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December

2024

Greetings from Mayor Tom,

As we say goodbye to 2024, I want to thank all our residents, councilmembers, commission members and city staff for their help throughout the year in keeping our city running so smoothly.

This year we managed several projects around the city. Several roads were micro-surfaced providing a smooth new surface that extends the life of the road base underneath it. Pot holes were patched on Quasar Ct and other areas of the city and new drains were put in at Quello/19th to help with drainage. The north end of the Riviera Avenue levee was rip rapped to prevent erosion and maintain the integrity of the levee per Corps of Engineer standards.

The city worked with FEMA to fund the purchase and demolition of a dilapidated cabin on 19th Street S. The site has been cleared and will be maintained as a Flood Plain Restoration Area with assistance from Washington Conservation District and WMO. Next year we hope to introduce native plantings in this area.

Although not funded through the city, the Veterans Memorial Park is a wonderful feature in our city. The group of veterans that looks after the site have been busy this year with service projects especially the well supported Metal and Tire Collection Service held in September. Through this and other fundraising efforts they were able to purchase the land that runs along St. Croix Trail (CSAH 18) between 19th and 20th Streets and west of The Avenue of Flags (Quebec Ave S.) This land has been put into a Conservation Easement which means that buildings are not allowed on this site, in perpetuity. The Veterans group plans to maintain this area as Woodfill Prairie and are putting in a path from the Bike Trail up to the Memorial Park for easy access for visitors using the Bike Path. A bench will be placed along this path when it is built.

Congratulations to our newly elected council members, Warren Burger and Brad Frepert. And thank you too for re-electing me as Mayor. I look forward to working with all residents over the next couple of years to keep our city a great place to live.

In closing, our thoughts go out to all of our friends and neighbors in the city who we lost this year. Most recently Al Lund, who lived across from City Hall and volunteered his help at many events over the years. His cheerful disposition will be missed at City Hall. Also, Teresa Kopps who fought cancer for several years. Her husband Russ cared for her throughout her illness and our thoughts go out to both these families.

From my family to yours, we wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season, STAY HEALTHY!

Tom McCarthy



Happy Holidays from City Staff. Please note City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th and Wednesday, January 1st.

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**BUILDING PROJECT**  
please call the City Office (651.436.7031) to determine whether a permit will be required.



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE**  
**Annual Holiday Party at City Hall**

**Monday, December 16th**

**5:00pm—Cookies and Treats,  
Hot Cider / Hot Cocoa**

**6.00pm - Truth in Taxation meeting**

**Followed by regular City Council Meeting.**

**Enjoy a Holiday Treat with your  
present and future Councilmembers  
and City Staff**

**NEW COMMUNICATIONS PROCESS**

City Hall is moving towards using email as the main form of communication with residents. This will provide cost savings in several areas, for example, in time spent by city staff, costs related to paper, printing, envelopes, and postage, This new process is mainly for annual correspondence for Rental licenses; ATV/Golf Cart Permits; Watercraft Permit renewals and dock and buoy waitlists.

The first project to go through this new process will be the **ATV/Golf Cart Permit Renewals**. These are due January 1 and are good throughout the year. Once payment is received you will get the new "25" sticker for your vehicle. Stop by during the Holiday Party on December 16th and renew for 2025. Permit fees are \$15. Look for an email from Clerk@ci.lakestcroixbeach.mn.us in the next week or two if you own an ATV or Golf Cart.If we don't have an email for you, we will revert to US Mail.

*Please join us at the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire station for:*

## **Pancake Breakfast with Santa**

### **Sunday, December 1, 2024**

### **8 am - Noon**



156 St. Croix Trail South  
Lake St. Croix Beach

Come and enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee! Santa will be visiting during the breakfast for photo opportunities.

Free will offering! Bring your food donation of non-perishable food items to help stock the local food shelves. Let's do our part to help others!

#### **WINTER PARKING & SNOW REMOVAL**

Many of the streets in LSCB are narrow and must be kept clear to allow access for emergency vehicles, snowplows, garbage haulers, etc. especially after a snowfall event

Within 48 hours of a snowfall event of two inches or more, the snowplows start plowing the main streets of LSCB. Secondary streets follow soon after.

