



# December

2021

## NEWSLETTER

**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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## Veterans Day 2021



To celebrate Veterans Day and the men and women from the Valley who have served their Country, the Veterans Memorial Advisory Committee (VMAC) held a special ceremony on Saturday, November 6, at the Veterans Memorial Park.



The Yellow Ribbon Alliance of the Lower St. Croix Valley hosted a curbside pickup dinner, serving over 150 dinners, from St. Francis Church parking lot on Friday, November 12.

Special thanks to the Boy Scout Troup #226 and Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department for all their help honoring our Valley Veterans.



**THANK YOU !**



### Mayor's Message

Wishing everyone a Safe & Happy Holiday Season, and I am looking forward to continued work with our City Council and Staff in an effort to keep our beautiful City one of the greatest places to live in the St. Croix Valley.

STAY HEALTHY!

**Mayor Tom**

## Contacts

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County) 651.403.6655

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651.436.5469

EMERGENCY  
911



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. Thank you for keeping LSCB streets safe!



### Garbage & Recycling Containers

Please do not place your garbage or recycling containers on the street. The trucks picking up have extending arms and can reach your containers from your property up to 12 feet.

The City contracts with Tri-County Services, Inc. to provide snow removal throughout the City on local streets and roadways. In order for them to do an effective and thorough job, cars cannot be parked on the street after a snowfall.

Within 48 hours of a snowfall of two inches or more, the snowplows start plowing the main streets of LSCB. Secondary streets soon follow. If you have any questions or concerns regarding snowplowing, please call the City at 651.436.7031.

### Stakes Next to the Road

Residents can use fiberglass driveway markers along the edge of the road, and the City encourages installing 18" off the asphalt curve and in back of curve. Keeping snow and ice off the road will allow proper drainage in spring.



### Truth In Taxation & City Council Meeting

The December City Council Meeting has been rescheduled (due to the upcoming holiday) to **Monday, December 13, 2021**, beginning with **Truth in Taxation** at 6:00 p.m. and followed by the **Regular City Council Meeting**.



- ◆ Because of a Council Member's request to add two items to the agenda, with no previous request made to Staff prior to the meeting and no additional information provided to all Council members, both approving a new agenda and the presented prepared agenda votes failed. Rules typically allow individual board members to be recognized for a point of personal privilege, but this allows a member to express a personal matter and is not an avenue for adding issues for general discussion when all council members have no previous knowledge of the item. In the interest of getting bills paid, another vote was taken and agenda approved as presented.
- ◆ City Attorney Sandstrom provided an explanation of Statute 13D.021 (health pandemic) that governs meetings conducted by telephone or other electronic means so long as the presiding officer, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer for the affected governing body determined that an in-person meeting or a meeting conducted under section 13D.02 is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency declared under chapter 12 and that all members of the body participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location, can *hear* one another and can *hear* all discussion and testimony—that is contrary to a meeting governed by section 13D.02 where all members of the body participating can *hear and see* one another and *can hear and see* all discussion and testimony presented.
- ◆ The September 20, 2021 and October 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved as amended.
- ◆ Law Enforcement—A total of 22 incidents for October were reported.
- ◆ Emergency Response and Fire—A total of 11 calls were reported for October, 65 year-to-date.
- ◆ Animal Control—One cat and two kittens were found on 17th Street; kittens were sent to rescue and animal control paid for TNR surgery [Trap-Neuter-Return] for the adult cat and also supplied outdoor housing.
- ◆ Most work on the 2021 Street Improvement Project has been suspended for the winter. The contractor will be doing things like removal of traffic control signs and general clean-up this fall. The balance of the street work, including paving of Queens/Itasca Avenue, roadside ditching, and general restoration will resume in the spring. General restoration includes things like placing topsoil and finish grading along the edges of the road and behind curb, seeding, removal of temporary erosion control measures and road striping.
- ◆ A Budget Workshop was held at City Hall on October 27; levy was reduced to \$597,500 from \$620,000. Final numbers must be submitted by December 20, 2021 to Washington County.



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& it just  
might inspire  
them to do  
the same.

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.**

Building Permit Activity

- 1265 Quinlan Avenue South
- 1721 Ramada Avenue South
- 1840 Queens Avenue South
- 1560 Queens Avenue South
- 1265 Quinlan Avenue South
- 1770 Quinlan Avenue South

- Add Roof over Deck & Screen Deck
- Replace Existing Deck/Footings
- Replace Furnace & A/C
- Replace Furnace
- Install Factory Built Gas Fireplace
- Replace Shingles & Remove Skylight



## Valley Library

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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, if necessary, 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](mailto:lscb@comcast.net).

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