

Lakeland Newsletter

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Amy Williams, Mayor

March/April Calendar

*Note: All city meetings start at 6:00 p.m.
and are held at city hall, unless otherwise noted.*

New Expanded City Hall Hours
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Thursday

Tuesday, April 7

Local Board Appeal Equalization, City Hall - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8

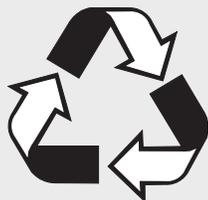
Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21

City Council Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8 & April 22

Recycling Day



**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.

Perspective

Amy Williams, Mayor

Spring is here and with it comes longer days and for many of us more time outside. Let's all try to be mindful that with the warmer weather we can expect an increase in pedestrian traffic on our streets. I encourage all of you to be watchful of children and mindful of your vehicle's speed.

In recent weeks there have been several noise complaints regarding vehicles. In addition there have been complaints about careless driving on Lakeland's streets. In the coming month the city council will be working with city staff to identify ways to make our streets safer and quieter for everyone. In the past there have been discussions about widening the main streets and even making some of those streets one-ways. We have discussed a more active approach to enforcing the city's noise and parking ordinances in order to further promote safety and enjoyment. As we move forward into 2015 city street projects we welcome the input of residents as to how we will achieve safety for drivers and pedestrians on our roadways.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to take a moment and welcome our new city administrator/clerk to Lakeland. Sandie Thone started earlier this month and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position and the community. I am excited to be working with her. The next time you are near city hall, please stop in and welcome her to our city.

Questions & Concerns

We welcome and encourage residents to contact us by phone (651) 436-4430 or by e-mail cityoflakeland@comcast.net or stop by City Hall with questions and/or concerns.

If it's your concern - it's our concern as well!

City Hall

Highlights of February City Council Meeting

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

- Minutes of the January 12, 2015 Special meeting and January 20, 2015 Regular City Council meeting
- Treasurer's Report for January 2015
- Bills to be approved
- Skid steer rental agreement
- Appointment of new City Council member Evan Loesner to fill vacancy of Asia Bednar
- Appointment of Matt Kline as Acting City Zoning Administrator
- Appointment of Doug Tollefson as Acting City Clerk

Deputy reported January 2015 a slow month. Mayor Williams indicated interest in collaborating with Washington County Sheriff's Department regarding Night to Unite events for the City.

Resolution 2015-09 was adopted to ratify a retirement increase for the Lower Saint Croix Valley Firefighters Relief Pension Benefits effective December 9, 2014.

There was consensus to continue reviewing the Animal ordinance regarding dog and cat licensing.

A presentation was provided on the Lower St. Croix Valley Community Foundation's Lower St. Croix Trail Initiative to rebuild the bike path.

Highlights of February Planning Commission Meeting

Public Hearing on Variance Application in Re: Ruprecht was cancelled for the February meeting. Comprehensive Plan goals were presented, discussed and reviewed.

Preliminary visioning process of creating community work groups to provide input on Comprehensive Plan goals was discussed.

Annual Appointments for 2015

A Resolution was passed at the January 12, 2015 Special City Council Meeting making the following appointments for 2015:

Acting Mayor	Richard Glasgow
Official Depositories	US Bank League of Minnesota Cities 4M Fund First State Bank of Bayport
Official Newspaper	Stillwater Evening Gazette
Official Posting Place	City Hall, 690 Quinell Ave. N

City Meeting Videos

Watch Valley Access Channel 16
on the Second and Fourth Thursdays
at 1 PM and 9 PM
or the Second and Fourth Fridays at 7 AM

Or watch on our website: www.ci.lakeland.mn.us

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.

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.

If you see something - say something!

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.

