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Mon. Tues. Thurs.
9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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April

2023

NEWSLETTER

Mayor's Message

We welcome the April showers that bring us the May flowers!! It's been a long winter and we're all ready for some warm sunshine and bright flowers!

City Flood Preparation Measures

Due to heavy snowfall this winter and spring, metro rivers are predicted to rise to flood stage in many areas, including the St. Croix River. As a precautionary measure, the city's Flood Advisory Committee flood preparation activities are underway in accordance with its standard flood management policies and procedures as conditions warrant.

REMINDER: Your flood insurance must be in place 30 days prior to an event occurring for coverage.

Volunteer Sign-up

We are updating our volunteer list and we would encourage anyone who would like to help to contact **City Hall at 651-436-7031**.

Latest Flood Information

Call: City Hall 651.436.7031 Visit: www.lscb.govoffice.com Email: lscb@comcast.net

April brings the annual **Motorcycle Flood Run** on Saturday, April 15th, 2023. The Flood Run has a history of giving. It is one of the oldest and largest runs in America. The Flood Run raises money for the Gillette Children's Hospital. You do not have to be a biker to participate in this good cause.

This is also the time to start thinking about spring cleaning. Although the City will not have an official Spring clean up day, residents can start tidying up their yards, driveways and roadways where you live. We expect to have a Fall clean up day later in the year, date to be determined.

As always, STAY SAFE!

~ Mayor Tom

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EMERGENCY

911



NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT



Throughout the winter season, Lake St. Croix Beach has parking regulations. Because of the already narrow streets, it is imperative that residents abide by the parking ordinance throughout the season.

Between November and April, no vehicle can be left parked on the streets of the City for more than 24 consecutive hours at any time. Vehicles that are left parked in violation of the ordinance may be removed without notice to the owner or operator by the Washington County Sheriff's Department, or persons employed or designated by it, and stored in an appropriate place.

The cost and expenses of towing, removing, and storage of these vehicles must be paid by the person claiming the vehicle before its release. Not only is this an important ordinance to follow for the snowplows, but also for school buses and emergency vehicles that need to use the roads throughout winter.

April brings Severe Weather Awareness Week, April 17-21, 2023.

On Thursday, April 20th, the sirens will activate between 1:45 to 2:00 p.m. and again between 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. This is only a test!

RENTAL HOUSING PROPERTY—The City of Lake St. Croix Beach requires all rental housing property to be licensed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents. The goal is to ensure all rental properties are properly maintained and comply with State and local building and zoning codes, and fire codes, by conducting onsite inspections.

Any portion of a single-family dwelling or accessory apartment rented to and occupied by someone other than family members of the owner of the principal structure are required to obtain a license for a Residential Rental Property.

If you have a rental property and have any questions, please contact City Hall at 651.436.7031



Potential Flooding is Predicted, Planning Underway

Due to the heavy amounts of snowfall throughout the winter and spring, state meteorologists are predicting flooding of several metro area rivers including the St. Croix River. As a precautionary measure, the city's Flood Advisory Committee flood preparation activities are underway in accordance with its standard flood management policies and procedures as conditions warrant.

Please contact the city if you are new to the community, have questions regarding flood preparations around the city or for your floodplain area property, or if you would like help with the preparations. We are updating our volunteer list and we encourage anyone who would like to help to contact **City Hall at 641-436-7031**.

For Your Safety

Stay Away from Levees and Bluff lands!

Due to expected high river levels, it is very important that you DO NOT walk along the top of the Riviera or Ramada levees, or encroach the Bluff land areas due to current extreme water level conditions.

Visit website for latest river levels and announcements.

www.lscb.govoffice.com

APRIL 2023

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2	3	4	5 Planning 7:00 PM	6	7	8
9 Easter Sunday	10 Easter Monday	11 Parks 6:00 PM	12	13	14	15 Flood Run
16	17 City Council 6:00 PM	18 Tax Day	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Helpful Reminders:

All cities across Minnesota face **Road Restrictions** this time of year. For LSCB residents, that means trucks weighing no more than 5 tons per axel may drive on our City roads.

