

# LAKELAND NEWS

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## A community vision for City Hall

The city council, city staff, former elected officials, residents, business owners and even a few Hamline graduate students have all weighed in on the future vision of a new city hall for the community. A new consideration regarding *where* to put the new city building was raised at the October council meeting. Lakeland Plaza representatives requested the city consider either renting space at the established center or build in one of the out lots currently available at the location.

City Council Member and local attorney Joe Paiement stated he was 'intrigued by the idea' and expressed that he would like to see the city explore the possibility of the proposed city center option. He suggested the proposed options and cost analysis supporting a recommendation come back to a future meeting for a vote. The project proposed but deferred at the October meeting included a city facility to be built on the currently owned 5-acre parcel at 1190 St. Croix Trail South where the water utility building is located.

Washington County Commissioner Gary Kriesel and Lakeland Mayor Amy Williams recently discussed whether the Lakeland library space currently located at the Plaza is sufficient to serve the needs of the Lower St. Croix Valley. Kriesel and Williams are exploring the possibility of a partnership between the county and the city that could benefit both by housing the library and city hall in one community space located in Lakeland. (Continued on page 3)



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## Snow update...no snow yet!

That being true today—there are no promises that by the time this newsletter is printed, mailed and received in your home or business that Frosty won't be marching down your street with his corn cob pipe and his button nose and his eyes made out of coal!



So in the event snow is here or coming soon please remember:

- \* As the daylight decreases so does the visibility—be careful of pedestrians and children waiting for school buses
- \* As the weather gets colder—dress warmer and use layers—check on the elderly and ensure children are dressed appropriately
- \* Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid freezing and be prepared for anything by assembling an emergency car kit - visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) to see what to include in your kit
- \* Clear snow around your mailbox and remove any hazards in your yard that may get in the way of snow plows or emergency vehicles
- \* Drive slowly in the snow and make sure to give yourself enough time to get to work or school on time—do not hesitate to turn around and

### ***Winter parking goes into effect November 1st***

Between November first and March 31st no motor vehicle should be left standing or parked on the streets during the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. No person, except emergency personnel, shall park on any street during a snow-removal period which is defined as no more than 48-hours after each snowfall until such time that the snow has been removed. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

### **It is the season for...crime?**

Washington County Sheriff's department is warning the community that this is the season when thieves get bold—some are so brazen they have been known to follow delivery trucks around hoping to 'snag' a package or two off an unsuspecting doorstep before the owner is even aware it has been delivered.

Do not let this happen to you!  
Do not let thieves ruin your holidays—plan for someone to receive the packages or have them delivered directly to an alternate location.



## Schedule of Events

November 4, 2015  
Recycling Pickup

November 11, 2015  
Veteran's Day  
City Offices Closed

November 17  
City Council Meeting  
6:00pm

November 18, 2015  
Recycling Pickup

November 26, 2015  
Thanksgiving Day  
City Offices Closed

November 27, 2015  
City Offices Closed

December 2, 2015  
Recycling Pickup

December 15, 2015  
City Council Meeting  
6:00pm

December 16, 2015  
Recycle Pickup

December 24, 2015  
Christmas Eve  
City Offices Closed

December 25, 2015  
Christmas Day  
City Offices Closed

December 30, 2015  
Recycle Pickup

December 31, 2015  
New Year's Eve  
City Offices close early

January 1, 2015  
New Year's Day  
City Offices Closed

## A community vision for City Hall continued...

"I love the concept, particularly when a community has skin in the game financially," Commissioner Kriesel said. "We'd certainly explore it, especially if they had a building we could incorporate a library in where we could staff it and provide library books—I think that's a win-win."

Mayor Amy Williams, a former girl scout, said she likes the idea of the council chambers doubling as a community space with a small community kitchen. The space would be available for residents and local organizations to use. Williams encouraged the idea that the city space reflect one of the initial main objectives which is to consolidate city staff and provide city services from a central location. Williams stated "We're not a city the size of Woodbury, where it makes sense for us to have multiple locations." "From my perspective, it's more intuitive. Also, it gives the city a focal point where municipal services occur."

