

LAKELAND NEWS

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Highlights of City Council Meeting (*Held November 19, 2019 – Complete minutes at City Hall*)

- * Mayor requested a moment of silence to honor Lakeland Shores resident and Council Member Randy Kopesky who recently lost his life in a traffic incident on Hwy 94.
- * Companion Animal Control was contracted to replace Kathy Palnar as Animal Control Officer due to her retirement in December.
- * The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency gave a presentation regarding the 3M groundwater contamination. 110 wells have been tested with 35 of them exceeding guidance values for contaminants.
- * The Council welcomed its new City Administrator, Edward J. Shukle, who expressed his appreciation with the warm welcome he was received and welcomed any feedback.
- * The Council approved ordinance changes related to used car lots in Lakeland, limiting the licenses that the City can issue for this use to 4 and reducing the amount of required customer parking spaces.
- * The properties of 16610 8th St. N and 16777 7th St. N and their allowed use were discussed as well as the City's possible involvement.
- * The City approved to request bids for a truck to be sold.

Truth in Taxation set for December 17, 2019

Cities with populations that exceed 500 people are required to hold a public meeting providing for public input prior to adopting the final tax levy. On December 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall the city will conduct the Truth in Taxation meeting to discuss the 2020 Budget and Property Tax Levy. Public input is encouraged. If you are unable to attend the meeting you may send written comments to City of Lakeland, PO Box 321, Lakeland, MN 55043-0321 or email to city@ci.lakeland.mn.us.



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December 11, 2019
Recycling Pickup

December 17, 2019
Holiday Party 5:00 p.m.
Truth in Taxation
hearing 6:00 p.m.
Followed by a regular
City Council Meeting

December 18, 2019
Valley Library Closed

December 21, 2019
Valley Library Reopens
at new location.

December 24, 2019
Christmas Eve
City Offices Closed

December 25, 2019
Christmas Day
City Offices Closed

December 26, 2019
Recycle Pickup

December 31, 2019
New Year's Eve
City Offices close at
Noon

January 1, 2020
New Year's Day
City Offices Closed

January 8, 2020
Recycle Pickup

January 11, 2020
Valley Library Grand
Reopening

January 21, 2020
City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m.

January 22, 2020
Recycle Pickup

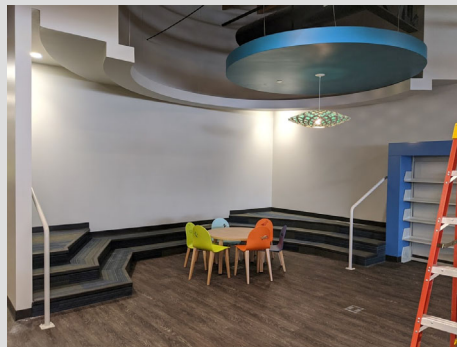
Valley Library prepares for move to larger, renovated space in Lakeland Plaza



After 38 years at its current location, Valley Library is preparing for a big move to a new and larger space thanks to Washington County investment and support.

Valley Library will close its current location beginning December 18. The new library, located just next door to the current space in Lakeland Plaza, will open on Saturday, December 21 with new hours.

On January 11, 2020, Washington County Library will host a grand re-opening celebration. Community members are invited to visit Valley Library during normal library hours (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) to enjoy refreshments and meet Valley Library staff. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 11 a.m.



The new Valley Library space will be approximately 1,800 square feet larger with two meeting rooms, movable furniture, technological upgrades, and a children's area with tiered seating for programs and storytimes. The space also has two accessible bathrooms with diaper-changing stations and an expanded staff work area.

“With the bigger space, we’ll be able to provide more resources and programming for visitors,” said Amy Stenftenagel, Washington County Library Director. “The county’s investment helps us continue being a relevant, forward thinking, and innovative library system that meets the evolving needs of our communities.”

Plans to renovate Valley Library began in 2018. Washington County held two community engagement meetings to gather feedback from area residents to determine needs for the library. In March 2019, the Board of Commissioners voted to expand the library by renovating a larger space within Lakeland Plaza. The renovation began in September. The total cost for the project is \$1.2 million.

“Investing in libraries means investing in the wellbeing of our communities,” said District 4 Commissioner Gary Kriesel. “We heard from residents that the area needed a larger and more accessible library, and we’re excited to provide that space.”

With the reopening at its new location, Valley Library’s hours will shift to afternoons and evenings when the branch is busiest. This change will provide more opportunity for visitors to use the new meetings rooms after school and work.

Beginning December 21, Valley Library’s regular hours will be:

Mondays: 1 – 6 p.m.

Tuesdays: 3 – 8 p.m.

Wednesdays: 1 – 6 p.m.

Thursdays: 1 – 6 p.m.

Fridays: Closed

Saturdays: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sundays: Closed

Happy Holidays

November 2019 Building Permits

Address:	Building Permit:
16620 1st Street South	Bathroom Remodel
16027 6th Street North	Mechanical Furnace
296 Quehl Avenue North	Mechanical Water Heater
61 Quant Court South	Mechanical Furnace
16410 12th Street South	New Construction
16610 8th Street North	Replace Windows
1820 Quinlan Avenue South	Re-Roof Home

When will the City Start Snow or Ice Control Operations?

The Lakeland Public Works will decide when to begin snow or ice control operations. The criteria for that decision are as follows:

- A. Snow accumulation of 2 inches or more;
- B. Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel;
- C. Icy conditions which seriously affect travel;
- D. Time of snowfall in relationship to heavy use of streets.

Snow and ice control operations are expensive and involve the use of the City's limited resources, personnel, and equipment. Consequently snow plowing operations will generally not be conducted for snowfalls of less than 1 inch.

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) 296-5157, email energy.info@state.mn.us, or visit the website at www.commerce.state.mn.us and click on Energy Info.



Winter Has Arrived...

Please be aware of the following policies and regulations:

Between November 1 and March 31, no motor vehicle is to be left standing or parked on the streets of the City during the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Do not place garbage cans/ recycling containers on the street edge while streets are being plowed.

Remove the cans containers as soon as possible after pickup.

Do not push snow across any street or highway.

Do not park on any street in the City during a snow removal period defined as 48 hours after each snowfall. Vehicles illegally parked in violation of the provisions may be removed and citations issued.

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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

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