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Dear Lakeland Resident:

We wanted to share a brief update with you regarding the status of the Quality Avenue Construction Project.

Turf Establishment - The grass seed along the corridor has not established yet and weeds are prevailing in several areas. The grass is slower to germinate than the weeds and will take time to fill in. The contractor will continue to water the area and intends to apply herbicide in September. Herbicide is not applied during early grass germination as to not damage or kill the grass seedlings. The turf establishment is a known frustration and will be an ongoing effort by the contractor. The contractor is responsible for maintaining and repairing areas where grass seed does not establish. The contractor is ultimately responsible for turf establishment but continued mowing and watering by residents will expedite that process.

Humphries Park - Work continues at Humphries Park and a remedy for the slow infiltration of water in the park has been determined. In the coming weeks the contractor will be completing the work in the park.

Project Schedule and 2021 Construction - The overall project was separated into two sections with Quality Avenue and Humphries Park being completed in 2020 and the work on 3rd Street South and a stormwater infiltration basin south of 3rd being completed in 2021. The contractor will also continue to monitor the improvements along Quality Avenue in 2021 and continue to make repairs to turf as needed.

Thank you for your continued patience on this project and if you have any questions or concerns you're welcome to contact us anytime. Sincerely,

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City Hall News

September Council Meeting

September 16, 2020
@ 6:00 pm

Recycling Days for September

Wednesday
September 2nd

Wednesday
September 16th

Wednesday
September 30th

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 already expended

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

We 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

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

The City of Lakeland local election will include the following municipal offices:

Mayor (2-year term) 2021-2023

Council Member (4-year term) 2021-2025

Council Member (2-year term) 2021-2023

Council Member (4-year term) 2021-2025

Polling Place for Lakeland

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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



Meet the Candidates

Mayor

Mayor Richard Glasgow

Mayor Richard Glasgow. I have been your voice for more than 14 years. With my leadership we decreased the city budget by \$100,000, reduced property taxes by 12.5% in the 1st 2 years, updated a failing water utility to one of the best in the state, made our parks something to be proud of. I listened and stopped the "New City Hall and remodeled our Historic City Hall as you loudly asked. LMC stated "your work in upgrading this city is amazing but while lowering taxes is unbelievable." I'm asking for your support & vote this November 3rd as your Mayor.

Joe Paiement

- ◆ I am Joe Paiement and candidate for Mayor. My wife, Connie, and I have lived in Lakeland with our three children for twenty-five years. As a current member of our city council, I'd like to see us govern by carefully listening to residents, thoughtfully discussing the issues and respectfully attempting to build a consensus that balances the concerns of our citizens. In my experience, both in Lakeland and as a practicing attorney for thirty-five years, the best decisions come from clear deliberation of all of the important facts, gathered unbiasedly, and presented to an open-minded audience. For example, as a council we've successfully used this practice to improve our zoning process by retaining an outside, professional zoning consultant. I think it is extremely important that our city budget reflects cost-effective spending that does not unnecessarily result in increased property taxes or create the appearance of unethical conduct. If elected, I will attempt to restore stability and confidence in city government.

◆ 4 Year Council Seat

◆ Doug Sand

- ◆ Mr. Douglas Sand has been a resident of Lakeland since 2013 and has two adult children. He was born and raised in Saint Paul, MN. Mr. Sand is a Mechanical Engineer, which has given him experience in manufacturing, construction, infrastructure, building codes and finance. He has spent the past 19 years as a Forensic Engineer consultant, serving as an expert witness in civil litigation and occasionally in criminal matters. Mr. Sand is the owner of Sand Forensic Engineering, a company based in Hudson. He also owns a commercial building in Hudson which is leased to several business tenants.

Doug Sand Continued

Mr. Sand enjoys living in Lakeland and especially appreciates his neighbors. He also appreciates the minimal role city government has played in the city of Lakeland. Mr. Sand believes the city government should be efficient in maintaining infrastructure and providing for necessary services such as snow plowing and municipal water. He considers last year's council controversies to be completely unnecessary and would like to see the city government move beyond those council controversies. This has compelled him to run as a city council board member. As a council board member Mr. Sand will return Lakeland city to the efficient management of the past so that property taxes will not increase.

Arretta Eggleston

Arretta, is a public employee, having worked at both the county and state level for the past 25 years, a mother of four and grandmother of three and has lived in Lakeland since 1996 when she married Smitty who had lived in Lakeland since 1972.

Arretta has worked in the Washington County Assessor's Office, the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Health and the Department of Corrections. Arretta takes great pride in the work she does and has done with each of these agencies and is particularly proud of the work done while at the Department of Health assisting the agency's move towards a paperless environment.

Arretta has also worked as a Union Steward helping to negotiate and resolve issues at the state level.

In Arretta's spare time she is a Master Gardener, Professional Quilter and shows Great Danes in the Conformation Ring.

Arretta would like to see more consensus, as well as transparency while serving the residents of Lakeland by working to maintain the community we have all come to call home.

Lisa LaRoque Williams

Is the personal, political, or is the political, personal? For me, it's been both.

I have lived in Lakeland since 2006. In August 2018, the personal became political for me when I found out about a city-owned property near me going up for sale, without council approval. That didn't seem right to me. I began attending monthly council meetings, where I asked tough questions—especially about finances. Eventually, I became involved with Concerned Citizens of Lakeland and their petition seeking an audit from the State Auditor's Office.

