

Lakeland Newsletter

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Bob Livingston, Mayor

June 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.

Saturday, June 1

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

Thursday, June 6

Recycling Day

Tuesday, June 11

Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Note change from regular meeting date.

Thursday, June 13

Recycling Day

Tuesday, June 18

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

Thursday, June 20

Recycling Day

Thursday, June 27

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

Bob Livingston, Mayor

Prior to being elected to City Council in 2004, I was absolutely certain I had identified reasons why the incumbents were so slow in making decisions and so quick to put off today what might get done tomorrow. For about a year thereafter, I was constantly reminding my colleagues of our obligations to residents and how we needed to respond rapidly to their requests. Well, things did get a bit smoother, and I calmed down. Our average Council meeting time dropped to four hours from a little over 5 hours and just as much was accomplished.

Lately, however, I have found myself questioning whether we have reached a point where it is difficult to fit all the issues a typical small city council faces into an hour or two once a month. We have made some changes which appear helpful. We have an informal "workshop" immediately prior to each formal council session. The video camera is off, no public hearings are held, no votes are taken and there usually is no formal agenda.

We have also reinstated regular meetings of the Planning Commission and the Personnel Committee. The Planning Commission is made up of five residents who do a terrific job of parsing all issues concerned with changes to homes and businesses requiring a building permit and or approval by City Council. The members of the Planning Commission work closely with staff for both the City and representatives for the applicant where such are appropriate. Votes are taken to provide recommendations. They are not binding on Council but do provide a sense of the project and together with meeting reports, are very helpful to members of the Council.

The Personnel Committee is made up of three persons, one Council member and two others who can be from City Council, Planning Committee or residents.

The Committee is charged with all aspects of the personnel process except a final decision on hiring or termination and most salary actions. They conduct interviews, rate candidates, see that background and other checks are made and recommend a candidate to the council. They also, together with the City Clerk and City Attorney, provide input into new policies affecting personnel. Together, they take a major load of the shoulders of Council without abrogating any of its responsibilities.

As Mayor, I speak for all Council Members in commending the residents who serve their neighbors on these critical committees and extend to them our thanks.

Highlights of Planning Commission (PC) Meeting

(Held May 7, 2013 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

There was discussion about proposed Ordinance amendments relative to Interim Use Permits, Performance Standards/Seasonal Garden Centers and Commercial Special Occasion Venues. Recommendations were made that the City Council approve all three ordinances as amended.

There was review and discussion about proposed policies for park usage. Members recommended postponement to allow additional review.

Highlights of City Council (CC) Meeting

(Held May 21, 2013 - Complete minutes on file at city hall)

Workshop with residents regarding Quixote Avenue drainage problems was conducted before the City Council meeting.

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

- Minutes of the April 16, 2013 CC meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills to be paid

Ordinance 7538 regarding Interim Use Permits and Ordinance 7539 regarding Commercial Special Occasion Venues were adopted. Proposed Ordinance regarding Supplemental Performance Standards failed.

There was additional discussion regarding Quixote Avenue drainage problems and consensus to postpone to the next meeting to allow additional review by the City Engineer.

Approval was given to the lease of space at 98 St. Croix Trail North for use by the Public Works Department.

It was reported that people have been disposing of brush at Aggregate Industries at other than approved times and consensus to notify the public that that activity must cease.

It was reported that Lakeland Beach will reopen as soon as the River water level reaches 680' or below.

It was reported that there were 61 calls and 1 citation issue by the Sheriff's Department during April.

Spring Clean Up Thanks

It was another rainy, but well-attended Spring Clean Up on May 4th. Special thanks to Jeff Heimann, who tends to the many, many details in preparation for the day - and to Teens for Christ, who come in and do the heavy lifting.

***We appreciate all you do
to make Spring Clean Up happen!***

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

It has been reported that a number of people have dumped brush to the Aggregate site at times other than the first Saturday of each month. Please be aware that brush is to be taken to Aggregate ONLY between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m. according to the following schedule:

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

June 1	July 6	August 3
September 7	October 5	November 2

It is important that the times be followed, so that Aggregate Industries will continue to provide this important brush disposal service for Lakeland residents.

