

Lakeland Newsletter

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Bob Livingston, Mayor

July 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.

Tuesday, July 2

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 4

Independence Day - City Offices Closed

Friday, July 5

*Recycling Day - Note change due to holiday
City Offices Closed*

Saturday, July 6

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

Thursday, July 11

Recycling Day

Tuesday, July 16

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

Thursday, July 18

Recycling Day

Thursday, July 25

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

The Lower St. Croix River Valley is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. Each of the five cities has its own personality and qualities. In just a few minutes, you can go from walking in Afton State Park to jumping on your bicycle and riding the bike trail up to watch a baseball game at Cully Park in Lakeland. Then go to Beanie's Resort and go fishing in one of Minnesota's great rivers the St. Croix.

Even living about 20 minutes from two of Minnesota's largest cities, we don't have the big city problems. We have a very low crime rate due to the excellent Washington County Sheriff's Department with Deputies working here who care about our community. We have a very dedicated Fire Department with an average response time of only 4 minutes.

With all that said, I feel that Lakeland is one of the best if not the best place to live because of its residents. We as a whole get along with each other and are proud of our city. We have houses built in the 1800s and even a few million dollar homes. We have a much safer County 18 road where our children can safely cross, slower speeds, a bike trail on both sides and a nice looking road too.

As a Council, our biggest responsibility is to set the coming year's budget. We have started this process early this year, and will be having workshop meetings that are open to the public. We do not record (video) workshops, so if you are interested please plan to attend those meetings.

Another one of our responsibilities is to keep our residents informed. We have been doing this mainly through our Newsletter and recording our meetings and playing them on Valley Access Channels, cable channel 16. I have been tasked at looking into making the City Council Meetings available on the internet. Hopefully in the coming months you will be able to also watch our Council meetings through a link on our City website.

We are also updating our website to provide more information at a timelier manner for you; including things like if there is a burning ban, public hearings, meeting time changes or cancellations. Let us know if you have information you would like us to include on the website.

Just a word about “recreational fires.” There are strict rules as to the size of the pit or fire ring, what can be burned and about fires never being left unattended. The Fire Department will respond to complaints and could issue a fine if the rules are not followed. If you plan on doing some burning other than a recreational fire, a burning permit is required from the Fire Department (651 436-7033).

The 4th of July is coming fast...Remember our Heroes who have served or are currently serving and their Families, and plan on attending the Celebration in Afton this year on the 4th. We live in the Greatest Country in the World and, in my opinion, the best city in Minnesota.

Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting

(Held June 11, 2013 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

There was public hearing regarding an application by Michael & Kathleen Quinn to remove the existing and rebuild the home at 641 Quixote Avenue North. PC recommended that the City Council approve requested variances to side yard, front lot line and bluffline requirements; and deny the requested variance to allow increasing the peak roof height.

There was review and discussion about proposed policies for park usage. Councilmember Bednar will follow up.

There was review and discussion about Ordinances regarding Outdoor Uses and Raising Chickens.

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

(Held June 18, 2013 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

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

- Minutes of the May 21, 2013 CC meeting
- Treasurer’s Report
- Bills to be paid
- Resolutions approving amendments to the JPA regarding Minnesota Judicial records process.

There was review and discussion about the PC recommendations regarding an application by Michael &

Kathleen Quinn to remove the existing and rebuild the home at 641 Quixote Avenue North. Resolution was adopted approving variances to side yard, front lot line and bluffline setback requirements, and to allow the peak roof height as viewed from the river to be 8 feet higher than the peak roof height of the existing house.

There was discussion about options for live streaming of City meetings; proposals to be presented at the July meeting.

Staff reports were made, including:

- Review is being done of the City’s communication systems.
- Pothole repair is ongoing.
- Bids are being sought for a new roof at Water Utility Plant 2.
- Beach will re-open when the River reaches 680’.

Bednar reported that she will develop a proposed Beach/Parks Rental proposal for July; and will be working on options for playground equipment in the parks.

Glasgow reported that the Fire Department made 42 calls in May; and that Met Council State representatives will attend the June 24 Alliance meeting. There was discussion about additional information to add to the website and Newsletter.

Approval was given to appoint Steve Iverson to be Deputy Clerk, as requested by the City Clerk and recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Williams reported that the Gateway Commission is looking for candidates for the Community Advisory Committee; and Council members are invited to join elected officials from surrounding communities at the 12:00 noon Saturday, as part of the Afton Strawberry Fest. She suggested further exploration of a standing finance committee; and was reported that there were 102 calls for service and 2 citations issued by the Sheriff’s Department during May.

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

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.

ALL DOGS AND CATS OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE MUST BE LICENSED.

2012-2013 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 two-year 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: \$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.

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 pick up waste and take it home with you.

Lakeland Winter Curfew Hours for Minors

Curfew is between 1030 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. for minors under the age of 16 years - and from 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. for minors of the ages of 16 or 17 years. Curfew applies to the public streets, alleys, parks, playgrounds or other public grounds, public places, public buildings; places of amusement, entertainment, or refreshment; and any vacant lot.

Attn: Residents in the Restricted Parking Area

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.

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

Waste Management - (651) 437-9201

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.

CodeRED Notification Systems

Keeping citizens informed.

Lakeland has joined the other cities in Washington County to contract with Emergency Communications Network to provide the CodeRED high-speed, time-sensitive notification system.

Go to www.wcsheriff.info click on the CodeRED icon in the middle of the page and follow the instructions to enroll in the Notification System.

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.

Community Information

Aggregate Industries Brush Site

Aggregate Industries provides a monthly brush disposal site for residents of our City. There is no charge for this service. Materials accepted at the site are only brush such as limbs, trees and shrub trimmings. NO LEAVES OR GRASS...AND ABSOLUTELY NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.

