



January 2021

Newsletter



CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS:

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

Wed. and Fri.
closed, but residents
may call for an appoint-

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The Times Square Ball is a time ball located in New York City's Times Square. Located on the roof of One Times Square, the ball is a prominent part of a New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square commonly referred to as the ball drop. The ball descends down a specially designed flagpole beginning at 11:59 p.m. ET and rests at midnight to signal the start of the New Year. In recent years, the festivities have been preceded by live entertainment including performances by musicians.

The event was first organized by Adolph Ochs, owner of the *New York Times* newspaper, as a successor to a series of New Year's Eve fireworks displays he held at the building to promote its status as the new headquarters of the *Times*. The ball itself was designed by Artkraft Strauss. First held on December 31, 1907 to welcome 1908, the ball drop has been held annually since except in 1942 and 1943 in observance of wartime blackouts.

The ball's design has been updated over the years to reflect improvements in lighting technology; the ball was initially constructed from wood and iron, and lit with 100 incandescent light bulbs. The current incarnation features a computerized LED lighting system and an outer surface consisting of triangular crystal panels. These panels contain inscriptions representing a yearly theme. Since 2009, the current ball has been displayed atop on Times Square year-round, while the original, smaller version of the current ball that was used in 2008 has been on display inside the Times Square Visitor's Center

The event is organized by the Times Square Alliance and Countdown Entertainment, a company led by Jeff Strauss. It is among the most notable New Year's celebrations internationally. It is attended by a least 1 million spectators yearly and is nationally televised as part of New Year's Eve specials broadcast by a number of networks and cable channels. The prevalence of the Times Square ball drop has inspired similar 'drops' at other local New Year's Eve events across the Country- while some use balls- some instead drop objects that represent local culture or history.



*The Mayor, Council Members, and City
Staff wish everyone a very Safe & Happy New
Year 2021...*

STAY HEALTHY!

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 bins, especially after a snow event, to enable snowplow and vehicle access.

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



NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

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!



Veteran's Memorial 2020



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lake St. Croix Beach Committees are being formed for 2021. Residents interested in serving can go to the City website at <https://lscb.govoffice.com> to download the City Volunteer and Appointment Application Form and return it to the City Office.

Highlights of December 14, 2020 City Council

- ◆ Total Claims to be Approved and Supplemental Claims in the amount of \$61,620.11 were approved as presented.
- ◆ A liquor license renewal was processed for River Valley Catering, Inc. dba Beach Bar, for the period beginning January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. An amount of \$500 was also issued by the City to River Valley Catering for revenue lost by the Beach Bar due to COVID-19.
- ◆ It was noted that at the November meeting, the January 2021 City Council meeting is rescheduled to January 11, 2021 (due to Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 18), and the February 2021 meeting is rescheduled to February 8, 2021 (due to Presidents' Day on February 15).
- ◆ Recommendations by the City Accountant for 2020 year-end transfers of excess funds based on the November 2020 financials were approved as presented.
- ◆ The Revised City Code Guide—City Code No. 900 as amended, was approved as presented (all references to either a power boat or sail boat changed to *boat* only).
- ◆ The December 2021 City Council meeting on the 2021 Calendar has been rescheduled from Monday, December 20, 2021 to Monday, December 13, 2021..
- ◆ Resolution 2020-11—Adopting Final Budgets & Final Property Tax Levies for 2021 was adopted as presented.

Thank You from the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department!

What an incredible Community we live in and serve! The LSCVFD delivered over 1,100 lbs. of food to Valley Outreach after a successful weekend with *Santa Food Drive* on December 12, 2020. This was 2-3 times our previous best delivery.

According to Valley Outreach, it takes approximately 1½ lbs. of packaged food for an individual meal. This means we just donated around 930 meals!

Great job to our Valley Community and to the members of the Fire Department, and Santa himself, for the awesome work.

Happy New Year to All!



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 can from your property.

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.

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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 for December 2020

16485 Upper 22nd Street South
2040 Quebec Avenue South

Window & Door Replacement
Second level addition / main level alterations

Important Numbers

- Animal Control
715.220.1332
- Building Inspector
651.436.6469
- Burning Permits
651.248.5103
- Environmental Center
651.275.7475
- LSCV Fire Department
651.436.7033
- Sheriff's Department
651.439.9381
- Lakeland Water Utility
651.436.8044
- Well Water Test Kits (WA County) 651.403.6655
- US Post Office
651..436.5469
- EMERGENCY
911

**License Your Pet
It's the Law**

Licensing is one of the most important things you can do to keep your pet safe. Unfortunately, it is also one of the most overlooked ordinances by City residents.

All cats and dogs over 4 months of age are required to be licensed, display a city issued collar tag, and have a **valid rabies vaccination.**

Lifetime pet license fees are \$10 for spayed/neutered pets and \$25 for pets that are not.



Valley Library, located in Lakeland Village, is open with limited capacity and modified hours.

Visitors can come to pick up holds, browse materials, and use computers without an appointment. The library has added 400 wi-fi hotspots and 100 Chromebooks to its collection to help residents access the internet outside of the library. The devices are available to check out for up to a month with a library card registered in Washington County.

Both hotspots and Chromebook kits may be checked out for one month at a time and may be renewed three times if there are no other holds. They can be picked up at Valley Branch or placed on hold in the Library's online catalog. Meeting rooms remain closed.

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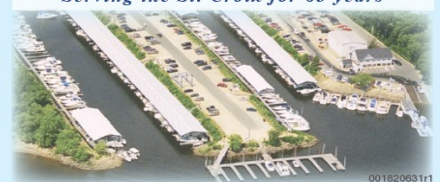


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CITY MEETING TIMES AND DATES

All meetings are held via teleconference during COVID-19

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The **PLANNING COMMISSION** meets the first Wednesday of the month, if necessary, at 7:00 p.m.

The **CITY COUNCIL** meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Audio recordings available on main page of website: www.lscb.govoffice.com

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