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

Building Inspector

The City of Lakeland contracts with the City of Bayport to provide building inspection services. Building Inspector John Buckley's office hours are 8 am to 10 am Monday and Thursday at the water utility office located at 1190 St. Croix Trail South. 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/

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

The Lower St. Croix Valley Community Foundation

www.LSCVCF.com

The Foundation Board has decided to dedicate all efforts to rebuild the Lower St. Croix Trail, a key asset that connects our communities.

Over the years the Trail has been a great asset for all who walk, run, skate or bike on it, and we all know that it is in very rough shape. We think it is time to rebuild it, and our Community Foundation is striving to make this happen.

Here is an update of our actions so far in 2014:

- We convened a group of trail development experts to help the Board understand trail renovation.
- We identified good grant funding sources that help pay for the trail reconstruction. The Foundation Board will shepherd writing these grants.
- An engineering firm has been to provide a solid assessment of the trail and a good cost estimates for rebuilding.
- We have a challenging work plan to rebuild the four miles of Trail in 2015, especially the roughest sections south of the Afton-Lakeland Elementary School.

Our working budget is approximately \$700,000. Timing is key. Trail development grants are due February/March, and we could raise up to \$450,000. All these funding options require a local match, so the remaining \$250,000 must be raised from individuals and from the 5 cities.

We hope you are excited about our Lower St. Croix Trail renovation project. Please consider supporting us. Visit <http://www.scvfoundation.org/affiliate-foundations/affiliate-foundations/the-lower-st-croix-valley-foundation/> for additional 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.

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.

Rainbow Preschool

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Prekindergarten M,W,F 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
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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.

There are no income restrictions for participating in this program. No advance payment or pre-registration is needed to purchase packages.

Valley Branch Library

Library Hours are:

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

Come and join us for upcoming events!

Preschool 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.

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

Just read the book, come, and discuss. The book selection for March is "Once Upon a Time There Was You" by Elizabeth Berg. Visit Valley Library to pick up a copy of the book and a discussion guide. Open to all and no registration required.

Septic System Financial Assistance Available

The Department of Public Health partnering with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority have grants and loans available for repair or replacement of non-compliant subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS).

www.co.washington.mn.us/septic



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



Rinta Community Garden

Spring will be here soon, time for gardeners to get their hands dirty. The Rinta Community Garden has 20 plots available to residents of the Lower St. Croix Valley.

There is no charge for using a plot. Gardeners are asked not to use pesticides and to use organic fertilizers. There is no well water at the site, but 2 rain barrels collecting runoff from a small shed will hold 110 gallons of water for irrigation when necessary. The installation of a high fence last summer has thwarted hungry deer.

If you are interested in a garden plot at Rinta, please contact City Hall for an application. If you have additional questions, contact Barbara Ronningen at bjonningen@yahoo.com.

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.

Recent Building Permits Issued

<u>Project Address</u>	<u>Work</u>
338 Quinnell Ave, North	Replace Roof
529 Quixote Ave. North	Gas Fireplace
16634 6th St. North	Replace Roof
16440 Division Street	Replace Windows
397 Quinnell Ave. North	Water Heater
16730 2nd St. South	Water Heater
1300 Riviera Ave. South	Remodel Basement

- 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 FINAL

<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	\$264,893.23	\$80,120.65	(\$77,699.00)	\$476,974.38
199	Applicant Escrow Fund	(\$7,855.01)	\$0.00	\$19,481.93	\$0.00	(\$27,336.94)
200	Special Parks Fund	\$43,430.70	\$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	\$33,560.48	\$0.00	\$504,355.49
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	\$43,066.59	\$429.17	\$467,241.09
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	\$2,755.51	\$1,997.92	(\$429.17)	\$90,584.78
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	\$5,419.06	\$0.00	\$30,681.02
801	LT Improvement Fund	\$456,536.27	\$23,850.18	\$2,135.84	\$63,200.00	\$541,450.61
Total Fund Balances		\$2,103,255.05	\$554,641.66	\$211,225.96	\$0.00	\$2,446,670.75

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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
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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**

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