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

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

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

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February 2024



NEWSLETTER

Mayor's Message

2024 is off and running, and I am honored to be representing the City of Lake St. Croix Beach as Mayor!

The next City Council meeting will be held one week earlier on **Monday, February 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** because of President's Day Holiday on February 19th.

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

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.

Watch your mail for boat/dock renewal letters. They will be coming out the beginning of February. Deadline for renewal is March 15th.

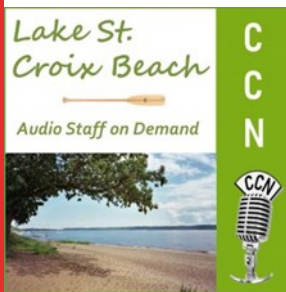
As always, *STAY SAFE!*

~ Mayor Tom

2024 Presidential Primary Nomination Voting Information

Absentee and early voting has begun for the Presidential Primary Nomination process for those who wish to cast their primary vote prior to Election Day on March 5th (Super Tuesday). Early and absentee voting may be done by mail or in person at Washington County polling locations. Please visit the City website (ci.lakestcroixbeach.mn.us) and click on **Audio Staff on Demand™** at the upper left hand corner for important voting information and resources.

New! Audio Staff on Demand™



The City is trying a new communications platform allowing the community to listen to short audio messages of important announcements, project updates, and frequently asked questions any time of the day or night when staff is unavailable or when City Hall is closed. After listening to a brief audio explanation from a menu of topic choices, additional information or materials such as forms or applications may be downloaded for your convenience.

Accessing information using Audio Staff on Demand™ from the City website allows staff to provide information the community and visitors seek 24/7 from any internet accessible device. It is our goal to provide as much helpful information and resources as possible matching the needs and interests of our community. If you have suggestions for the types of content or routine questions people may ask, please click on Audio Staff on Demand™ at the upper left-hand corner and offer your suggestions.

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EMERGENCY

911

The Valley Library will be closed on **Monday February 19th** in observance of Presidents' Day.

Did you know one of the instant prizes for Winter Reads is an adorable red winter hat? Simply submit a review of ANY book, either in person or online, and win an instant prize for your first review. All reviews become entries for grand prizes awarded at the end of the Winter Reads program. For more information, including a link to the online review form, go to <https://www.washcolib.org/397/Winter-Reads>

The Valley Library Community Recipe Swap continues into February. The library will build the recipe swap through February 15th. The online recipe form can be found at <https://bit.ly/40VZyXJ>; blank paper forms are available in the library. All submitted recipes are on display now to copy or photograph. The Recipe swap goes through **February 29th**. A huge thank you to those who have submitted recipes already! Keep them coming!

The annual Washington County Library **Write in Our Midst** author Series continues in February as well. Space is limited so the two remaining programs require registration:

Monday February 5th at 6:00 at the Oakdale Library meet author Emma Torzs who wrote the nationally celebrated book: *Ink Blood Sister* Scribe. Find registration information at <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11534660>

Monday February 12th at 6:30 at the Wildwood Library in Mahtomedi hear local reporter Lou Raguse discuss his book *Vanished in Vermillion: The Real Story of South Dakota's Most Infamous Cold Case*. Register at <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11294397>

Washington County Library goes to the Movies! Reel Talk Movie Series:

Saturday February 3rd 2:00-4:30pm watch *Polite Society* at the Oakdale Branch <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10536940>

Sunday February 18th 2:00-4:15pm watch *Loving* at the RH Stafford Woodbury Branch <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11420078>

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 Microsoft Teams link can be provided for those who wish to join virtually. The title selection for the **Thursday February 22nd** meeting is "The Tall Pine Polka" by Lorna Landvik. <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11649291>

Friday February 9th 2:00-3:30 at the RH Stafford branch in Woodbury join a seminar on Smart Phone Security. Registration is required: <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11533661>

Friday February 16th 2:00-4:00 at the RH Stafford branch in Woodbury. Finding Your Ancestors: Internet Genealogy 101. Registration required: <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11615640>

For Kids: 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.