Weight restrictions typically last for eight weeks, unless extraordinary conditions require extending them.

If you need additional information, call Washington County Public Works at 651.430.4300.

The City's Building Inspector is Duane (Dewey) Stensland

Phone: 651-505-9985 Fax: 436-8310

PRIOR TO STARTING ANY BUILDING PROJECT, please call the City Office (651.436.7031) to determine whether a permit will be required.

58th Annual Flood Run



Saturday, April 15, 2023

2030 St. Croix Trail S., Lake St. Croix Beach, MN

Please be aware there will be motorcycle congestion on CSAH 18 (St. Croix Trail) all day long on Saturday, April 15th.

The official start and end is at the **Beach Bar** in Lake St. Croix Beach, MN. Registration/check-in is from 8 to 11 a.m. at the **Beach Bar** in Lake St. Croix Beach.

All makes and models are welcome. Wristbands are \$10. Please preregister for the run. Get your gold pins for completing the entire ride.

Be Safe! Don't drink and ride!

This ride will benefit Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare

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Summary of minutes from March 20, 2023 City of Lake St. Croix Beach City Council Meeting

Economic Development Authority Annual Meeting Election of Officers for 2023

Roll Call:

Mayor McCarthy – Present (via interactive technology)

Council Member Armstrong – Present

Council Member Bluesky – Absent

Council Member Reiter – Present

Council Member Schneider – Present

Council Member Reiter made a motion to approve the 2023 Election of Officers for the EDA as presented;

President – Mayor McCarthy

Vice President – Council Member Bluesky

Treasurer - Council Member Reiter

Secretary - Council Member Armstrong

Associate Secretary - Council Member Schneider

Mayor McCarthy 2nd motion. Roll call 4/0. Council Member Bluesky absent. Motion carried.

Council Member Reiter made motion to adjourn the EDA Annual Meeting.

6:08 PM Mayor McCarthy opened City Council meeting. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mayor McCarthy made motion to approve the agenda as presented with changes., Council Member Reiter 2nd motion with changes. Motion carried. Roll Call 4/0, Council Member Bluesky absent. Motion carried.

Mayor McCarthy made motion to approve the Minutes from City Council Meeting of February 13, 2023 and December 19, 2022. Council Member Reiter 2nd motion as presented with changes. Roll Call 4/0, Council Member Bluesky absent, motion carried.

Public Input: Minnesota State Senator Judy Seeberger attended the meeting and gave updates on several issues that could affect the City. resident Dawn Bulera residing at 16777 16th St S. Lake St. Croix Beach presented several concerns to the Council.

Public Safety Reports from the Washington County Sheriff, Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department and Animal Control were presented by Council Member Armstrong.

City Staff Reports: The City Accountant gave a summary report. After some discussion Mayor McCarthy made the motion to approve payments as presented; Checks 19606, 19697-19725. And EFT/DD as presented in the report. Council Member Armstrong 2nd motion. Roll Call 4/0, Council Member Bluesky Absent. Motion carried.

City Engineer John Parotti gave an update on the flood level. Next update from the National Weather Service will be put out on 3/23/23. In summary, chances of flooding are in the 90th percentile. Still dependent on rain and temperature in late March and April.

City Attorney Christina Benson: Presented Emergency flooding resolution, discussion was held. Council Member Reiter made a motion to approve Resolution #007 under MN Statute 12.29 and 12.37 with corrections as presented. Motion 2nd by Council Member Schneider. Roll call 4/0, Council Member Bluesky absent. Motion carried. Resolution on file at City Hall.

City Attorney Benson presented Rental Ordinance and Resolution for Summary Publication for discussion. After discussion Council Member Reiter made motion to pass the Rental Ordinance with changes. Council Member Reiter made Schneider 2nd the motion. Roll call 4/0, Council Member Reiter made Bluesky absent. Motion carried. Summary Publication with changes is available at City Hall and will be published in the Stillwater Gazette.

City Attorney Benson presented the Fee Schedule for 2023 and Resolution for Summary Publication for discussion. After discussion, Council Member Reiter made motion to pass the Rental Ordinance with changes. Council Member Schneider 2nd the motion. Roll call 4/0, Council Member Bluesky absent. Motion carried. Summary Publication with changes is available at City Hall and will be published in the Stillwater Gazette.

