



# February 2023

## 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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## Snow Removal

The City of Lake St. Croix Beach 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 and garbage cans should be moved back from the street.

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

It is important to remember that the City and its contractors have a right to access, maintain, drive over, and use the right of way at any time, for any reason including storage of snow. The road right of way in Lake St. Croix Beach is generally understood as any land within 10 feet of a road's edge.

## Mayor's Message

2023 is off and running, and I am honored to be representing the City of Lake St. Croix Beach as Mayor!

City Hall has had numerous calls from residents regarding the wild life within city limits. I'd like to remind everyone that feeding the wildlife within city limits is prohibited. The DNR is responsible for enforcing this.

I want to thank all of the local residents with ATVs for their continued help assisting other residents with snow plowing driveways, etc.

The City Council met on Monday, January 9, for a meeting via Zoom. The two new staff members, Deputy Clerks Carol Billig and Tammy Martin were introduced as well as the Oath of Office for newly elected councilmember Tim Schneider, re-elected councilmember Noah Bluesky and re-elected Mayor Tom McCarthy. The next City Council meeting will be held one week earlier on **Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** because of the President's Day Holiday on February 21.

As always, *STAY SAFE!*

~ Mayor Tom

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LSCV Fire Department  
651.436.7033

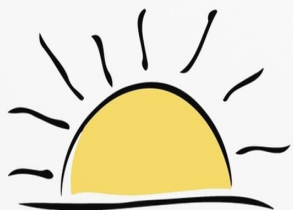
Sheriff's Department  
651.439.9381

Lakeland Water Utility  
651.436.8044  
swirth@peopleservice.com

Well Water Test Kits (WA  
County) 651.403.6655

US Post Office (Lakeland)  
651.436.5469

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911



KEEP YOUR FACE TO THE SUN  
AND YOU WILL NEVER SEE THE SHADOWS

## Official Designations

### 2023—Resolution No. 2023-01

Motion to approve Resolution adopted 4:1.

Official Newspaper.....Stillwater Gazette (alternate) St. Paul Pioneer Press  
Official Posting Place.....LSCB City Hall, 16455 20th Street South  
City Council Meeting Place.....City Hall, 16455 20th Street South  
City Council Meeting Time.....6:00 pm  
City Council Meeting Dates.....3rd Monday of the month  
*(With the exception of January and February due to holidays. In those two month, City Council will meet on the 2nd Monday of the month)*

2023 Appointments (General Administration)  
*Representative Listed First, Alternate Second (when appropriate)*

Mayor.....Tom McCarthy  
Deputy Mayor.....Noah Bluesky  
Clerk-Administrator/Zoning Administrator/Newsletter Editor.....Dave Engstrom  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.....Carol Billig  
Deputy Clerk.....Tammy Martin  
City Attorney.....Eckberg Lammers PC (Kevin Sandstrom/Christina Benson)  
City Accountant.....Carlson SV (Deb Campbell)  
City Engineer.....Short Elliott Hendrickson (John Parotti)  
Building Inspector.....Stensland Inspections (Duane Stensland)  
Assessor.....Washington County Assessor  
Official Depository.....US Bank, LMC 4M Fund  
Official Posting Place.....City Hall, 16455 20th Street South  
Official Publication.....Stillwater Gazette (St. Paul Pioneer Press alternate)  
Tree Inspector/City Forester.....Dave Witzel  
Weed Inspector.....Mayor Tom McCarthy

Emergency Preparedness & Security (Emergency Management Director).....  
Tom McCarthy, Dave Engstrom, Brad Peters

Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Protection District  
Representatives (2 City residents)....Tom McCarthy (6.30.22), Kris Peterson 6.30.23  
Alternate (Council Member) Noah Bluesky

Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization.....Tom McCarthy, Tim Schneider

Police.....Washington County Sheriff, Non Emergency (651.439.9381) 911

Fire.....Lower St. Croix Valley Fire, Non Emergency (651.436.7033) 911

Animal Control Officer..Brit Harmon, Companion Animal Control LLC (715.220.1332)  
Animal Shelter.....Hugo Animal Hospital, Inc. (dba Otter Lake Animal Care (651.426.8871)

Veterans Memorial Representative.....Tom McCarthy, J.P. Armstrong  
Helping Hands.....Noah Bluesky

St. Croix Valley Cable.....Tom McCarthy, Cindie Reiter  
Information Technology.....Managed IT Solutions, Dietrich Wilke, Don Fixmer

## Highlights of the January 10, 2022—City Council Meeting

City Administrator Engstrom introduced the two new members of staff, Deputy Clerks Carol Billig and Tammy Martin and administered the Oath of Office for newly elected councilmember Schneider, re-elected councilmember Bluesky and re-elected Mayor McCarthy.

