Croix Trail N • Lakeland, MN 55043

MEYER SEWER SERVICE

(651) 459-0162 (651) 459-5275

Locally Owned & Operated by the Meyer Family Since 1976

- Residential septic systems pumped and backflushed
- Commercial and industrial waste and sandtraps pumped
- Portable toilet and sink rental

RIVER VALLEY PRINTING

651-998-1312

98 St. Croix Trail N. - Lakeland
Greg Michel / Jim Stanley

Serving your commercial printing, wedding invitations,
promotional product and graphic design needs
Now offering digital printing!

Save for future reference...

City Council & Planning Commission

Lakeland City Hall: E-Mail - cityoflakeland@comcast.net Web Site: ci.lakeland.mn.com

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

Council Members: **Richard Glasgow** - (12/31/18) (651) 472-4390
Joe Paiement - (12/31/18) (651) 967-5050
Jeri Ryan - (12/31/16)
Vacant

Planning Commission

Chair: **Chris White** - (2/1/15) (651) 436-7697

Members: **Pete DeCorsey** - (2/1/16) (651) 436-4430
Diane Wirth - (2/1/17) (651) 436-6227
Vacant
Vacant

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**

Future Newsletter Articles should be submitted to: Newsletter Editor
Lakeland City Hall, 690 Quinnell Ave. No., Lakeland 55043 by the 15th of the month.

Fire & Sheriff Emergency Number - 911

Printed on recycled paper by:
River Valley Printing

POSTAL PATRON
CITY OF LAKELAND
LAKELAND, MN 55043

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT NO. 7
LAKELAND, MN 55043