Super Storytime on **Monday, February 12th** 10:30-11:30 – Storytime plus a fun craft activity. The theme for February is: Valentine's Day

Thursday, February 8th 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. Ongoing: Scavenger Hunt –theme: Famous Astronauts Find 10 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! February's special craft will be Paper Heart Butterflies

Official Designations

Representative Listed First, Alternate Second
(when appropriate)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

(contact individuals through City Hall at 651.436-7031)

- 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 (Christina Benson/Kevin Sandstrom)
- City Accountant.....CarlsonSV (Kim Guyer/Deb Campbell)
- City Engineer..... Short Elliott Hendrickson (John Parotti)
- Building Inspector..... Stensland Inspections
- 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..... 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), Scott Prater (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 Protection District, Non-Emergency (651.436.7033) 911
- Animal Control Officer..... Brit Harmon, Companion Animal Care & 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, Tim Schneider
- Yellow Ribbon.....J.P. Armstrong
- St. Croix Valley Cable Tom McCarthy, Cindie Reiter
- Information Technology Dietrich Wilke, Don Fixmer, CSR

CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

February 7, 2024 at 7:00P.M.

Lake St. Croix Beach City Hall, 16455 20th St. S Lake St. Croix Beach, MN

Minnesota Statutes Sections 415.02 and 415.021 authorize the city to codify its ordinances and print them in a book.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Lake St. Croix Beach, Minnesota, will meet at 7:00 p.m. on February 7, 2024, to consider recommending, a city code consisting of the general ordinances of the city as amended, restated, revised, updated, codified, and compiled in book form, including penalties for the violations of various provisions thereof, which shall constitute the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake St. Croix Beach." This Code of Ordinances will also adopt by reference certain statutes and administrative rules of the State of Minnesota as named in the Code of Ordinances.

The proposed Code of Ordinances shall consist of the following titles:

TITLE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 10: RULES OF CONSTRUCTION; GENERAL PENALTY

TITLE III: ADMINISTRATION

CHAPTER 30: GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 31: CITY COUNCIL, OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

CHAPTER 32: CITY ORGANIZATIONS

CHAPTER 33: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TITLE V: PUBLIC WORKS

CHAPTER 50: SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

CHAPTER 51: WATER SUPPLY

CHAPTER 52: SUBSURFACE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE

CHAPTER 70: GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 71: RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; HIKING TRAILS

CHAPTER 72: PARKING RULES

TITLE IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 90: PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

CHAPTER 91: PARKS AND RECREATION; WATERCRAFT

CHAPTER 92: ANIMALS

CHAPTER 93: HEALTH AND SANITATION; NUISANCES

CHAPTER 94: TREES

CHAPTER 95: ALARM SYSTEMS

CHAPTER 96: SECURING VACANT BUILDINGS

TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 110: GENERAL BUSINESS PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 111: TOBACCO

CHAPTER 112: GAMBLING FACILITIES

CHAPTER 113: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

CHAPTER 114: RENTAL PROPERTY

TITLE XIII: GENERAL OFFENSES

CHAPTER 130: GENERAL OFFENSES

TITLE XV: LAND USAGE

CHAPTER 150: BUILDING REGULATIONS; CONSTRUCTION

CHAPTER 151: SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES

CHAPTER 152: FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

CHAPTER 153: LOWER ST. CROIX RIVER BLUFFLAND AND SHORELAND MANAGEMENT

CHAPTER 154: RESTRICTIVE SOILS

CHAPTER 155: SOIL EROSION

CHAPTER 156: SUBDIVISIONS

CHAPTER 157: ZONING

TABLE OF SPECIAL ORDINANCES

TABLE I: FRANCHISES

In addition to the codification of existing ordinances, the Code of Ordinances will contain substantive amendments to the following chapters in the following ways:

CHAPTER 10: RULES OF CONSTRUCTION; GENERAL PENALTY - Redundant administrative processes are removed for clarity.

CHAPTER 33: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - This chapter replaces a reference to a model municipal civil defense ordinance Bulletin from the State Department of Civil Defense from 1968 which no longer exists.

