

LAKELAND NEWS

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Event Schedule

Recycling

January 4, 2023

Martin Luther King Day

January 16, 2023
City Offices will be closed

City Council Meeting

January 17, 2023
6:00 PM

Recycling

January 18, 2023

It is important that you call to locate utilities BEFORE YOU DIG – call Gopher State One at 1-800-252-1166 or 651-454-0002

From the desk of Public Works: The City of Lakeland is committed to keeping our streets as safe as possible within staffing and budget parameters. The company that is contracted for snow removal (TriCounty) begins plowing when snowfall reaches 2 inches or when roadway conditions warrant a response. Equipment dispatch is dependent upon timing and intensity, weather forecast, personnel, equipment availability, and street priority classification. Arterial and collector streets, along with steep hills and sharp curves, are the City's main priorities to plow within a 24-hour period.

There are a number of things residents can do to minimize plowing-related problems for themselves and to help crews do the most effective job possible. Here are some City guidelines and winter tips.

Mail/Paper Boxes—Mail and paper boxes must be mounted a minimum of 45 inches above street level. Properly installed mailboxes will be considered for repair or replacement only if physically struck by snowplow equipment. Installations damaged by snow or ice coming from the plow blade will not be repaired or replaced. TriCounty, the Fire Department, and the Post Office are requesting that you help keep the area around your mailbox clear of snow. This will enable the postal carriers to deliver your mail without delay.

Driveways and Private Property - Residents and private contractors hired to plow snow from driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots may not deposit snow onto or move snow across public streets or walkways. Doing so is not only a violation of law, but also slows plowing operations, limits streets or walkways from being plowed to full width, and creates dangerous conditions for vehicles and pedestrians.

Trash and Recycling Containers - Please place trash and recycling containers in your driveway for collection to avoid containers from being tipped over from plowing operations. Improper placement of trash and recycling containers reduces the plows ability to efficiently keep streets clear of snow and ice.

Around Fire Hydrants—As you shovel or push snow off your driveways and sidewalks, take time to clear the snow around fire hydrants (three-foot radius). During a fire, seconds count. The extra minute to remove snow around fire hydrants may save your or your neighbor's home.

Winter Driving - For your safety as well as others', allow ample room between your vehicle and snow removal equipment. Do not pass until the plow has reached a safe clear area and never pass on the right side of the snowplow. Always assume that intersections, curves, bridges, and hills are slippery and drive according to road conditions.

Salt Use - Road salt and deicing chemicals are carried by melted snow and ice through sewers, leading to streams, rivers, and lakes, killing fish and plants. The City of Lakeland has taken measures to limit the amount of salt used on its streets. The City plows curb to curb, uses liquid additives that enhance the salt's effectiveness and equipment that applies more liquid brine and less granular salt. Less than one teaspoon of salt will pollute five gallons of water. Once water is polluted, it is nearly impossible to reverse.

Public Works Continued- Know When to Use Salt—If it is 15 degrees or below, most salt doesn't work. When it is this cold, sand is a good alternative.

Sweep Up Leftover Salt—When the ice has melted, sweep up the remaining salt and sand from your driveway. You can use it again and help reduce the amount flowing into storm drains and into the water system.

Shovel More—Shovel early and often during a snowstorm. This is easier on your back and the snow won't compact as much and turn to ice.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as crews work to clear snow safely and effectively from our City streets and trails. Depending on the timing and severity of the snow event, it may take hours or days to clear all of the snow.

Be safe while clearing and driving on snow and ice this winter!

The Washington and Ramsey Recycling and Energy board plans on adding food recycling options for all residents soon. A new program is set to roll out in late 2022 into 2023 and will allow residents to recycle food scraps by ordering special bags. There will be no charge to residents for bags or program participation. Bag distribution will occur through an online ordering system with a call-in option available for those without internet access. You then place the food scraps in the bag, and throw it with the rest of your trash. The food waste bags will then be sorted out at the waste to energy facility and composted. Food scrap bags are thicker than compostable bags currently used at county drop-off sites or that you might purchase in a store or online. They are designed to hold up on the trip in a garbage truck. They're also designed to eventually break down along with their contents.

Parking Restrictions

It important to be aware of the following Ordinance Regulations regarding parking:

TIME LIMIT FOR STREET PARKING

No vehicle will be left standing on or parked at the curb on any street or any public place within the corporate limits of the city for more than 48 continuous hours.

WINTER OVERNIGHT PARKING PROHIBITION.

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

SNOW REMOVAL PERIOD

No person, except physicians on emergency calls or other emergency vehicles, shall park on any street in the city during a snow-removal period, which is the period of time of no more than 48 hours after each snowfall.

Valley Library Events

For Adults: The Valley Library Book Club meets 5:00-6:00pm on the 4th Thursday of every month. This book club meets in person in the Valley Library conference room but a Zoom link can be provided for those who wish to join virtually.

The title selection for the **Thursday January 26th** meeting is "While Justice Sleeps" by Stacey Abrams

All Ages: January-February Tiny Art Show – Take and Make (and Return)

Display your Tiny Art in the Valley Library Tiny Art Show!

Each take and make kit contains a small wooden framed canvas and... that's it! Use anything you want to create your art—paint, photos, yarn, embroidery floss, whatever you have on hand. Return your art to Valley Library before February 15, 2023 (the sooner you return your art, the longer it will displayed!) to be included in our Winter Reads Tiny Art Gallery in January and February. The theme for this year's Tiny Art Gallery is "Winter" or "Reading" or "Cozy" but let your imagination take your art wherever it goes!

Please return your artwork and the required paperwork. No registration necessary. All ages welcome! Kits are available while supplies last.

The library reserves the right to determine what art will be on display.

For Kids: Thursday, January 19 3:00-6:00 Family Art Cart—Drop by Valley Library between 3 and 6 p.m. for a family craft activity. Crafts are designed for children ages 4 and up and their grownups. The crafts are self-guided and designed to allow children room for expanding upon their own design through creativity and imagination.

Ongoing:

Scavenger Hunt- Every month has a theme. Find 10 images throughout the library and win a sticker.

Snowmobilers NOTE—Operation of snowmobiles is permitted on the east bike trail between November 1 and April 1 each year, PROVIDED THAT THE TRAIL IS COVERED WITH SNOW.

The bike trail east of St. Croix Trail is the designated snowmobile trail through the City. All snowmobile traffic should travel north and south on the designated trail. The most right-hand street right-of-way should be used only as a direct route to the snowmobile trail. Snowmobiles are not allowed in any city parks, including ball fields and parking areas or on private property without consent of the owners, including church and school property.

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