

Lakeland Newsletter

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Bob Livingston, 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: 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. If your recycling is missed, please call (651) 439-7279.

Tuesday, February 5

Planning Commission Meeting

Thursday, February 7

Recycling Day

Thursday, February 14

Recycling Day

Monday, February 18

City offices closed in observance of President's Day

Tuesday, February 19

City Council Meeting

Thursday, February 21

Recycling Day

Thursday, February 28

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.

Mayor's Corner

Bob Livingston, Mayor

Hello. Amy Williams and Asia Bednar are now members of our City Council, and I am officially your Mayor.

The swearings-in were done at City Hall on Tuesday, January 15th. The Honorable Gary R. Schurrer, Minnesota Tenth Judicial District Judge for Washington County, presided. It was quite an occasion. Lots of people-neighbors, friends and public officials- a Color Guard from American Legion Post 3M 599 in St. Paul, and the superb singing of Ms. Naomi Karstad performing "America the Beautiful." City Clerk Chris Wallberg and former Council member Jeri Ryan were among those who saw that things happened properly and on time. I should mention that no public funds -otherwise known as "Your Money" - were used.

Immediately after the swearing-in, we began our regular January meeting; Amy, Asia and I joining Dick Glasgow and Joe Paiement to form the 2013-2014 Lakeland City Council. I was very pleased at the way the returning and new Council people came together to do what we are supposed to do: discuss, debate and consider what should and should not be done with the matters before us. On most items, we initially had divergent views and understandings. After our debate, we found a way to a solution which in our best judgment met the needs of the City. I came into the meeting with two items on which I had strong opinions. Neither of my positions prevailed. That pleased me more than anything else.

I presented my appointments for 2013, which the Council approved. Key among the Council members' assignments are Dick Glasgow to continue working with our Streets and Public Works, Asia Bednar will have responsibility for Parks and Trails, Amy Williams takes over Public Safety and Joe Paiement continues with Personnel and Administration. A complete list of the appointments is available from the City Clerk's office. It's a good team, and it will need to be. As I noted in last month's Mayor's Corner, our last Council kept a very tight rein on expenses and thereby kept the levy from heavy increases. We are cognizant of that, and will work within those parameters moving forward. What will come out of the weeds unexpectedly is why we keep contingencies in mind.

I hope we all enjoy a safe and-especially-a healthy February. Happy New Year!

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

(Held January 15, 2013 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

The meeting was preceded by a reception and investiture of the new Mayor and City Councilpersons.

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

- Minutes of the December 18, 2013 Regular City Council meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills to be Approved
- Resolution adopting 2013 Appointments
- Resolution appointing Pete DeCorsey to Planning Commission
- Payment for Beach Parking Lot Restoration

It was reported there were 81 calls for service in November, with 2 citations issued during December.

Resolution was adopted setting public hearing on application for vacation of Second Street adjacent to 1195 Quinlan Avenue South.

There was review of preliminary plans for potential facility expansion; and consensus that a workshop should be set to discuss next steps.

Approval was given to hire Tryn Bryant to the open of PW2 Water Operator position; and to provide 3% salary increase for the PW2 Water Operator.

Washington County Septic Agreement was postponed for staff to gather more information.

Planning Commission Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Lakeland Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on the first Tuesday of each month and reviews land use, conducts public hearings, and makes recommendations regarding applications to the City Council.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to City Hall if you are interested.

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.

Lakeland Winter Curfew Hours for Minors

During the months of October through May, curfew is between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. During the curfew period, it is unlawful for any minor under the age of 16 years to idle, loiter, or be upon the public streets, boulevards, sidewalks, alleys, parks, beach, or any other public place in the City of Lakeland.

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.

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.

The City's Animal Control Officer also handles all barking dogs or other nuisance complaints. For additional information, call the City Hall at (651) 436-4430.

Dog & Cat Licenses 2012-2013 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 \$7.50 for the remainder of the licensing period. Complete the application and mail it to City Hall along with a check payable to the City of Lakeland for \$7.50 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: \$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.

Snowmobilers NOTE

Operation of snowmobiles is permitted only on the east bike trail until April 1 PROVIDED THAT THE TRAIL IS COVERED WITH SNOW. Snowmobiles may travel on the most right-hand lane then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway to access the bike trail.

Winter Has Arrived...