#### **Annual Fire Extinguisher Recharging**

At Lower St. Croix Valley Fire department  
Tuesday, December 3, 9:00am—noon  
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#### **Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department**

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The **Veteran's Memorial Park** is funded through donations that can be made to the Lower St. Croix Valley Veterans Memorial (LSCVVM). 100% of your donation is tax deductible; the Memorial is a 501(c)3 organization.

Additionally, if you wish to purchase a brick for yourself, friend, or loved one who lives or lived in the Valley, a suggested donation for a brick is \$25 Send a check to LSCVVM, 16455 20th St. S. Lake St. Croix Beach MN 55043. We need a name, branch of service, and dates of the years served.

### **Valley Library Events and Important Dates**

Library Closures: **December 25th** in observance of Christmas Day / **January 1st** for New Year's Day

Valley Library open 2:00-5:00pm: **December 24th** Christmas Eve / **December 31st** New Year's Eve

**Did you know** that Washington County Libraries needs your help to determine the success of the Valley Library Extended Access pilot program? The pilot program continues in December – your feedback will help Washington County Library accurately consider the Extended Access needs of the Valley Library community. You can learn more about the Extended Access pilot program, including how to apply to participate, at <https://www.washcolib.org/551/Extended-Access>

The **Valley Library Art Cart** is available whenever the library is open. We provide the supplies, you provide the creativity!

The **Valley Library Community Table Top jigsaw puzzle** has returned. Stop by to help us complete the latest puzzle!

**For Adults:** The Valley Library Book Club meets **5:00-6:00pm** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE TO ACCOMMODATE FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**. This book club meets in person in the Valley Library Conference Room. The title selection for the **Thursday December 5th** meeting is "*Under the Wide and Starry Sky*" by Nancy Horan. Copies are available to borrow at the Valley branch.

**Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00pm** – Washington County Library, in conjunction with Washington County CareerForce is offering an in-person Career Fair at the Oakdale Library. Meet employers and learn more about their companies and job offerings. Register online at <https://www.careerforcemn.com/events/677314/career-fair>

**For Teens:** Starting in December and running through May 2025, Washington County Library is presenting a Life Skills for Young Adults series at the RH Stafford Library in Woodbury. Presented by UMN 4-H Extension - Life Skills: Stress Management will be presented on **Thursday December 12 5:30-7:00pm** where youth, ages 14-18, will learn more about identifying and managing emotions, learn and practice strategies to use when feeling overwhelmed, and leave with practical tools you can try anytime. Registration is required <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/13157220>

**For Kids: NO STORYTIME DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> AND DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

Every Monday 10:30-11:00 am 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.

**Monday, December 9th 10:30-11:00 Music and Movement Storytime:** Join us for a special storytime featuring music and creative movement! This storytime is great for practicing gross motor skills, listening skills, and social skills while having fun.

**Monday December 30<sup>th</sup> 11:00-2:00pm** Join us for a **Winter Break Craft Extravaganza!** You'll have the opportunity to create several different craft options at this drop-in program. Ages 3+

**Saturday, December 21st 11:00-1:00 Kid Builders:** Come and see what you can build with your creative ideas & engineering skills! Drop in anytime between 11:00am and 1:00pm to build with LEGO, Magna-Tiles, and more. No registration required. Ages 3+

**December 9<sup>th</sup> through December 14th Monthly STEM Challenge:** week of December 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, try our monthly STEM challenge! All supplies are provided, and there will be a clipboard to log your results. Ages 5+

Ongoing: Scavenger Hunt – December Theme: Winter Birds in Minnesota Find images throughout the library and win a prize.

### **Recycle food scraps this Thanksgiving!**

**Food scraps can be collected via the Food Scraps Pickup Program now available in our city!**



Food scraps such as fruit and vegetable peels, eggshells and coffee grounds, meat, seafood and bones, dairy products, moldy or rotten food, rice bread pasta and beans make up 20% of trash. Recycling food scraps helps turn them into soil rather than waste.

Get started today by visiting [FoodScrapsPickup.com](https://FoodScrapsPickup.com) or calling 651-661-9393 to sign up and order your free annual supply of food scrap bags. Collect your food scraps in the bags, when the bag is full, tie a knot at the top to close the bag and place your bag inside your trash cart or dumpster for collection. Do not put in your recycle cart.

Additional information is available at City Hall.

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