



Dear neighbors,

some may call it déjà vu or it might simply be a coincidence, that several years ago our community faced one of the most significant groundwater contamination problems in the history of Minnesota. That was a very challenging time because Lakeland represented a unique situation involving combinations of constituents for which health standards were independently available but never before at the combined levels of concentration present in our community. We also faced a challenge given the fact that we were experiencing both surface and underground storage tank contamination originating from multiple sources in the area.

Because of our efforts, Lakeland was the first community in the history of EPA to challenge the National Priority List (NPL) rating criterion resulting in our two sites being advanced in priority on the NPL. Through negotiations, the Lakeland project was the first in the history of the EPA permitted to use EPA funds appropriated to study the Lakeland problem, allowing us to apply approximately \$1.3 M of EPA funds towards the deployment of a \$5.4 million water system.

With a significant investment from the community, and good stewardship by each successive mayor, (Mayors Larson, Zeller Craig's, Livingston, and Glasgow, and I) as well as each attending council. Lakeland and the lower valley communities can benefit from having a safe and well maintained municipal water supply.

You may have heard about the recent news involving the state of Minnesota's settlement with 3M to address the problem with Per-and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances. These constituents represent a significant health problem and while typically reporting has been focused on the communities of Cottage Grove, Woodbury, Newport, Lake Elmo, and West Lakeland, recent mapping indicates certain wells may be at risk either now or in the near future.

Two years ago, I volunteered to support Mayor Glasgow and former Councilmember James Stanton, who was designated as the city's official appointed representative to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) task force and provided historical information and background on the history of our groundwater contamination and identified the need for the city to seek funds for private wells which may be at risk.

A 2019 study of private well data from our area suggests that certain private wells and potentially the municipal wells may be at future risk. This is based on a study by Wood Engineering as well as a tritium analysis of our municipal well water conducted in the early '90s. The tritium the isotope is a byproduct of the nuclear testing during the late 50's and early 60 has served as a marker that more recent infiltration of surface water into the deeper aquifer that serves as the water utilities water source may now also be at risk.

Recently, at the request of councilmember Lisa LaRoque Williams, and with the assistance of City Engineer Eric Henningsguard, and City Clerk Michelle Elsner, a new application for Lakeland representing the Lakeland Water utility was submitted to the MPCA. It will be important for residents to understand that our application recommends three phases:

The first phase of our application seeks \$600K in settlement funding to support the connection of 50 wells to the municipal system offering a financial incentive to property owners including the ability to have private wells properly sealed during the years 2021-2023. Washington County is identified in our plan as the municipal agency responsible for the sealing of private wells in connection to the current PFA problem.

The second phase of our application seeks \$600K for an additional 380 wells to connect to the system beginning in 2024-2026 if current migrations pattern continue to indicate the presence of PFA is exceeding the new health guideline for the human consumption of drinking water.

The third and final phase of the project will provide the necessary funding to support the deployment of granulated activated charcoal and ionization filtration, which will continue to protect the municipal supply even if PFA's are detected. As we had been told in the late 80s that the Mt. Simons aquifer, which serves as the municipal source for water was hundreds of years old and only moved a limited number of feet per year, we must consider based on the tritium study analysis that our water is much more recent and that surface water containing PFAS may infiltrate the Mt. Simon aquifer. As a prudent step, the third phase of our application speaks to the period of 2026 through 2030, seeking \$5.9M. for engineering, Granulated Activated Charcoal (GA)/Ionization technology, and infrastructure changes. This number is based on the most recent engineering information available to us from a pilot PFAS removal project in the City of Cottage Grove.

Unlike many communities which you may have read or heard about, struggling to get ahead of this problem, we are attempting to be proactive by planning both short and long-term strategies that will mitigate any PFAS concerns in this area, and help to ensure the future health safety, and welfare as well as the quality of life that we all enjoy.

Recently, the MPCA released a draft plan for public review. You will find this plan embodies both our Phase I and II concepts for well connections providing for up to 453 units. The Phase III project will be considered as more data becomes available. Upcoming public comment meetings will be posted in the newsletter and on the City of Lakeland website.

Best, E. Craig Morris

Former Mayor & Community Volunteer

Link to interactive Map you can see how at risk your well is <https://mpca.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?>

City Hall News

October City Council meeting will be held October 20th, 2020 with up to 10 Residents allowed in chambers or via zoom.