Administrator Sandie Thone concurred that consolidation is very intuitive. Since the April 2015 relocation of administrative staff from the City Hall building to the Water Utility building located on St Croix Trail city service levels have increased exponentially. "Although we are busting at the seams to fit," Thone stated, "being able to work together with public works, the building department, engineering and the water utility department has been crucial in establishing the professional relationships, process flow, records access, and cross-training essential for a small city to effectively provide a high level of service to the community." She encouraged residents and businesses to share their vision of the project by visiting the city's website at [www.ci.lakeland.mn.us](http://www.ci.lakeland.mn.us), e-mailing [city@ci.lakeland.mn.us](mailto:city@ci.lakeland.mn.us) or by calling city offices at 651.436.4430.

### Attention Lakeland Businesses:

Recycling requirements have been expanded by the Minnesota State Legislature. Starting in 2016, all commercial buildings in the seven-county metro area will be required to recycle at least three materials. This includes (but is not limited to) glass, plastic, organics, paper or single-sort.

It is important to know your waste stream. What types of waste do you generate? What do you throw away that can be recycled? Are the placements of your containers best suited for customers and staff? Answers to these questions may help divert materials to recycling and save on solid waste costs.

# MINNESOTA RESIDENTIAL CODE

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New building permit fees and an updated user friendly structure make it more affordable *and* convenient for homeowners to perform necessary maintenance

City Council approved a new fee schedule\* which includes the following flat-fee over-the-counter building permits for residential maintenance:

### Maintenance Permit Fees:

Re-Roof:	\$75.00 see handout for when building permit is required
Re-Side:	\$75.00 see handout for when building permit is required
Re-Window:	\$75.00 replacement of same size (Exception: egress windows)
Re-Door :	\$75.00 replacement of same-size exterior doors
Garage door:	\$75.00 replacement of same size doors

### Plumbing Permit Fees:

New fixtures:	\$80.00 (minimum) (\$10.00 per fixture after 8 fixtures)
Lawn Irrigation Systems:	\$80.00
Fixture Maintenance:	\$50.00 (**This permit is for replacing ONE previously existing fixture or appliance where only disconnecting and reconnecting of existing pipes or ducts is to be done. Changing vent systems, running new drain or supply lines, or replacing or installing new ductwork, pipes, or vents is not fixture maintenance. Examples include Water Softener, or Water Heater Replacement. Multiple fixtures: use new fixture fees.)

### Mechanical Permit Fees:

New appliances:	\$75.00 (minimum) (\$37.50 per unit)
Gas Line (with mechanical permit):	\$12.50 per gas line, \$25.00 minimum
Gas Line only permit:	\$50.00
Fire Place insert:	see Above (Mechanical Permits)
Fire Place masonry:	Based on valuation (building permit required)
Fixture Maintenance:	\$50.00 (** This permit is for replacing ONE previously existing appliance...Examples include Furnace, Boiler, and A/C Replacement. Multiple units: use new appliance fees.)

\*State surcharges are not included in these fees

## City Council approves city snow removal contract with Tri-County Services, Inc.

At the October City Council meeting the council approved a three-year snow plow service agreement with a local contractor; Tri-County Services, Inc. The contract will go into effect on November 1, 2015. In August of this year the city council ratified the decision to discontinue providing the service in-house.

The contract language is similar in scope to the services provided previously by the city. The contractor comes to the city with positive recommendations and a solid reputation of providing high level service to the communities in the area.

## Household Hazardous Waste—Time to Tidy Up

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is any chemical you would use in your yard or home that you have not used up all the way. It is illegal to pour these items down a storm drain, on the ground or throw in the trash. This includes weed killer, motor oil, paint, and even oven cleaner and nail polish!

HHW is dangerous for your health and if handled improperly, can end up in our drinking water. For example, if you toss out a bottle of weed killer, it will end up in a landfill, break, and leak into the ground or end up in an incinerator and burned, ending up in the atmosphere.



Fortunately, there is something you can do. If you are a resident in Washington County, the Washington County Environmental Center will accept your HHW, including old electronics.

The center is located at  
4039 Cottage Grove Drive  
Woodbury, MN

Hours:  
Tuesday Noon-7pm  
Thursday 9am-2pm  
Saturday 9am-2pm



## City Business

### Automatic Bill Pay

Sign up for auto pay!  
Obtain a form on our website at

[www.ci.lakeland.mn.us](http://www.ci.lakeland.mn.us) or stop by city offices for the convenience of automatic bill pay. Payments received after noon on the 20th of the month will be credited to next month's bill. Please do not place cash in the drop boxes.

### Building Department

Scott Qualle, the building official is in the office Tuesdays from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. MNSPECT can be reached Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm. For building plan, permit questions or to schedule an inspection please call (952) 442-7520 or email [info@mnspect.com](mailto:info@mnspect.com).

