

Lakeland Newsletter

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Amy Williams, Mayor

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: 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.

Thursday, January 1

City Offices Closed - Happy New Year!

Tuesday, January 6

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14

Recycling Day

Monday, January 19

City Offices Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 20

City Council Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 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

2015 promises to be an exciting year for Lakeland as we contemplate the values that shape our community now and for the future.

There are several projects that will be worked on in 2015 in order to improve how the City serves our community. Those projects include updating our Comprehensive Plan, refining activities allowed in our various zoning districts, streamlining business applications, cleaning up our Code of Ordinances and recommitting to community service and public safety through improvements to our parks and participation in activities such as Night to Unite. I intend to work hard to attract businesses to our Lakeland Village and to identify developers and investors to create new housing options for our residents.

Later this month, the City Council will announce a vacancy when I am sworn in as your new Mayor. As a result, we will need someone to serve out the remaining two years of my four year City Council term. All residents of Lakeland are encouraged to apply for the open seat. If City Council isn't for you but you want to serve your community, you could sign up to be a block captain for Lakeland's second annual Night to Unite event which will be held in August. There are also positions open on the City's Planning Commission as well as our Personnel Committee. If you are looking to serve, we have a place for you.

Please contact me or any member of the City Council with your comments or concerns. We are here to represent and serve you. Contact information is on the back page of the Newsletter.

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

Winter is Here!

Matt Kline, Director of Public Works

Here's a brief overview of Lakeland's snowplow policy and items to keep in mind during and after a snow event. The following criteria 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 and after a snow event:

1. The City has designated snow plow routes that determine which routes 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, punishable as a misdemeanor if found guilty. 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.

The Lakeland Public Works Department strives 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.

Plow drivers try their best to keep the City streets safe. If you observe icy conditions that may have been missed by the plows, call City Hall (651 436-4430) and report such conditions. The Public Works Department welcomes any feedback residents may have.

Please drive safely this winter.

Snowmobilers Note

Operation of snowmobiles is LIMITED to November 1 through April 1 each year, PROVIDED 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.

City Hall

December 2, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for December 2nd was cancelled due to lack of quorum of members.

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

(Held December 16, 2014 - Complete minutes on file at City Hall)

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

- Minutes of the November 10, 2014 Special City Council meeting, November 18, 2014 Regular City Council meeting and December 2, 2014 Special City Council meeting.
- Treasurer's Report - September/October, 2014 & November, 2014

- Bills to be Approved
- 2015 Liquor Licenses - Bungalow Inn and Village Wine & Spirits
- AFP No. 2 / Final - 2014 Seal Coating Street Improvements
- Agreement for Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Inspection Services

Truth in Taxation Public Hearing was held for the 2015 Budget & Levy. Resolution 2014-17 was adopted approving the Final Budget for 2015 for a total amount of \$1,070,799. Resolution 2014-18 was adopted approving the Final Property Tax Levy for 2015 in the amount of \$985,988.

There was review about changes in Deputy assignments for 2015.

Deputy reported that there has been theft from cars, and recommended that residents take any valuables from their vehicles.

There was review and discussion about replacement of the Deputy Clerk, and consensus to set a workshop and Special Council Meeting early in 2015.

Resolution 2014-19 was adopted approving permanently setting the format of meeting minutes for the City Council to be limited to statutory requirements.

Williams thanks BSA Troop 226 for the wreath they provided for residents to enjoy at City Hall.

Residents were asked to contact the Mayor-elect if they have interest in appointments to City committees/projects in 2015.

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.

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.

Public Works

Aggregate Industries Brush Site

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

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).

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.

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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 6 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.
January 6, 12 & 26

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.

Intro to Genealogy Class Thursday, January 15
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

A class on using the internet for genealogy research, focusing on the research tool Ancestry Library Edition. Registration required and limited to 4. Call 651-436-5882 to register.

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
November 2014

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		10/31/14	Nov 2014	Nov 2014	Nov 2014	11/31/14
100	General Fund	\$382,910.44	\$815.83	\$13,825.47	\$0.00	\$369,900.80
199	Applicant Escrow Fund	(\$7,491.97)	\$800.00	\$1,163.04	\$0.00	(\$7,855.01)
200	Special Parks Fund	\$43,726.46	\$.80	\$296.56	\$0.00	\$43,430.70
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$3,252.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,252.14
401	Public Works Fund	\$350,971.80	\$9.16	\$5,926.65	\$0.00	\$345,054.31
501	Fire Station Debt Serv Fund	\$15,024.61	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,024.91
502	Fire Relief Assn. Fund	\$2,390.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,390.83
601	Water Utility Fund	\$494,447.50	\$16,638.21	\$16,209.73	\$429.17	\$495,305.15
605	Water Construction Fund	\$248,506.58	\$8.60	\$2,876.48	\$0.00	\$345,638.70
606	Water Debt Service Fund	\$37,649.65	\$6,168.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,818.06
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$90,463.60	\$1,707.75	\$1,485.82	(\$429.17)	\$90,256.36
705	Lakeland Village Const Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv Fund	\$2,701.83	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$501.83
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$460,956.51	\$39.80	\$4,460.04	\$0.00	\$456,536.27
Total Fund Balances		\$2,125,509.98	\$26,188.86	\$48,443.79	\$0.00	\$2,103,255.05

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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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