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It's Official: Lakeland has a new Building Official

In July the city council made a decision to go out for Requests for Proposals for a new building official to perform building inspection and related services for the community. The city council reviewed and interviewed candidates for the position and at the September 15th city council meeting they approved a contract for services with MNSPECT, LLC. MNSPECT will be completely staffed as Lakeland (and Lakeland Shores) Building Department effective September 21, 2015.

MNSPECT has been partnering with communities in Minnesota since 1987. They will serve the community as the Designated Building Official and will provide comprehensive plan review, inspection services, and code enforcement. Council felt the company will provide not only expertise in all activities related to the Minnesota State Building Code but will offer enhanced levels of service across the board. In addition, council felt the services would be provided in a cost-effective manner for the community and save the community as a whole both time and money. MNSPECT will prove to become a significant partner in Lakeland's future economic development plan as well.

Please join us for a community informational meeting to be held on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department along with the regularly scheduled Lower St. Croix Valley Alliance meeting. MNSPECT will be represented at this meeting by President and Building Official Scott Qualle, as well as the company's Relationship Manager, Tom Richardson. Please bring specific questions you may have as well and MNSPECT staff will be happy to provide answers or address any concerns you may have.



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New Building Official continued...

Building permits will be issued at city offices located at 1190 St. Croix Trail South, Lakeland, MN 55043. For questions about your building project plan and or to schedule inspections please call 952.442.7520 or email MNSPECT at info@mnspect.com. The following building permits may now be issued directly and immediately at the counter provided they are a one or two-family structure on a single lot and are not controlled by a homeowner's association:

- ◇ Roof Replacement
- ◇ Siding Replacement
- ◇ Window Replacement
- ◇ Door Replacement

In October the city council is expected to take action on a proposed fee schedule that would change the fees for the above maintenance permits to a flat fee of \$75 per permit. Many mechanical, plumbing and fireplace permits can now be issued at the counter as well. For a list of these please contact us or visit our website at www.ci.lakeland.mn.us. These new changes will significantly reduce both the cost and time for those requiring building permits and inspections for residential projects. In addition, MNSPECT's increased service hours of Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 and office hours on Tuesdays of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. shall increase service levels to the community as well. MNSPECT has provided handouts which can be found on our website at www.ci.lakeland.mn.us or at city hall in the following areas to help provide guidance for your upcoming or existing projects:

- Lead Information
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Smoke Detectors
- Residential Reroofing Replacement and Residential Siding Replacement
- Residential Window/ and Door Replacement
- Residential Mechanical and Fireplace
- Residential Geothermal Heating/Cooling
- Certification of Final Testing on Gas Line and Fittings
- In-Floor Hydronic Heating Systems
- Residential Plumbing
- Lawn Irrigation
- Residential Water Heater and Residential Water Softener
- Residential New Home
- Footing/Foundation and Exterior Foundation Drainage and Waterproofing
- Shed and Detached Garages
- Move-In Structure
- Decks and Porches
- Basement Finish and Egress Window
- Safety Glazing and Stucco
- Fences and Retaining Walls
- Swimming Pools
- Demolition – Structures and Demolition – Interior
- Solar – Photovoltaic (PV) Systems
- Sediment and Erosion Control (SEC)
- Agricultural Buildings and Post-Frame Construction (Pole Buildings)
- Commercial Application/Plan Review Submittal Checklist
- Commercial Roofing Replacement and General Scope of Work
- Commercial Siding Replacement and General Scope of Work
- Commercial Window and Door Replacement



Halloween Safety Tips for Kids

Don't Trick Or Treat alone!

Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering.

Walk only on sidewalks when possible.

Avoid eating homemade treats by strangers and stick to factory made and packaged candy.

Stay away from colored contact lenses with Halloween costumes—this can be harmful to your eyes.

Consider sugar alternatives for a healthier treat option.

Give your child a nametag with their name, phone number and address in case of an emergency.