Belwin Conservancy: An Evening on the Prairie

On Thursday, June 20, the Belwin Conservancy together with the Washington Conservation District are hosting an Evening on the Prairie. Open to the public, this unique

opportunity comes just a few days after their annual bison release. Come and join other landowners from across the county who, like Stillwater Township resident Nora Olsen, are transforming farm fields and three-acre lawns into vibrant prairies. "I could just sit and look at it all day," she remarked during a tour of her recently converted prairie. For Nora Olsen, eliminating the hours spent on turf maintenance was a key motivator, but the natural beauty of the prairie is her greatest reward.

During the workshop you will be able to tour the Belwin Prairie in full bloom. Then enjoy presentation given by Tara Kelly, Director of Ecological Restoration at Belwin, and Lynette Anderson, Restoration Assistant, who will share their experience with restoring and managing prairie on the Conservancy's land in Afton. Later in the evening Angie Hong, Education Specialist for the East Metro Water Resource Education Program, will talk about how restoring native prairie adds beauty and value to your land, provides habitat for wildlife, and protects our water resources. She will offer free advice and resources about how to get started, and share about funding opportunities available to help private landowners near the St. Croix River convert large areas of turf to native prairie as well as other conservation projects. To register, simply visit <http://tinyurl.com/Prairie2013> or call 651-275-1136 x35 or contact Angie Hong at (651) 275-1136 or angie.hong@mnwcd.org with any questions.

Details: **Thursday, June 20, 6:30-8pm**
Belwin ELC Classroom
1553 Stagecoach Trail S., Afton, MN

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 June 11, 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.

Bookachalky Saturday, June 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Kick off 2013 Bookawocky by creating sidewalk chalk art.

Elephant and Piggie Book Party Pre-K - Grade 2

Wednesday, June 19 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Games and crafts based on "Elephant and Piggie" books.

Magician Matt Dunn

Saturday, June 22 at 11:00 a.m.

Dog Gone Reading at Valley Library

Tuesday, June 25 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.

Valley Book Club Thursday, June 27 5:00 p.m.

Any book by Bill Bryson. 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:

New for kids in 2013 are Bookawocky Activity Cards: children may complete 10 of 16 literacy activities to earn a completion reward and have their names placed on the library's Wall of Fame. There's also Read.Write.Draw for kids; children write or draw pictures to tell about the books they've read for a chance to win prizes.

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.

Don't forget about entertainment programs scheduled throughout the County for residents of all ages. Find a complete list of summer events on the Library's events calendar at www.co.washington.mn.us/library. All programs are free of charge.

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 ***April/May 2013***

<u>Project Address</u>	<u>Work</u>
16432 7th Street Lane North	Remodel Kitchen/add Mud Room
404 St. Croix Trail North	Replace Roof
64 Quehl Avenue North	Replace Roof
16250 3rd Street South	Install New Gas Fireplace
16 Quamwell Avenue South	Replace Windows
16027 6th Street North	Replace Roof
16720 4th Street North	Replace Roof
1151 Rivercrest Road North	Replace Flat Roof Area

- 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 ***March 2013***

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Balance</i>
		3/31/13	April 2013	April 2013	April 2013	4/30/13
100	General Fund	\$419,277.77	\$4,289.81	\$66,180.17	\$0.00	\$357,387.41
199	Applicant Escrow Fund	(\$7,005.71)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,005.71)
200	Special Parks Fund	\$93,237.09	\$961.05	\$353.36	\$0.00	\$93,844.78
205	Diseased Tree Fund	\$3,252.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,252.14
401	Public Works Fund	\$373,202.97	\$944.75	\$10,731.50	\$0.00	\$363,416.22
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	\$447,506.46	\$16,607.54	\$22,026.67	\$429.17	\$442,516.50
605	Water Construction Fund	\$271,166.71	\$6.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$271,173.01
606	Water Debt Service Fund	(\$6,583.64)	\$6,168.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$415.34)
701	Building Inspection Fund	\$77,724.79	\$2,583.53	\$949.43	(\$429.17)	\$78,929.72
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$35,663.98)
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$370,700.03	\$310.20	\$1,270.00	\$0.00	\$369,740.23
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>		<i>\$2,009,567.29</i>	<i>\$31,871.48</i>	<i>\$101,511.13</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$1,939,927.64</i>

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Planning Commission

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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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