Administrator Engstrom stated he had received an invoice from former Council Member Bulera requesting reimbursement for having her laptop computer cleaned. All data was wiped off the City owned laptop that she was using during her term on the City Council. After discussion the Council voted to deny reimbursement to Bulera. Mayor McCarthy asked City Attorney Benson

if laws were violated by wiping out city files on the laptop. City Attorney Benson stated “all data must be retained in accordance with the retention policy”. Council Member Reiter made a motion to pay \$25 toward the bill. No 2nd. Mayor McCarthy made a motion to deny payment submitted, Council Member Armstrong 2nd motion. Roll call 3/0, 1 abstained Schneider, 1 absent.

Discussion was held as to whether to prosecute Bulera for destroying City data. City Attorney Benson stated that the City has the option to pursue further enforcement of the destruction of data. The penalty for destruction of documents is a criminal charge not a civil charge. It would entail an investigation prior to pursuit of charges by law enforcement. The Mayor asked the Council and the City Attorney, are we are obligated, knowing that an illegal action was taken, are we obligated to pursue pressing charges to protect the City? After discussion, Mayor McCarthy made a motion to pursue pressing charges and let Washington County Sheriff Department investigate and deal with this. Council member Armstrong 2nd motion. After discussion Roll call was taken. 2 nays, Reiter and Schneider. 2 abstained, Armstrong and McCarthy. Motion did not pass.

Council Reports: Council member Armstrong – nothing to report. Council member Reiter – had some questions on the December City Council meeting minutes and the Levy report from the County. Also asked when is the Clean-up day? Administrator Engstrom stated that we are not having a Spring Clean-up Day this year. Council member Schneider – nothing to report.

Mayor McCarthy discussed pot holes, we cannot get the material used to repair the pot holes until April 1st. Snow plows will be trying to clear out culverts and haul snow away due to flooding. Mayor McCarthy made motion to adjourn, Council member Schneider 2nd motion. Meeting adjourned.

APRIL EVENTS at SPRING VALLEY LIBRARY

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.

Washington County Libraries is offering a Financial Literacy and You! series in April and May. Programs cover a range of topics and are offered virtually and in person. Registration is required. Find more information at <https://washcolib.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=647>

For Kids: Every Monday 10:30-11:00 am Family Story time ~ Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays for Family 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! This story time is for children of all ages and their caregivers.

Monday April 10 10:30-11:15 am Petite Concerts: Celebrate Spring ~ Join us for a fun-filled, musical experience at Valley Library. We will celebrate spring through this experiential event designed for young listeners. From newborns to preschoolers, the concert will be fun and interactive. This special event is presented by Petite Concerts and will include an exploration of instruments.

Monday April 17 Super Storytime at 10:30-11:30 – story time plus a fun craft activity. The theme for March is Birds.

Closed April 19 for Staff Training ~ **Thursday, April 20** 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.

Thursday April 20th 6:00-7:30 in Woodbury or virtually. For those Valley patrons who missed their chance in January (or enjoyed it so much the first time they'd like to make another!) the R.H. Stafford Library is offering the extremely popular Korean Lotus Flower Lanterns program. Registration is required. Information at <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10087271>

The title selection for the **Thursday April 27th** meeting is “The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven” by Sherman Alexis. Find more information at <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10089063>



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CITY MEETING TIMES AND DATES

All meetings are held via Zoom

The **PLANNING COMMISSION** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

The **PARKS COMMISSION** meets on the second Tuesday of each (except during the months of November and December) at 6:00 p.m.

The **CITY COUNCIL** meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

To join the Zoom meeting by phone, dial 1.312.626.6799

Meeting ID: 992 441 7375

Passcode: 502054

Residents interested in reading City Council Minutes or watching City Council Meetings can do both on the City's website at <https://ci.lakestcroixbeach.mn.us/>. If residents don't have a computer, you could visit Valley Library or City Staff would be happy to send you a hard copy. Contact City Hall at 651.436.7031 or email lscb@comcast.net.

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