



### CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

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

Wed. and Fri. closed, but  
residents can call for an  
appointment.

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**DEADLINE** to submit articles  
for the newsletter is the  
15th of each month.  
Articles submitted after the  
15th will be published the  
following month.

# April

# 2024

## NEWSLETTER

### Mayor's Message

We welcome the April showers that bring us the May flowers!! We're all ready for some warm sunshine and bright flowers!



As we get ready for spring yard clean up, we are missing two buckthorn pullers from City Hall.

If you have borrowed one in the past, please return it at your earliest convenience so others can use it. It looks like the picture here.

Buckthorn is very invasive and this tool is expensive, about \$250. If you find it in your garage or yard, return it to City Hall, no questions asked!

**As always, STAY SAFE!**  
~ Mayor Tom

"The City of Lake St. Croix Beach will be conducting prescribed burns near the south ends of Ramada Avenue South and Riviera Avenue South in spring of 2024. A prescribed burn is an intentionally lit, controlled fire used to replicate natural and historical fire events. Prescribed burns:

- Rejuvenate & enhance native plant communities
- Reduce invasive species
- Improve wildlife habitat
- Remove dead biomass
- Reduce risk of unplanned fire
- Increase available nutrients in soil

WCD also offers FREE on-site evaluation and technical assistance. To schedule a site visit with WCD staff visit [www.mnwcd.org/site-visit-signup-form](http://www.mnwcd.org/site-visit-signup-form)"

**Fire Chief Jim Stanley** wants to remind people that there is a burning ban on all disposal type fires.

Recreational fires are ok as long as you follow the guidelines. Size of fire should be no more than 3' wide by 3' high, and no logs put on that are larger than 3" diameter.

Absolutely no burning of brush, limbs or garbage.

## Contacts

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Building Inspector

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Environmental Center

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EMERGENCY

911



**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

59th Annual Flood Run



Saturday, April 20, 2024

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

*This ride will benefit Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare*

Please be aware there will be motorcycle congestion on CSAH 18 (St. Croix Trail) all day long on Saturday, April 20th.

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!**

April brings Severe Weather Awareness Week, April 8-12, 2024.

The 2024 statewide tornado drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 11 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. CDT. **This is only a test!**

## Valley Library Events & Important Dates

The library will be closed on **Wednesday April 17th** for Staff Training

**Did you know** Washington County Library cards are always free; even when it's replacing one that is lost? And that Washington County Library cards come in fun designs? Our newest design is adorable Puppies and our Little Monsters design is limited edition and going fast. Did you also know that you can exchange your current library card for another? And you can keep your current Library Card number.

**Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>** 12:00-3:00 Seed Library Grand Opening with Author Diane Wilson, writer of *The Seed Keeper* at Wildwood Library in Mahtomedi. The Willdwood Library Seed Library will be a community resource that allows people to "borrow" from a diverse selection of seeds to take home for free. Our seed library will empower the community to develop resilient, locally-based food options and pollinator-friendly habitats. For more information go to <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11933299>

**Tuesday April 9th** 6:00-7:30pm Staying Safe Online at the RH Stafford Library Woodbury branch. From email to search engines, social media and online banking, modern life leaves digital footprints everywhere we go. How can you ensure that your Internet browsing, purchases, email, and other online activity is safe and secure? This class at R.H. Stafford Library offers an overview of safe browsing tools and techniques, password management, social media privacy, device maintenance, secure home networks, VPNs, encryption, and what to do if your computer gets infected. Discover the tools and techniques you need to protect your online information. Registration is required. <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11533671>

**Thursday, April 11th** 3:30-5:30 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.

**Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>** 11:00am-1:00pm Anishinaabe Beadwork with Art Start Create your own Anishinaabe bead work! Taught by Julie Boada of the Fond du Lac nation who will introduce participants to the art of beading. You will learn how patterns and colors can reflect tribal and family affiliations, as you create your own beaded work of art.

Registration is required <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11464353>

Super Storytime on **Monday, April 15th** 10:30-11:30 – Storytime plus a fun craft activity. The theme for April is: Colors

Reel Talk Movie Series: **Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>** 2:00-4:30pm watch *The Color Purple* at the Oakdale Branch. <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10536942>

**Sunday April 21th** 2:00-4:15pm watch *Dark Waters* at the RH Stafford Woodbury Branch <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11726353>

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 Microsoft Teams link can be provided for those who wish to join virtually. The title selection for the **Thursday April 25th** meeting is "How Angel Peterson Got His Name Back" by Gary Paulsen. <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11649357>

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.

Ongoing: Scavenger Hunt –theme: Animal Babies Find images throughout the library and win a prize.

The Valley Library Art Cart is available whenever the library is open. We provide the supplies and you provide the creativity! April's featured activity is: Thumbprint Art

## SPRING 2024 PACAKE BREAKFAST

### 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.

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The City's Building Inspector is **Stensland Inspections**. Phone: **651-436-7669**; Fax: 651-436-8310.

**Prior to starting any building project,** Please call the City Office, 651-436-7031, to determine if a permit will be required



The *Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department* welcomes you, your family, and friends to attend our biannual pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 5 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. In addition to all-you-can-eat pancakes, we will be serving up sausages, orange juice, milk and coffee.

Non-perishable food donations for the local food shelf will also be accepted at this time, and our department will be making a matching donation. Food donation items may be dropped off at the table upon entry.

**DATE: Sunday, May 5, 2024**

**TIME: 8 a.m. – Noon**

**LOCATION: Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, 1560 St. Croix Trail S, Lake St. Croix Beach**

**COST: Free will and food shelf donations accepted**

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