CHAPTER 50: SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - Insurance requirements for licenses are updated to higher limits.

CHAPTER 51: PUBLIC WORKS - This chapter is expanded to include regulations pertaining to the municipal water system.

CHAPTER 90: PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY - The telecommunications ordinance is moved to this chapter.

CHAPTER 91: PARKS AND RECREATION; WATERCRAFT - The Lake St. Croix Beach City Code Guides on Permits for Boats located on docks, moorings, and shoreland and Rules for Dock and Mooring Structures are incorporated into ordinance with modifications to fit current practices.

CHAPTER 93: HEALTH AND SANITATION; NUISANCES - The nuisances are merged into a long list removing outdated terminology like "morals and decency."

CHAPTER 94: TREES - The ordinance is revised to refer to tree diseases and infestation generally instead of referring to specific tree diseases and infestations.

CHAPTER 96: SECURING VACANT BUILDINGS - This is a new ordinance.

CHAPTER 111: TOBACCO - Modern terminology is added to this ordinance.

CHAPTER 113: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - This ordinance is fully replaced with an updated model ordinance.

CHAPTER 150: BUILDING REGULATIONS; CONSTRUCTION - Statutory references are updated. Fees are removed to be included in the fee schedule instead. Language throughout is changed to match statutory language.

CHAPTER 152: FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT - Additional definitions are added for clarity.

CHAPTER 156: SUBDIVISIONS - Definitions are revised for clarity. The subdivision ordinance processes are simplified to fit a smaller city. The former subdivision ordinance was based on a Model County Zoning Code. Organizational changes are made throughout. Park dedication fees are added without specificity to be addressed after study.

CHAPTER 157: ZONING - Definitions are revised to be clearer. Organizational changes are made throughout. The mobile home and mobile home park ordinances are revised to manufactured home and manufactured home park terminology. The Minnesota Accessibility Code is incorporated. A reference to the manufactured home statute is incorporated. Amateur radio support towers are permitted and restricted to a certain height without a permit. Processes are simplified to fit a smaller city. The former zoning ordinance was based on a Model County Zoning Code. Repeated references to processes are consolidated. Swimming pool barriers are revised for clarity and modern technologies. Nuisances redundant with Chapter 93 are removed.

All prior ordinances, pertaining to the subjects treated in the Code of Ordinances, shall be deemed repealed from and after the effective date of the ordinance adopting the Code of Ordinances, except as they are included and re-ordained in whole or in part in the Code of Ordinances. This repeal shall not affect any offense committed or penalty incurred, or any right established prior to the effective date of this ordinance, nor shall this repeal affect the provisions of ordinances levying taxes; appropriating money; annexing or detaching territory; establishing franchises; granting special rights to certain persons; authorizing public improvements; authorizing the issuance of bonds or borrowing of money; authorizing the purchase or sale of real or personal property; granting or accepting easements, plat or dedication of land to public use; or vacating or setting the boundaries of streets or other public places; nor shall this repeal affect any other ordinance of a temporary or special nature or pertaining to subjects not contained in or covered by the Code of Ordinances. The official copy of this Code of Ordinances shall be marked and be kept in the office of the city clerk.

The Code of Ordinances will be declared to be prima facie evidence of the law of the city, and will be received in evidence as provided by Minnesota Statutes by the courts of the State of Minnesota. The ordinance adopting the Code of Ordinances, and the Code of Ordinances itself, shall take effect upon publication of the ordinance adopting the Code of Ordinances in the city's official newspaper.

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 **Stensland Inspections**
Phone: 651-436-7669 Fax: 436-8310 stenslandinstections@gmail.com

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!**

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.



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.

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.

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

Within 48 hours (or sooner) of a snowfall of two inches or more, the snow-plows 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.

County and State Contact Information

- Washington County Commissioner Gary Kriesel: 651.430.6213
- MN Senator Judy Seeberger: 651.297.8060 sen.judy.seeberger@senate
- MN Representative Mark Wiens: 651.296.4244 rep.mark.wiens@house.mn.gov
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