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

July 6 August 3
September 7 October 5 November 2

Aggregate Industries makes this site available to the residents of Lakeland. Participants will be required to provide identification.

It is important that materials be taken to the site ONLY at designated dates and times, so that Aggregate Industries will continue to provide this important brush disposal service for Lakeland residents.

1553 Stagecoach Trail S., Afton, MN

American Red Cross Bloodmobile

Monday, July 1, 2013 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
16770 13th Street South Lake St. Croix Beach

Call Kate at (651) 436-8312 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome!

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.

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 next take place on from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on July 16 and August 13.

Lost and Found

A thoughtful resident brought in sunglasses he found on the street. The glasses appear to have prescription lenses. Please check with City Hall if you lost your specs!

Rainbow Christian Preschool

Located in St. Croix Valley Church, Lakeland.

Now enrolling for Fall 2013!

- 4 year olds/PreKs MWF from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Extended day option M&W from 11:30 to 2:00
- 3 year olds: T&Th from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Please check us out on the church website:

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

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.

Get Started with Geocaching - Free Program

Saturday, July 13 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Learn geocaching from local, seasoned geocachers. Find out what information and tools you will need to get started. Become familiar with GPS units, coordinates, waypoints, and more. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

Lego Mania!

Wednesday, July 17 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Join us for an open Lego build-a-thon. Who can build the biggest tower? Who can make the fastest Lego car? Best for kids 6 and up, but younger, adult-supervised children are welcome, too. No registration required.

Bruce the Bug Guy

Saturday, July 20 11:00 a.m.

A lively hands-on program about insects and related arthropods. LIVE critters and other fun props give you an opportunity to experience these fascinating creatures in a close-up, interactive manner. Open to all. No registration. A MELSA-sponsored program.

Dog Gone Reading K - Grade 7

Tuesday, July 23 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Read aloud to Chase, a certified therapy dog, and his owner. Sessions are 15 minutes in length. Sign up to read at the desk or call 651 436-5882.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book Party

Wednesday, July 24 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Join us for some games and crafts based on the popular "Wimpy Kid" books. Make a journal, try your hand at cartooning, test your skill at the "cereal box toss" game, but whatever you do - don't get the cheese touch! For kids age 8 and up. No registration required.

Valley Book Club

Thursday, July 25 5:00 p.m.

Valley Library, 380 St. Croix Trail S, Lakeland

Book selected for discussion at the July 25 meeting is "Pale Horse at Plum Run" by Brian Leehan. Just read the book, come and discuss.

Washington County Library

EBook Collection

Washington County Library's eBook collection is Washington County Library is your go-to place for reading materials during the summer. Luxuriate with the familiar book-in-the-hands experience or check out our digital collections: eAudiobooks, eBooks and digital magazines. In any case, take some time to get away with reading this summer!

Children's librarians are especially passionate about serving the reading needs of school children during the summer. Research has shown that kids who read during the summer months maintain their reading skills and enter school in the fall better prepared for learning.

Bookawocky Summer Reading programs for kids, teens and adults begin June 8 and run through August 10.

Teens submit BEST BOOK EVER reviews for a chance to win prizes. And for adults the activity is Bookawocky BINGO — a fun activity to expand reading horizons. Submit completed BINGO cards in person or online.

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.

Building Permits ***May/June 2013***

<u>Project Address</u>	<u>Work</u>
500 Quinlan Avenue North	Replace Windows & Doors
122 Quamwell Avenue South	Replace Furnace/AC
737 Quentin Avenue South	Add 2 Skylights & 2 Basement Windows
101 Quant Court South	Addition & Deck
9 Quamwell Avenue South	Replace Siding & Windows
16638 Upper 4th Street North	Replace Roof on Garage
16643 4th Street North	Addition to Garage
16446 5th Street Court North	Remodel/Windows, Kitchen, Garage Area
1425 Old Toll Bridge Road	Remodel Kitchen, Replace Window, Siding, Roof

- 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 Quinell Ave. No., Lakeland, MN 55043
 Hours: Monday & Thursday – 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Phone: 651-436-1405

Treasurer's Report ***May 2013***

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		4/30/13	May 2013	May 2013	May 2013	5/31/13
100	General Fund	\$357,387.41	\$1,393.52	\$31,396.80	\$0.00	\$327,384.13
199	Applicant Escrow Fund	(\$7,005.71)	\$800.00	\$346.50	\$0.00	(\$6,552.21)
200	Special Parks Fund	\$93,844.78	\$1.86	\$288.44	\$0.00	\$93,558.20
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$3,252.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,252.14
401	Public Works Fund	\$363,416.22	\$9.92	\$34,244.11	\$0.00	\$329,182.03
501	Fire Station Debt Serv Fund	\$1,092.48	\$0.00	\$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	\$442,516.50	\$19,679.92	\$23,205.64	\$429.17	\$439,419.95
605	Water Construction Fund	\$271,173.01	\$6.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$271,179.52
606	Water Debt Service Fund	(\$415.34)	\$6,168.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	5,752.97
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$78,929.72	\$3,218.35	\$358.71	(\$429.17)	\$81,360.19
705	Lakeland Village Const Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
706	Lakeland Village Debt Serv Fund	(\$35,663.98)	\$0.00	\$206.00	\$0.00	(\$35,869.98)
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$369,740.23	\$10.64	\$1,905.33	\$0.00	\$367,845.54
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>		<i>\$1,939,927.64</i>	<i>\$31,289.03</i>	<i>\$91,951.53</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$1,879,265.14</i>

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Planning Commission

Chair: **Chris White** - (2/1/15) (651) 436-7697 Personnel Committee
Members: **Pete DeCorsey** - (2/1/13) (651) 436-4430
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Telephone Numbers

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(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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