

# LAKELAND NEWS

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## Event Schedule

### City Offices Closed

July 4, 2023

### Recycling

July 6, 2023

### City Council Meeting

July 18, 2023  
6:00 PM

### Recycling

July 19, 2023

### Recycling

August 2, 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**

### **Street Update from SEH:**

You may have noticed several streets in Lakeland have already been crack sealed. Crack sealing does as the name suggests and seals up cracks, not allowing water in to create further damage to the street. Crack sealing is one of the most cost-effective street maintenance activities used to extend the useful life of our streets. The City also plans to use a technique called micro surfacing on three sections of roadway in the upcoming weeks. Micro surfacing is another street maintenance tool that uses oil and aggregate material to rejuvenate and strengthen the road. When streets become in such disrepair that crack sealing and/or micro surfacing will not be affective, pavement replacement is needed. The furthest north section of Quality Ave North has come to this stage and the City will be completing a mill and overlay of the street. A mill and overlay takes the top layer of pavement off and puts a new surface on the roadway. The mill and overlay will be completed this fall.

### **DNR Water Conservation Tips for your Lawns**

Daily water application is unnecessary for healthy established turf. Before watering, verify that the grass needs watering: Step on the grass. Do not water if the grass springs back. Water if the grass stays flattened. Efficient lawn watering: Water landscapes and lawns during the early morning, when it is still cool.

Lawns need about 1 inch of rain or water per week. Deep soaking is better for roots than frequent shallow watering. Water your lawn infrequently, one time or less per week, assuming no rainfall has occurred. Cut grass 3 to 4 inches. Most homeowners think that the best time to water their lawn is in the evening. This isn't true, watering before dark lets the moisture rest too long on the grass blade and can result in fungal disease (like over watering does). Catch the rain. When the rain does come, saving rain water in rain barrels or cisterns is a great way to harvest rain water for irrigation. If the barrel is next to a garden, you can attach a soaker hose to the barrel and simply turn it on to let the water run. Grass also does quite well with only rainwater. According to Minnesota Extension, lawn irrigation is optional in Minnesota's climate. If you choose not to irrigate your lawn, it may be brown for several months. But when the temperature cools in the late summer, the grass will green up and grow again.

### **I94 Project Update:**

Current Lane closures—Through late July

I-94 is reduced to two lanes in both directions between the I-94/I-494/I-694 interchange and Hwy 120/Century Ave.

Through fall I-94 is reduced to two lanes in both directions between Woodbury Dr. and the St. Croix River Ramp closures 6 a.m. Sat, June 24 through 6 a.m. Fri, July 14 The ramps to/from WB I-94 and the St. Croix Rest Area are closed

Truck parking is unavailable. Freight haulers should plan their stops in advance

Through late July— On-ramp from Hwy 120/Century Ave. to EB I-94 is closed Detour: Century Ave. N., Hudson Rd. N., McKnight Rd. and EB I-94

The ramp from Hwy 95/St. Croix Trail to WB I-94 is closed

Detour: Hwy 95/St. Croix Trail, Hudson Rd. S., Manning Ave. and WB I-94

## Furniture and Other Bulky Items Disposal

If you are a resident of Lakeland and have bulky things that you need to dispose of such as Appliances, Carpeting, Furniture including mattresses, & Tires without rims.

Please contact your trash provider for pricing and special pick up days for these items. Maroney Sanitation will also pick up treated wood at an extra cost to the resident.

If you have items like Concrete and Construction

Materials both Highland and Maroney

Offer dumpster services at a cost to residents

also. City Hall also has a listing of other providers that will take these items but it will be the responsibility

of the resident to haul to these other locations

Maroney Sanitation - 651 - 439 - 7279

Highland Sanitation - 651 - 437 - 0001

## Lakeland Public Utility:

The City of Lakeland has recently published the annual Consumer Confidence Report that is required by the Minnesota Health Department. The report is on our website. We will also print it for you upon request. Please feel free to contact us with any questions concerning the quality of our water.

### Line of Sight:

Property owners are urged to check their corners for overgrown shrubs and low-hanging tree branches to ensure a clear line of vision. No vegetation should be allowed to grow in such a manner as to impede vision for pedestrians or vehicle drivers. In most cases, the right-of-way runs about 10 feet from the paved street. At corners, clear vision is essential within 15 feet of the intersecting street right-of-way lines. If you live on a corner please help us out and keep the overgrowth trimmed back.

## Valley Library Events and Important Dates

### **Closed – Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day**

**For Adults: Saturday July 22nd 11:00-1:00** Stained Glass in Watercolor with Parcel Arts Create a colorful watercolor painting that mimics the look of stained glass. An instructor from Parcel Arts will teach you how to use a resist to create a boundary for your paint and how to blend pigments of watercolor to create a stunning stained glass effect. This class is limited to ages 18+. Registration is required. <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10348193>

Washington County Libraries is offering a Reel Talk Movie Series at the Oakdale and Woodbury branches. Watch a movie for free and stick around after for a group discussion about the film. All dates and movie titles are in the Events calendar. <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10536933>

The Valley Library Book Club meets 5:00-6:00pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 July 27nd** meeting is "LaRose" by Louise Erdrich Find more information at <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10089066>

**For Kids:** Every Monday 10:30-11:00 am Storytime Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays for Storytime at Valley Library. Each week we'll read stories and sing songs that focus on strengthening early literacy skills. Meet new friends and spend time together as we sing, talk, read, write, and play ...at storytime! This storytime is for children of all ages and their caregivers. Super Storytime on **July 17** 10:30-11:30 – Storytime plus a fun craft activity. The theme for July is: Summer fun.

**Saturday, July 8** 1:00-2:00 STEM Saturday Fidget Spinners Design and construct fidget spinners. Recommended for ages 5+. No registration required.

**Thursday July 13** 3:00-4:00 Dazzling Dave Yo-Yo Master Dazzling Dave Schulte is a professional yo-yo performer and highly acclaimed champion who has circled the globe storming audiences everywhere with his freakish tornado of whirling tricks and tips, all designed to entertain, educate, and illuminate the beauty of the growing sport of professional yo-yo. Geared toward school age children, this program at Valley Library is fantastic fun for the whole family!

**Thursday, July 20** 2:00-4:30 Brick Builder's Club—Drop by to design, build and create with LEGO bricks. No registration required. This program is recommended for ages 5-12. All children under 8 must be accompanied by a responsible adult

**Saturday, July 29** 10:30-11:30 African Drumming Work with master drummer Ghana Mbaye from Senegal and learn how to drum on authentic African drums, including the djembe. Practice basic rhythmic patterns that have been passed on for generations. Drums provided. Registration required. Recommended for ages 6-12.

Ongoing: Scavenger Hunt – July theme: Red, White and Blue. Find 10 images throughout the library and win a prize.

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