Check the weather, October can sometimes be chilly. Wear a loose costume for layers underneath.

Ration treats. Do not let your child eat all their candy at once. Dole a little out every day.

Limit accessories. Swords, wands and knives might be a safety hazard.

Have a fun, safe and Happy Halloween!

Schedule of Events

October 3, 2015
Aggregate Brush Site
8am-11am

October 7, 2015
Recycle Pickup

October 12, 2015
Columbus Day

October 20, 2015
City Council Meeting
6:00pm

October 21, 2015
Recycle Pickup

October 26, 2015
MNSPECT and
Alliance Community
Meeting 4:30pm at the
Fire Department

October 31, 2015
Halloween

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

December 2, 2015
Recycling Pickup

December 15, 2015
City Council Meeting
6:00pm



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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department will be taking part in Fire Prevention Week in October that will include visits to the Afton-Lakeland School. Students will be allowed to see the trucks, visits the firefighters and EMT's and be delivered a message in regards to fire safety. Fire prevention via education is one of the means by which we can deliver a fire-safe message to our children. Due to some schedule conflicts, unfortunately our annual Fire Prevention Open House will not take place this year, but will continue in years to come.

Reminder: When you change your clock for daylight savings, change your batteries in your smoke detectors and alarms. Purchase your batteries now so that you can perform this potentially life-saving task. Please assist those unable to perform this task (disabled or elderly family members, neighbors or friends.)



New Lakeland City Hall

In early 2015 the city council began discussing the options regarding current and future city facilities. In February a task force was developed which included several members of the community, one a former mayor and a couple of staff members. The task force was to review and assess the city's needs, current facility's capabilities and restrictions and the communities desires with regard to the facilities. The task force provided an update to the city council at its July 2015 meeting which included the significant positive impact on service levels to the community, increased efficiencies and cost savings by relocating combining city staff to one location.

During the summer months Hamline graduate students took on various projects, including one, which addressed what the city's residents and businesses may want to see in its next city hall. Surveys were included in the newsletter, the website and even distributed at local establishments in efforts to 'hear' what the community really wants (the results may be found on our website at www.ci.lakeland.mn.us.) Ideas included a community kitchen/ gathering room for non-profit and senior citizen events and an outdoor garden space. In addition, it included a meeting room which could be utilized by many local groups including girl/boy scouts or the local Lion's Club for instance.

The new city hall is on the agenda for October 20, 2015. Public comments are welcome at this meeting and will be encouraged every step of the way through this process. This is not just A city hall—this is OUR city hall and we would like to create this vision together! A proposed RFP for Architect Firms to draw up the plans is on the agenda for approval so if you cannot join us please feel free to send your comments to city@ci.lakeland.mn.us.



City Council is expected to approve a city snowplowing contract with Tri-County at the October meeting. The city sold both snow plow trucks at the state auction for more than originally anticipated adding 'revenues' to the list of benefits resulting from the September council decision to contract the city service out in lieu of keeping it in-house.

Interested in Backyard Composting?

Composting is not only easy, but free and good for the environment. It can also be done all year round.

By composting, you are taking yard and kitchen waste, and putting it back into the soil which gives the earth beneficial nutrients.

Composting reduces landfill waste and is a good soil conditioner for your gardens and yard.

Composting is simple. All compost needs just three things: browns (dead leaves, twigs, and branches), greens (vegetable waste, fruit scraps, coffee grounds) and water. The browns offer carbon, the greens offer nitrogen and the water offers moisture to break down the organic matter.

Your pile should have an equal amount of browns and greens. You can use pallets to create a bin. Make sure to "stir" your compost at least once a week.



Keeping citizens informed.

Notification System To enroll go to <https://public.coderedweb.com/>

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.



City Business

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

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.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The city encourages you to reuse, reduce and recycle whenever possible. Go to www.rethinkrecycling.com for additional information.