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The city encourages you to reuse, reduce and recycle whenever possible. Go to [www.rethinkrecycling.com](http://www.rethinkrecycling.com) for additional information.



## Washington County volunteer opportunities

- At the library: help maintain the collection, welcoming customers, and assisting with programs, opportunities for teens include developing library displays and assisting with library programs
- In the parks: working with natural resources, and on special projects, performing random surveys, serving as campground hosts, and helping with programs at the Historic Courthouse
- Medical Reserve Corps
- Sherriff's Office: become part of the Explorer Post, or work as a reserve volunteering with jail inmates
- Adopt a highway



## Community WhatzUp?



### Veterans Recognition Dinner:

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at The Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Lake St. Croix Beach. FREE dinner and prizes for Lower St. Croix Valley Veterans, Service Members and their Families.

Thank you for your service!

### Free Sandwich for Veterans:

Free sandwich at Jordan's Deli for veterans and their families during the week of November 8 through November 14, 2015 in honor of Veteran's Day (November 11)! Thank you Veterans and Jordan's Meats and Deli!

### Youth Service Bureau, Fall Series for Parents:

Learn about popular social media platforms and how to help your kids use them safely. You'll also learn strategies for managing online time and how to respond to sexting and cyberbullying. \$5/Session.

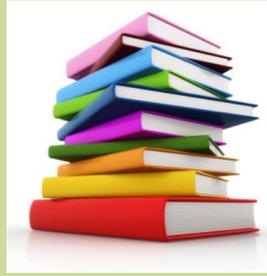
Register in advance at [111.yzb.net](http://111.yzb.net) or pay at the door

# Valley Library

**Monday, Friday, and Saturday  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Tuesday and Thursday  
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

\*\*Library Closed Wednesday,  
November 11, 2015 in honor of  
Veterans' Day and Thursday and  
Friday, November 26 and 27, 2015 for  
Thanksgiving.



## November Calendar of Events

### Children's Events

#### Preschool Storytime:

Mondays, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. For children ages preschool through kindergarten & their caregivers. Stories, songs, finger plays, and more to encourage the development of early literacy skills. Siblings welcome. No registration required.

### Book Club

#### Valley Library Book Club:

Thursday, November 19, at 5:00 p.m.

The group that gathers will discuss the book "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon. Visit Valley Library to pick up a copy of the book. Read the book, come, and discuss. Open to all.

## Belwin Conservatory will be conducting prescribed burns in the coming weeks

The Belwin Conservatory and its contractors will be conducting these burns. The exact date and time cannot be determined in advance but will be conducted soon depending on weather and ground conditions. No burns will be conducted after the end of November 2015. All burns are permitted by the DNR and local fire department and conducted by certified staff. Fire is the most effective management tool and is essential in a prairies ecology. The Belwin Conservatory has been conducting burns for many years. Questions or concerns? Call (651) 436-5189



BizRecycling provides free resources and assistance to businesses in Washington and

Ramsey counties that want to start or enhance programs for reducing waste, recycling, and diverting food and other organic waste. Go to [LessTrash.com](http://LessTrash.com) or call 651-266-1199 for more information.

## October 2015 Building Permits

Address:	Building Permit:
1611 3rd St. N.	Water Heater Replacement
397 Quinnell Ave. N.	Window & Roof Replacement
176 S. St. Croix Trail	Window Replacement
16221 3rd St. N.	Shingle Replacement
16540 10th St. Ct. S.	Deck Add-On
61 Quant Ct. S.	Window and Patio Door Replacement
180 Quality Ave S.	Sidewalk, Windows and Door Replacement
100 Quality Ave S.	Floating Slab for Future Garage
635 Quant Ave N.	Gas Fireplace
16540 10th Street Ct S.	Deck

Supporting military families throughout the Valley... to become involved in the Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley please contact Randy Kopesky at [rkopesky@comcast.net](mailto:rkopesky@comcast.net).



Washington County will be hosting a Veteran's Career Workshop on November 10, 2015. For information please go to [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us)



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## City Website: [www.ci.lakeland.mn.us](http://www.ci.lakeland.mn.us)

Please visit the city's website for application forms, city code updates, public notices, meeting information and community news, etc. Please submit community photos for the online community showcase photo gallery to [city@ci.lakeland.mn.us](mailto:city@ci.lakeland.mn.us)

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