Before I knew it, the personal became political when I was appointed as a city council member in June 2018. It has been a personally-enriching experience serving this community.

Lisa LaRoque Williams continued

Surprisingly, I enjoy the monthly meetings and decision-making that leads to helping residents and businesses. I have always enjoyed solving problems, and, from my perspective, Lakeland had some problems. I looked at them as challenges requiring me to get educated in new areas.

Seeking knowledge to take sound action has led me to great new experiences.

However, my deepest satisfaction as a council member has come from being involved with the community and meeting many residents I may not have ever known. I value this community and all its residents. Even the ones I have not completely agreed with on some issues. There's still lots of work we need to do together. I would be honored to serve you as a council member for four more years.

Robert Craggs –

I am running for City Council because there is currently a leadership void at City Hall. I had the privilege to serve the residents of Lakeland from 1996 to 2010 on the Planning Commission, City Council, and as Mayor. My vision for the City of Lakeland includes 1) restore accountability and transparency to City Hall, 2) improve the level of customer service for residents throughout our community, 3) stabilize City staffing and scrutinize contracted services to increase their cost effectiveness, 4) build a consensus to implement a long term plan to maintain and upgrade City streets and parks, 5) protect our drinking water quality by monitoring the emerging contaminant, PFAS, found in our neighboring communities.

My wife, Anita Fojtik-Craggs, and I have been Lakeland residents since 1996. Our daughter Anna attended Afton-Lakeland Elementary and is a graduate of Stillwater High School. With degrees in Law, Urban Planning, and Political Science, I am a consultant at Burns & McDonnell assisting clients with their environmental challenges. As Chair of the Lower St. Croix Valley Community Foundation, I have worked closely with my fellow Board Members to successfully rebuild the bike path through our Lower Valley by collaborating with both public and private partners. Please go to Robertcraggs.com if you are interested in more information. I ask for your vote on November 3.

2 Year Council Seat

Taylor Vaillancourt

I moved to Lakeland from SSP in 1983 with my wife Rhonda of 38 years and our 1 year old daughter for a better life, it was, and I want to help preserve that now. I was in the USAF out of high school, went to Law Enforcement School but stayed on my job with the Met Council as an operating engineer for 42 years retiring Jan 2020. I feel with more free time I can serve Lakeland finally, I have been involved with city politics off and on over the years especially during my time as a part time employee at Beanies for 20 years. I received extensive training working with groups at the Council as a contract negotiator and Labor/Mgmt rep, I hear the word consensus building being used recently, I know and lived consensus methodology for years, our present Council is not a consensus building group,

Taylor Vaillancourt Continued

I would like to see our city services rolled back to more reasonable costs like in the past and our taxes should then decrease, infrastructure, doing projects efficiently should be priorities, I along with many I have spoken with am an advocate of our beach being an asset not the burden the city sometimes acts like it is. Most importantly the city leaders have to serve the citizens and businesses in this town not personal interests, I experienced it personally at Beanies and know other business people in town who have had many problems dealing with the city, as residents it seems things have spiraled into red tape, delays, studies and fee's-fee's and more, we are not Woodbury! More of my thoughts about policy, recent city history and more about me can be found on the

Lakeland the truth website, also feel free to call me at 651-436-6813 for anything

Mike Thron

My name is Mike Thron and I am running for a 2 year Council seat this coming November 3rd. I have lived in the Beautiful St. Croix Valley all my life, and in Lakeland for nearly 40 years with my wife Julie, where we raised our 3 daughters.

I have been on the Lakeland City Council since June of 2019 and found that to be challenging but rewarding to give back to my community. I am running this November in hopes of continuing the work that needs to get done to make Lakeland a better place to live

City Hall News

As I reported during the August meeting have been working on backlog of complaints. Complaints in the dangers of crossing St. Croix Trail at roundabouts, have been addressed. I have worked with Washington County Traffic Operations .for suggestions, decided the following was the best and most cost effective. Received permission from council to order and have public works install the following at. Each roundabout on County Road 18 it is a movable sign. I am hoping it helps with the issues of getting pedestrians across the road safely



I Would like to thank the council for allowing extra supplies I found while doing some house cleaning at the hall to be donated to Afton Lakeland Elementary.

Large Binder Clips
pounds of Rubber Bands
boxes of small paper clips
packets of post it notes
sheet protectors
large manila envelopes
Sharpie Markers – Black
ball point pens
Letter Openers
high gloss 11 x 8 1/2 paper
Unsharpened Pencils
assorted colored 8 1/2 x 11 paper

This has allowed me to do organizing of the office to make it a more efficient work space

Newsletter Advertising

At the August 18th Council meeting I also asked the Council to update the policy for newsletter advertising space. It was decided that for businesses within the City of Lakeland the advertisement would be at no cost to the business. For any business outside of Lakeland it would be at the cost of \$10.00 a month for the year of 2021

2021 Budget Work Shop

Will take place on September 10th at City Hall

I will post an official notice next week I will also post the zoom meeting link on the website if any residents would like to watch

Cully Park

The Basketball Court at Cully Park has been in need of some attention for a while. Recently a new basketball net was hung and a temporary patch was installed to make it a level surface for safety of any players. The council is hoping to be able to allocate fund to refurbish the entire court next year to make it a safer and more enjoyable space to play.

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