### City Staff Reports

*City Accountant Report*, Kim Guyer provided State of Operations November 2022 and Claims to be approved – January 9, 2023.

*City Engineer, John Parotti (SEH)*

Plowing at this time of year is challenging for city and plow companies. Reminded residents that garbage cans can be left further off the street to allow plow trucks to reach full width of the roads.

Street improvement projects for 2023. Decision made by council to withdraw from County's crack sealing project for 2023 due to high cost. Motion made to withdraw from County project and direct City Engineer to bid the work. Motion passed 4:0:1 (Councilmember Armstrong abstained). Parotti also discussed a rejuvenator project and micro surfacing for this year. In order of priorities, Parotti suggested that sealcoating be considered first, rejuvenator project second and micro surfacing left until later if funds are still available later in the year.

*City Administrator, Dave Engstrom*

2023 Councilmember Duties and Responsibilities - No vote needed on this.

2023 Appointments and Designations (Resolution 2023-01) - Motion to approve passed 4:1 (Councilmember Reiter Nay)

2023 Committee and Commission Appointments - Item not included in packet so this will be tabled until next month.

However, Planning Commission has a Public Hearing scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup> so Planning Commission members need to be appointed now. Motion passed 5:0.

As the Parks Commission has a meeting scheduled for the next evening Councilmembers agreed to approve their appointments as well. Motion passed 4:1 (Councilmember Reiter -Nay) Motion to table remaining appointments until next meeting. Motion passed 5:0.

2023 Fee Schedule (Resolution 2023-02) - Motion to approve passed 5-0.

Vacation: City Administrator Engstrom has unused vacation time. Motion to pay out unused vacation time passed 5-0.

### Old Business

Comprehensive Plan: Public Hearing set for February 1<sup>st</sup> at Planning Commission Meeting.

Codification: All newly passed Ordinances have been sent to American Legal for inclusion in the LSCB Code Book.

### Council Reports

Councilmember Armstrong. Nothing to report.

Councilmember Bluesky. As liaison to Planning Commission, a hot topic is Short Term Rental Ordinance and the expiration of the moratorium that is currently in place. Council should act quickly on their recommendation so as to avoid the moratorium running out. Welcomed Tim Schneider to the Council.

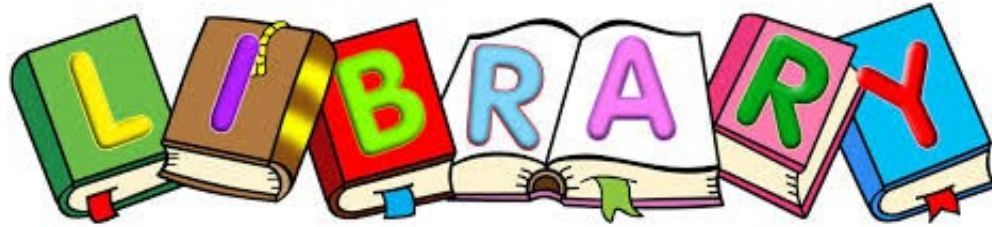
Councilmember Reiter. Asked that Commissions without appointments be noted in Newsletter for residents to apply. Deer Survey flight in February, low flying planes on west side of CSAH 18 residents should not be alarmed. Alliance meeting on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Schneider. Thanks to council and Mayor for support as he starts his new role on the council. Thanked residents for their support in electing him to City Council. Also thanked former Councilmember Dawn Bulera for her work in the city and her offer of support in his new role.

Dave Engstrom thanked Mary Ashby for her support after the loss of Kate Piscitello.

