



2022

NEWSLETTER

CITY HALL

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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.

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Important Winter Reminder

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 must be *off the paved street surface*. 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 the winter.



LSCVFD
New Engine 2



Mayor's Message

Happy New Year Lake St. Croix Beach! As we turn the first page on our new calendar for 2022, the Mayor and Council have a few Winter Snow Reminders:

- * 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. Be patient. We try to get around to all primary routes within 24 hours and secondary roads within 48 hours.
- * Please slow down and drive for the conditions of the roads.
- * Plowing snow onto or across a City street is illegal.
- * If you have any questions or concerns regarding snowplowing, or if your road has not been plowed or dangerous conditions exist, please call us at City Hall 651.436.7031 so we can get it the attention it deserves. As always, stay safe...

~ Mayor Tom McCarthy ~ Council Member Armstrong ~ Council Member Bluesky ~ Council Member Bulera ~ Council Member Reiter

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— C.S. Lewis

Review of City Ordinances FYI

§70.03 Speed Limits

No persons shall start or accelerate any motor vehicle with an unnecessary exhibition of speed on any public or private way within the City limits. There is a current 20 mph speed limit on all roads within the City.

§71.06 Snowmobiles

It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile within the limits of the City in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner or heedlessly in disregard of the rights or safety of others during the hours from 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and weekends. The use of snowmobiles will be permitted on the public bike trail between November 1 and April 1, provided the trail is snow covered.

§71.40 All Terrain Vehicle . Unlicensed motor Vehicle

No person shall operate an ATV or UMV within the municipal limits of the City except (1) on private property of the owner of the ATV or UMV, (2) Upon private property of another with the specific written permission of the owner or person in control of said property.

ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE or ATV or UNLICENSED MOTOR VEHICLE or UMV: Any motorized trail bike, minibike, two-, three-, four-, or six-wheel motor vehicle not licensed for travel on any public street or highway. Evidence of such vehicle being unlicensed shall be the absence of any license plate being displayed upon the vehicle as required by law.

§93.04 (J) Junk.

The piling, storing, or keeping of old machinery, wrecked or junked vehicles, and other junk or debris.

§130.03 Curfew

Between the hours of 9:00 pm and 5:00 am during the months of September through May, and between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. during the months of June through August, it shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of 16 years to idle, loiter, or be upon the public streets, boulevards, sidewalks, alleys, parks, beach, or other public places in the City.

§157.087 Current Licenses

It shall be a nuisance for any person to store or keep any vehicle of a type requiring a license to operate on the public highway, but without a current license attached thereto, whether such vehicle be dismantled or not, outside of an enclosed building in a residential area.

§157.088 (D) Outdoor Implements

Any power lawn mower, snowblower, power hedge clipper, power saw, or such other implement designed primarily for outdoor use, shall be operated only between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays, or between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and state and federal holidays.



Highlights of the December 13, 2021 City Council

The 2022 Budget and Tax Hearing was held offering an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide feedback regarding the proposed budget. Motion was made and passed approving Resolution 2021-17 Adopting the Final Budgets and Final Property Tax Levies for 2022:

Final General Fund Budget	\$790,877
Proposed Debt Service Fund Budget:	
Fire Station Expansion/Remodel	12,306
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$803,183
Final General Fund Certified Levy	\$588,194
Proposed Debt Service Fund Certified Levy:	
Fire Station Expansion/Remodel	12,306
TOTAL PROPOSED CERTIFIED LEVY	\$600,500

Motion was made and seconded to approve the amount of \$2,500 to the Afton-Lakeland School PTA for their fundraising efforts for the overhaul of the playgrounds at the elementary school. School District 834 provides the maintenance for the playground equipment, but does not provide playground equipment that needs to be updated to standard.

There were 28 ICRs reported from Washington County for the month of November 2021

There were 9 Emergency Response and Fire calls made for Lake St. Croix Beach by the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, with 74 calls year to date.

The first Application for Payment (AFP No. 2) from the City’s contractor, Minnesota Paving & Materials, for the 2021 Street Improvement Project [SEH No. LAKES 155011] was approved in the amount of \$194,782.61 for work completed in Lake St. Croix Beach including repaving of 20th Street, Quinlan Avenue and patching of floodplain streets. AFP No. 2 is a partial payment request as allowed by contract.

The WMO is continuing with the design of rain gardens in select locations along Riviera Avenue. The project is tentatively scheduled to bid early in 2022 for construction next summer. The engineering estimate was approved by the WMO Board on Thursday, and a concept drawing has been provided to affected property owners.

The City Engineer is working with the assistance of WMO staff on a project that would manage vegetation along the top of the bluff along Riviera Avenue from just north of Stair #1 to the split rail fence just south of 13th Street. This project will remove undesirable, invasive vegetation and provide a 2-year contractor maintenance period. The project area is approximately 335 feet long by 25 feet wide. The project is tentatively scheduled to be distributed to contractors for bidding this winter.

Stair #7 is planned for replacement in 2022. The existing, noncompliant wood stairs will be removed and a new, welded metal stair will be installed further south. The new stair will be code compliant and will align with the crosswalk from the trail to the playground. Once the wood stairs are removed, the riprap underneath will be inspected and restored as needed.

2011 Quant Avenue South has been vacant for a couple of years and was declared a hazardous building resulting in the owner being served; no more aggressive action will be taken, as it has been purchased and will be rehabbed; item tabled until next month when Council will be updated on status and closing information.

Three individual quotes to replace the roof of the City Hall have been received and financing explored. Council Member Bluesky would like to meet with one of the companies regarding installing insulation to meet code of an R=30.

The 2022 Meeting Calendar was approved with one exception moving the December 12 meeting to the regular third Monday—December 19, 2022.

Tobacco Licenses were approved for IYS Ventures LLC [d/b/a I-Mart] and River Valley Catering, Inc. [d/b/a Beach Bar].

A compliance review for all conditional use permits and the certificate of compliance were approved as recommended; the old fire barn will be treated as a separate conditional use permit as the permit goes with the same use of property.





"TOMORROW,
IS THE
FIRST BLANK
PAGE OF
A 365 PAGE
BOOK.
WRITE
A GOOD ONE."

BRAD PAISLEY

The City's Building Inspector is Duane (Dewey) Stensland

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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 November 2021

1770 Quinlan Avenue	Replace Shingles & Remove Skylight
1866 Quartz Ave. S.	Finish Basement/Stairs/Door
1310 Quinlan Ct. S.	Replace Water Heater



RENTAL HOUSING LICENSE

The City of Lake St. Croix Beach requires all rental housing property to be licensed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents. The goal is to insure all rental properties are properly maintained and complete with State and local building and zoning codes and fire codes by conducting onsite inspections.

Any portion of a single family dwelling or accessory apartment rented to and occupied by someone other than family members of the owner or the principal structure shall be required to obtain a license for a residential rental property.

Letters to potential rental properties in the City will be mailed later this month. Please contact City Staff at 651.436.7031 for a rental license application or if you have any questions.

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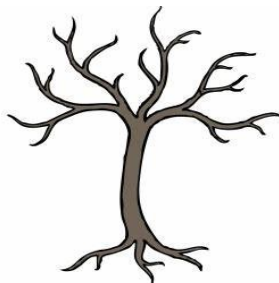
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CITY MEETING TIMES AND DATES

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.

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