The permits have arrived for the signs for the pedestrian crossing signs for the roundabouts we are just awaiting for the physical signs to arrive so they can be placed for the remaining few weeks of the season we can have them in place. They need to be taken down by the end of October and will be put back in place April 1st of 2021 per permit regulations from Washington County

Well Abandonment Grant Application

Property owners in the county may be eligible for financial assistance for sealing abandoned wells. Based on the property location and available funds, property owners may be eligible for 50% or 100% cost-share assistance, up to \$2,000, in the form of reimbursement grants.

50% Cost-Share Assistance

Under this program, applicants chosen for funding will be reimbursed up to 50 percent of the well sealing costs with a maximum of \$2,000. This is open to all areas within the county, while funds exist.

100% Cost-Share Assistance

The county has Clean Water Fund dollars from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, as well as 3M Settlement funds through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, for well sealing. Under this program, applicants chosen for funding will be reimbursed for 100% of the well sealing costs, up to \$2,000, in targeted areas of the county. This includes areas within a Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA) or in areas of contamination, such as PFAS contaminated areas. Staff will confirm your eligibility through the application process, as areas of contamination are updated.

Applications are available at City Hall or on the Lakeland Website on the front page of Resident

Please contact the Department of Public Health and Environment at 651-430-6655 for more information.



2020 Elections Information

In Minnesota, you can register to vote online, by mail, by, or in person on the election day!

General Election Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Polling Place for Lakeland

LAKELAND CITY HALL
690 QUINNELL AVE N
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Open from 7:00 am thru 8:00 pm

As long as you're in line by 8 p.m., you can vote, even if you do not reach the front of the line until after 8 p.m.

Masks will be required to enter any polling location

General Election November 3, 2020

VOTE Absentee

Citizens are encouraged to vote ahead for the General elections via absentee ballot if they so choose. Absentee voting will reduce the number of voters at the polling place and limit health risks during the pandemic.

Absentee by Mail Statewide General absentee voting begins September 18 and ballots will be available in person or mailed beginning that day. To have a ballot mailed to you, contact Washington County Elections, 651-430-6175 or online at the Minnesota Secretary of State website www.mnvotes.org.

Ballot Drop Off: You may drop off a total of three ballots for other voters. When dropping off other people's ballots, you must show a photo ID and sign a log. September 18 - November 2: Ballots can be dropped off at any of the five locations listed in "Absentee In-Person" On Election Day, November 3, voted absentee ballots can be dropped off at the Washington County Gov't Center before 3PM. Ballots left in any drop boxes located outside county offices will not be accepted. Absentee ballots cannot be dropped off at polling places on Election Day.

Absentee In-person In person absentee voting will begin September 18 and run through November 2 at the below locations: Monday - Friday, 8AM - 4:30PM Saturday, Oct 31, 8AM - 3PM Monday, Nov 2, 8AM - 5PM

- Cottage Grove Service Center, 13000 Ravine Pkwy, Cottage Grove
 - Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Ave N, Oakdale
- Headwaters Service Center, 19955 Forest Rd N, Forest Lake
- Washington County Gov't Center, 14949 62nd St N, Stillwater
- Woodbury Central Park/RH Stafford Library, Lower Level, 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury, MN

Absentee Voting Reminders:

- Voters are encouraged to submit absentee ballot applications early.
- The earliest a ballot will be mailed to you is 46 days prior to Election Day.
- Allow enough time to complete the application, have your ballot mailed to you, vote your ballot, and return it to Washington County via mail so it is postmarked by Election Day and received no later than seven days after the election.
 - You cannot drop off your voted ballot at your precinct on Election Day.
- VOTER Registration To check your voter registration status or register to vote, visit the MN Secretary of State's Voter Information Portal at: www.sos.state.mn.us or contact Washington County Elections at 651-430-6175. Voters also may register on election day at the polling location.

Meet the Candidate

Shayne Orning,

I have been a resident for 15 years. My wife Julie and I enjoy living in the St Croix valley. This community deserves transparency, common sense spending and fairness and equality for everyone. Also respect from the city council in hearing your voice. The last four years have been challenging, but we have made some positive improvements recently such as to the water department, public works and water billing with expenditures being down and revenue has increased substantially.

With your vote I would like to continue Lakeland on a positive path with more work yet to be done.