Mayor McCarthy. Washington County STS were on site this past week to clear snow from fire hydrants. Thanked ATV owners for their continued help with assisting residents with snow plowing driveways, etc. Mayor McCarthy wished everyone a good 2023.

Adjourn—Meeting adjourned at 7.23pm



## Valley Library Events and Important Dates

**Closed**—Monday February 20 *Presidents' Day*

Calling all knitting, sewing or crafting groups – did you know the Valley library has a large conference room available to reserve free of charge? For use during open library hours, capacity up to 20.

### For Adults:

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 Zoom link can be provided for those who wish to join virtually. The title selection for the **Thursday February 23rd** meeting is "Anxious People" by Fredrik Backman. Find more information at <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10089060>

Washington County Libraries is offering a Write in our Midst Series

- ◆ **Monday February 6**, 6:30-7:30 [Patric Richardson](#) at the Wildwood Library (*Mahtomedi*)
- ◆ **Thursday February 16**, 6:30-7:30 [Abby Jimenez](#) at the R.H. Stafford Library (*Woodbury*)
- ◆ **Saturday February 25**, 1:00-2:00 [Paul Radomski](#) at the Hardwood Creek Library (*Forest Lake*)

Find more information at <https://washcolib.org/397/Winter-Reads>

### All Ages:

**January-February** Tiny Art Show – Take and Make (and Return)

Display your Tiny Art in the Valley Library Tiny Art Show – showing now! Find more information at <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10038371>

### For Kids:

Every **Monday** 10:30-11:00 am Family Story time

Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays for Family Story time 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 story time! This story time is for children of all ages and their caregivers.

**Monday, February 13** 10:30-11:30 Super Storytime

Join us monthly for a special story time and craft project. February's theme is V is for Valentine!

**Thursday, February 16** 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.

**Saturday, February 18** STEM Saturday

Join us at the library for some fun, self-directed activities about magnets.

### Ongoing:

Scavenger Hunt - Every month has a theme. Find 10 images throughout the library and win a sticker.

# 2023



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4
			PC @ 7 pm Public Hearing Comp Plan	Ground Hog Day 		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 CC @ 6 pm	14 Parks @ 6 pm 	15	16	17	18
19	20 	21	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27	28				

Helpful Reminders:

All Parks in Lake St. Croix Beach are closed for the winter. This includes the Veteran’s Memorial Park that, because of its unique cement work, will not be cleared of snow to avoid marring and damage to the cement.

Please keep the street right-of-way clear from garbage and recycling bins, especially after a snow event, to enable snowplow and vehicle access.

Snowmobiles are not allowed on the levy or bluff, and may only be driven in authorized areas of the City.

If you are interested in volunteering for a City Committee, contact City Hall 651-436-7031.

The speed limit for ANY/ALL vehicles on Lake St. Croix Beach streets is 20 MPH!

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.**

**ATV / Golf Cart Permits** – Now available at City Hall. The Permit Application Form is available on the City’s website or from City Hall. Numbered stickers will be provided upon receipt of completed permit and fee of \$30.00.

**Please note, the speed limit for any vehicle on LSCB city streets is 20mph!**

**DEER FLIGHT SURVEY**

**Sometime in February there will be low flying planes on the West side of CSAH 18, they are counting the deer. Do not be alarmed by the planes.**

*Helping Hands—If you or a neighbor needs help shoveling or have other needs this winter, the City has residents who can help. Call City Hall at 651.436.7031 or email [lscb@comcast.net](mailto:lscb@comcast.net).*



**ORDINANCE CORNER**

**Ordinance 72.02—WINTER PARKING**

Between November 1st and April 1st , no vehicle shall be left standing or parked on the streets of the city for more than 24 consecutive hours at any time. Any vehicle which shall be left parked or standing in violation of the provisions hereof may be summarily removed without notice to the owner or operator by the County Sheriff’s Department or persons employed or designated by it and stored in any appropriate place. All necessary costs and expenses of towing, removing and storage of such vehicles shall first be paid by the person claiming the vehicle before release of the same. (1990 Code, 1004.015) Penalty, see 10.099

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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 (except for January and February meet on the 2nd Monday) 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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