And our snowplow drivers are hard at work keeping the streets clear and safe. Be aware of these 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.
- City Ordinances require that no vehicles be left standing or parked at the curb of any street or on any public place within the corporate limits of the City of Lakeland during a snow removal period.
- Do not place garbage cans/recycling containers on the street edge while streets are being plowed.
- Remove garbage cans/recycling containers as soon as possible after pick-up.
- Do not push snow across any street or highway.
- Do not park any vehicle on any street in the City after a snowfall until all the snow removal is complete.
- 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. Your cooperation is appreciated!

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 - (651) 459-3029

Waste Management - (651) 437-9201

Residents may choose a company licensed to haul rubbish in the City.

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.

Power Outages

Call NSP Lights Out at (800) 895-1999.

Remember municipal water customers...you are able to use your water system during power outages. Please use the water conservatively for normal water usage purposes.

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.

Community Information

Rainbow Christian Preschool

Located in St. Croix Valley Church, Lakeland
3-year olds: T & TH - 9:00-11:30 a.m.
4-year olds: M, W & F from 9:00-11:30 a.m.
or 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Please check us out on the church website:
stcroixvalleychurch.org or by calling (651) 436-8691.

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.

Community Garden Plots Applications being accepted now for spring 2013 planting. Plots available until filled!

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The Lower St. Croix Valley Community Foundation funded a grant request in 2012 for Afton to develop a community garden for residents of the Lower St. Croix Valley.

The Rinta Community Gardens are located south of Hudson Road between Indian Trail and Century College Truck Training Center.

Each garden plot will be about 40' x 40' with walking paths between plots. There is no charge, but an application is required to be considered for a garden plot. Applications will be reviewed soon, so don't delay!

Questions? Contact Barbara Ronningen at 651-436-5881 or the Afton City Office at 436-436-5090.

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, e-mail 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

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. Distribution will take place on from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on January 15, February 12, March 12 and April 9.

Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department

Lakeland resident John Anderson recently announced his retirement effective this past January after completing over 24 years of service to the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department and the cities of Afton, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, Lake St. Croix Beach and St. Mary's Point. John has served in the capacity as Firefighter/EMT and as a Captain. His daytime service will be especially missed. Please join us in congratulating and thanking John and his wife, Cindy, for the countless hours and sacrifice they have made on our behalf. We wish all the best moving forward and express our sincerest gratitude!

The LSCVFD wishes to thank all who attended our December pancake breakfast with Santa in December. The turnout was great and the support we receive at these events are tremendous and shows our members how much they truly mean to the area residents. The Food Shelves was also a big winner in this fundraiser as we were able to deliver over 500 pounds of food on the behalf of our community. We are "Neighbors Helping Neighbors"!

Seeking Crafters...

Seeking crafters for annual Spring Craft, Bake & Boutique Sale scheduled for Sat, April 13, 9:00 - 3:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Stillwater. Tables are \$20 each. Call Donna at 651-436-8565 or email her at wood.donna@comcast.net to reserve your table(s) today. Craft Sale sponsored by the Columbian Women of the Solanus Casey Council #1632 Knights of Columbus.

Washington Conservation District

2013 Tree and Rain Barrel Sale

This spring, the Washington Conservation District is selling low-cost rain barrels, as well as bundles of bare-root trees and shrubs for habitat and conservation plantings. Both rain barrels and trees help to reduce runoff pollution to local lakes, streams and rivers.

Rain Barrels collect rainwater from your roof, which can later be used to water your lawn or garden during dry weeks. The \$68 AmeriBarrel comes in moss green or brown plastic with a flat back, removable top, and a brass spigot for easy hose attachment. The barrels hold 55 gallons of water and come preassembled along with a kit and instructions for connecting them to rooftop downspouts. For more information, please call Wendy Griffin 651-275-1136 X 24 or Tara Kline 651-275-1136 X 28.

Bare-Root Trees will include several species of conifers, hardwood trees and shrubs, which come in bundles of 25 for \$33.50. A special bird package is also available for \$50 that includes five each of bur oak, white oak, black cherry, white pine, chokecherry and wild plum, all of which are known to provide habitat for birds. These trees can be used for urban and rural conservation purposes such as windbreaks, reforestation, erosion control, and wildlife habitat.

Rain barrels and trees must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Pick-up is on Friday, April 26th from 12-7:30pm and Saturday, April 27th from 9am-12pm at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo. Download an order form at www.mnwcd.org or call 651-275-1136.

Valley Branch Library

Phone: (651) 436-5882

Web: www.co.washington.mn.us/library

Washington County Library announces expansion of library hours that takes effect on Jan. 2, 2013.