Lower St Croix Valley Fire Dept. **Trick or Treating Event**

On Halloween evening Saturday, October 31st from 5pm to 7pm, the Lower St Croix Valley Fire Department will be hosting a community trick or treat event at the station for those parents wishing to stop by with their little ghosts and goblins.

Candy will be distributed by driving into the front of the fire department parking lot (1560 St Croix Trail South in Lake St Croix Beach). Residents should remain in their vehicles and firefighters and EMT's will approach your vehicle to say hello and distribute candy maintaining proper social distancing.



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Valley Library Virtual Programs

Washington County library is offering virtual programs for you to enjoy at home. Check our calendar for upcoming virtual events.

Online Storytime's

Our children's librarians are working hard to provide live and recorded story times for your little ones. There are multiple ways to participate in Storytime:

Join us for interactive Storytime's on our Facebook page Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Watch pre-recorded Storytime's on the Go on YouTube.

Virtual Book Clubs

Washington County Library has book clubs for all ages! Although we can't meet in person, you can still participate in book clubs using Zoom.

Find all upcoming book club meetings here. You can still access books digitally or by using our curbside pickup service.

Let's Make Stuff

Let's Make Stuff is a creative class for adults featuring different projects. For this virtual series, basic materials will be available for curbside pickup prior to the program. Then, we will meet virtually to complete the project.

Class size is limited so registration is required through our online calendar.

Hear! Here!

Hear! Here! is a read-aloud series for adults of all ages, especially those who may struggle reading independently. Watch all of our Hear! Here! videos on YouTube.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Lakeland Water Department will be flushing hydrants starting in
October

Flushing is done every fall to remove deposits that build up in the water lines over the summer. Fire hydrants are inspected and maintained at the same time.

Flushing creates a disturbance in the water mains, sometimes causing water discoloration. Anyone experiencing water discoloration lasting longer a day should call City Hall at (651) 436-4430



Small Business Coronavirus Cares Act

City of Lakeland, Minnesota

Coronavirus Relief Act Funds for Local Businesses

Covering the Period March 1, 2020 Through November 15, 2020

The City of Lakeland has received funds from the Federal Coronavirus Relief Act that the Mayor and City Council have chosen to share with local businesses. The program has certain guidelines for businesses to receive reimbursement for coronavirus costs as follows:

The business must be located within the Lakeland city limits.

To qualify, expenses must be necessary, must be related to this public health emergency, and the costs must have been incurred during the period March 1, 2020 through November 15, 2020 and paid for by February 13, 2021 (90 days later).

These funds cannot be used to recover lost revenue due to COVID-19.

Eligible expenses include:

- o Supplies (PPE) such as masks and sterilizers
 - o Workforce training
- o Additional cleaning services due to the pandemic
- o Repairs and maintenance needed such as Plexiglas barriers
- o Equipment such as laptops or other needs for employees to work remotely
- o Anything else that was an additional cost due to the public health emergency

To maintain each businesses privacy and to have each submission properly vetted, our City Accountants are processing your requests. If it is in City hands, the information you share is open to the public, but information processed by them is not.

The process each business must go through to get reimbursed is as follows:

Get copies of receipts for amounts expended

Return Completed form to City Hall or email to city@ci.lakeland.mn.us

Staff will review them for eligibility, scan them into a secure file, and process the reimbursement checks to be approved at the next Council meeting.

All requests received by 5:00 pm the Wednesday prior to the next Tuesday's regular Council meeting (held the 3rd Tuesday of each month) will be processed at the Council meeting for approval and the check's will be mailed the next day.

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 651-436-4430

Reimbursements will be provided on a first come/first serve basis.

Thank you to all our local businesses for what you have been doing during this public health emergency.

The Mayor & City Council of the City of Lakeland, Minnesota,
Richard Glasgow, Joe Paiement, Mike Thron, Shayne Orning, and
Lisa LaRoque Williams

THANK YOU

from one of
Lakeland's Small Businesses

I would like to sincerely thank the city of Lakeland and the City Council for helping out Snap Fitness with grant funds. The financial assistance during this difficult time is greatly appreciated! I would like send a special thank you to Michelle Elsner for her assistance and kindness! When times get tough, it is heart warming when people, like those of this city, have your back!

Best Regards, Kari Beaupre
Snap Fitness.

Randy Kopesky Memorial
Veterans Recognition Curbside Dinner

Thursday, November 12, 2020

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