Time for Fall Chores

Leaves: Lakes and grass clippings are not good for our lakes. Yard waste decomposes when it gets washed into water and releases phosphorus which helps feed algae. Keep our lakes clean by raking up leaves and grass clippings from your yard in addition to the street to prevent street flooding. Dispose by composting them in your yard.

Docks, Lifts and Boats: If you hire a business to remove your boat, dock or lift make sure they are on the MN DNR list of permitted service providers. These providers are trained on identifying and removing invasive species such as zebra mussels. If you do find a zebra mussel or other invasive species, contact the DNR immediately. You may clean them off your boat and compost them in your yard with no permit. If you want to dispose of them off-site, you will need a permit from the DNR. More info at www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquatic

Pools: Do not discharge water from you pool or hot tub to a municipal storm sewer system without de-chlorinating first. Stop adding chlorine and leave the water exposed to the air for three to five days until it becomes naturally de-chlorinated. Before dumping, use a test kit to ensure that the chlorine is completely gone.



New Deputy Clerk Halli Sevilla

Deputy Clerk Halli Sevilla is the latest addition to city staff. Halli is a graduate from Hamline University with a degree in Political Science and is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Public Administration. Halli grew up in the area living both in Lakeland Shores and Afton and now resides in Woodbury, Minnesota. Halli brings a wealth of knowledge, ideas and enthusiasm to the city and we are fortunate to have her. Please stop in city offices and welcome her when you are in the neighborhood.

Community WhatzUp?



Meet our new building inspector:

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Fall Yoga

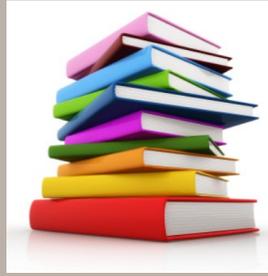
Head over to the Nordic Center at the Lake Elmo Park Reserve on September 28th from 5:30-6:30pm. Learn poses and breath work to help de-stress. Open to all levels of yoga. Dress appropriately and bring a mat and water bottle. Price is \$5. Registration required. (651) 430-8370

Washington County Hazardous Waste Collection:

Head over to the Hugo Public Works Garage (6900 137th St. N.) at 8am to noon on Saturday October 10th to get rid of household hazardous waste or electronics. Confidential document shredding will be available as well. Can't make it? Go to the Washington County Environmental Center to dispose of hazardous materials, recyclables and electronics on Tuesdays: noon-7pm, Thursdays: 9am-2pm and Saturdays: 9am-2pm. The Shredding event is scheduled for this location on Friday, October 9th, 9am to 2pm.

Valley Library

Monday, Friday, and Saturday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.



October Calendar of Events

Children's Events

Preschool Storytime

Mondays, 10:30am to 11am, October 5, 12, 19, 26
For children ages preschool through kindergarten and 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 October 22, 5pm to 6pm

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. July read the book, come, and discuss. Open to all.

- ⇒ Trim the trees and bushes in the right of way of your property before it snows.
- ⇒ Emergency personnel and snow plows depend on a clear line of sight to do their jobs safely!
- ⇒ Please do not neglect these areas of your property. Pursuant to city code, this is the responsibility of the property owner.
- ⇒ Our goal is to have a safe community for our children, pets and residents.
- ⇒ Better yet, do it before the little children come knocking for treats on Halloween!



Washington County Environmental Center

4039 Cottage Grove Drive

Woodbury, MN

Free Document Shredding

(up to 6 boxes at less than 30 pounds each)

open to all residents and businesses

Friday, October 9, 2015 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Visit www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter

or call (651) 430-6655 for additional details

September 2015 Building Permits



Address:	Building Permit:
16063 3rd St North	Roof
768 Quinnell Ave North	Roof
264 Queenan Ave South	Siding
261 Quehl Court North	Roof
16094 2nd St. North	Plumbing
567 Quinlan Ave North	Plumbing
280 St. Croix Trail South	Roof

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City Website: www.ci.lakeland.mn.us

Please visit the city's newly revised 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

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