Valley Branch Library Hours are:

Monday	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday	2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Storytime Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

For children preschool through kindergarten age; siblings welcome. No registration. Library is closed February 18, 2013. Walk-up book return is available when the library is closed.

Join MacPhail Center for Music's early childhood music specialists for "I Make Music" - a program to encourage musical play. The program is for preschool children and is free. It will take place at Valley Branch Library on Saturday, February 9, 10:30 a.m. For preschool children. Space is limited; registration required. Call the library with questions: 651-436-5882. This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Washington County Library

Washington County Library invites area residents to view the portrait display entitled "Women Poets: Portraits by Jay Wittenberg" - a display that will be rotated throughout the county during winter and spring of 2013. The portrait artist is St. Paul resident Jay Wittenberg, a graduate of the College of Visual Arts and a professional artist for more than 20 years.

Dates and library locations for the displays are:

- February 5 to February 27, Hardwood Creek Branch, Forest Lake
- March 5 to March 29, Oakdale Branch, Oakdale
- April 2 to April 29, Wildwood Branch, Mahtomedi
- May 2 to May 31, Park Grove Branch, Cottage Grove

For more information about this program and other Washington County Library programs, log on to the library's website, www.co.washington.mn.us/library, or call the library's Info Desk, 651-731-1320. The "Women Poets" display is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

One County, One Book reading program for January 2013

Washington County Library is asking residents to share the joy of reading with family, friends, neighbors and colleagues by reading and talking about the Library's One County, One Book reading selection during January 2013. The book selected is "Still standing: The Story of SSG John Kriesel" by John Kriesel as told to Jim Kosmo.

When SSG John Kriesel lost his legs and two buddies in a roadside bomb explosion, no one expected him to survive. Medical miracles put his body back together, but it was an incredible confluence of angels at every step along the way that breathed life into his shattered body.

This is not just another war story. This is the story of an ordinary young man who overcame extraordinary challenges with a lot of help from others, including many strangers, and emerged stronger and more in love with his country, his wife, his children, and ultimately, his own life.

In 2010 John Kriesel was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives. The legislator was anything

but a quiet freshman in his first session challenging even his own party and frequently speaking his mind. "Kriesel's honesty is a breath of fresh air at the Capitol," declared the Minneapolis Star-Tribune. Kriesel lives with his wife Katie and sons Elijah and Brody in Cottage Grove.

Residents can participate in the One County, One Book program in a variety of ways:

1. **Read the book.** Copies are available for loan at all Washington County Library branches.
2. **Attend a library book club meeting.** Many of the library's book clubs will be discussing "Still Standing" at one of their winter meetings. Check the library's web pages for locations, dates and times.
3. **Share comments on the Library's Facebook page:** Washington County (MN) Library.
4. **Meet the author on Tuesday, January 29.** Adults and teens are invited to hear the author speak and answer questions at the R. H. Stafford Library in Woodbury at 7 p.m.

The One County, One Book project is sponsored by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Treasurer's Report

December 2012

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		11/30/12	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2012	12/31/12
100	General Fund	\$593,228.83	\$7,798.20	\$71,796.54	(\$32,200.00)	\$497,030.49
199	Applicant Dep./Exp.	(\$7,755.71)	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,005.71)
200	Special Parks Fund	\$94,275.13	\$1.86	\$274.81	\$0.00	\$94,002.18
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$3,252.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,252.14
401	Public Works Fund	\$453,301.59	\$3,104.91	\$8,970.51	\$0.00	\$447,435.99
501	Fire Station Debt Serv Fund	\$1,092.31	\$0.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,092.48
502	Fire Relief Assn Fund	\$1,660.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,660.18
601	Water Utility Fund	\$435,399.38	\$16,713.93	\$14,181.81	\$429.17	\$438,360.67
605	Water Construction Fund	\$271,141.30	\$6.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$271,147.81
606	Water Debt Service Fund	\$32,651.34	\$28,668.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61,319.49
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$77,608.54	\$5,210.03	\$1,471.18	(\$429.17)	\$80,918.22
705	Lakeland Village Const Fund	\$3,502.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,502.95
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv Fund	\$16,015.56	\$0.15	\$13,495.35	\$0.00	\$2,520.36
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$352,888.09	\$16,797.23	\$21,290.76	\$32,200.00	\$380,594.56
Total Fund Balances		\$2,328,261.63	\$79,051.14	\$131,480.96	\$0.00	\$2,275,831.81

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Joe Paiement - (12/31/14) (651) 967-5050

Planning Commission

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

Washington County Sheriff (non-emergency): **(651) 439-9381**

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