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March

NEWSLETTER

2023

Mayor's Message

Spring is almost here and daylight savings time, Sunday March 12th, is just around the corner.

It also brings our annual **boat permit renewal with a deadline of March 15, 2023**. Please make sure to get your boat renewal information to City Hall by March 15th to avoid additional fees.

Spring officially begins on March 20. Here are a couple of reminders to make sure we all stay safe -

- ◆ Residents, when plowing snow near intersections please watch the line of sight. Snow banks are getting too high for drivers to see over!
- ◆ Please continue to clear snow away from fire hydrants and storm drains to help prevent roads from flooding.
- ◆ The LSCVFD recommends that residents check their smoke detectors every year in March to insure they are working properly;.
- ◆ They also recommend that the house numbers are visible from the street. This is vital in case of an emergency.
- ◆ A reminder to those who need or desire flood insurance, the insurance must be in effect for at least 30 days prior to a flood event for coverage. Please contact your insurance agent for more information.

Have a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17!



As always, **STAY SAFE!**

~ Mayor Tom

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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!

WATERCRAFT PERMITS

The deadline for getting all of your paperwork in to the City is Wednesday, March 15, 2023. After that date, additional fees will be charged.

Residents who do not have a watercraft permit, it is important to know that any resident may receive a shore boat permit. Dock and shore boats may not exceed 16 feet, except canoes and catamarans. Shore boats are stored at the base of the bluff. If you are interested in a shore boat, call the City Hall at 651.436.7031 for an application and a copy of the Lake St. Croix Beach City Code Guide (these are the rules for having a boat on the River in Lake St. Croix Beach).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Daylight Savings Time begins		Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 pm	Watercraft Permit Deadline!			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	City Council Meeting 6:00 pm					
26	27	28	29	30	31	

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY 13TH, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

In attendance: Mayor McCarthy—via teleconference

Council Member JP Armstrong ~ Council Member Noah Bluesky ~ Council Member Cindie Reiter

Council Member Tim Schneider ~ City Clerk/Administrator Dave Engstrom ~ Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Carol Billig

Deputy Clerk Tammy Martin ~ City Attorney Christina Benson ~ City Engineer John Parotti

Kim Guyer Accountant with Carson SV ~ Mary Ashby Chair of Planning Committee via teleconference

Mayor McCarthy called the meeting to order and roll call was taken, (see above). Approval of the Agenda for the February 2023 CC Mtg and of the Minutes for the January 2023 CC Mtg, all in favor, approved, (with some minor corrections to the January minutes).

Public Input - Yellow Ribbon was presented by Reggie Kopesky and John Tesslof. They discussed the need for a representative from Lake St. Croix Beach, JP Armstrong volunteered. They discussed the upcoming event, Field of Bands, at the Washington County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 16, 2023 from 12 Noon until 8:00 pm. More information can be found on their website at <https://5cityyellowribbon.com>.

Bob Beedle presented information and documentation on the lot subdivision for Gerald & Dawn Beedle's son Brian. After discussion, Council Member Bluesky made a motion to approve request with paper work submitted. Seconded by Council Member Cindie Reiter. Cindie asked if this action will set a precedent for the future. City Attorney Christina Benson said no, it will not. All in favor, motion passed.

Dawn Bulera addressed the Council to request that the Comprehensive Plan be made more readily available to the public.

Public Safety Reports - *Council Member JP Armstrong* reported there were 2 incidents with Animal Control reported. A lost dog was impounded, the owner claimed it and will pay all expenses incurred. A dog bite was reported, no further information available.

City Staff Reports - *City Accountant Kim Guyer* gave report on Receipts and Expenses. After some discussion Council Member Cindie Reiter made a motion to approve and Council Member JP Armstrong 2nded. Motion carried 5/0.

City Engineer John Parotti gave an updated report on 3 possible road projects this year, crack sealing, Rejuvenator and Micro Surfacing. After some discussion, Council Member Cindie Reiter made the motion requesting the City Engineer to move ahead with getting bids for the 3 projects. Council Member Tim Schneider 2nded the motion, motion carried 5/0.

City Engineer also requested that as residents are able to continue to clear out snow from fire hydrants and roadway drains. Initial Spring flood report from the National Weather Service suggests that the overall flood threat is close to normal, depending on how much more snow and rain we get.

City Attorney Christina Benson shared some information regarding Open Meeting Law and Data practices and advised the Council to submit any questions at least 24 hours before the monthly City Council meeting to City Staff. Also reminded everyone that no public data/records can be deleted.

Administration Dave Engstrom gave report on computer and server upgrade for City Hall Office. After discussion, Council Member Cindie Reiter made a motion to approve \$5,300 for new computer & server. Council Member Tim Schneider 2nded and motion carried 5/0. In addition, City Clerk Dave Engstrom will attend Cyber Security Training.

Old Business - There are 2 printed copies of the Comprehensive Plan available for reading at City Hall. If residents cannot come in during business hours, they can call City Hall to make an appointment to come in. Codification Report is expected to be available to the Planning Committee for their next meeting.

Council Reports - Discussion was held regarding the condition of city streets, kids at play signs throughout the City, some Short-Term Rental discussion, and garbage cans/recycle bins should be set back from the streets, the truck has a 12' boom that can reach them.

Mayor McCarthy made a motion to adjourn at 7:54. Meeting adjourned.

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.

Reminder DOGS...

Per the City Ordinance all dogs living within City limits must have a rabies shot and wear the rabies tag on their collar. Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. No running at large is allowed.

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.



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Did you know the Valley library has some Federal Tax Forms and Instructions available on a first come, first go basis? The 1040, 1040SR, 1099-INV, 1099-DIV and 1099-MISC can be found on the center table. Library staff can print out other US Federal and MN state tax forms for patrons upon request.

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 Zoom link can be provided for those who wish to join virtually.

The title selection for the **Thursday March 23rd** meeting is "This is Happiness" by Niall Williams

Find more information at <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10089062>

Washington County Libraries is participating the MELSA Metropolitan Library Service Agency Club Book Author Series. For more information go to <https://www.clubbook.org/authors/>

Monday March 27, 6:30-7:45 Mary Kay Andrews at the R.H. Stafford Library (Woodbury)

Find more information at <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10092551>

For Kids: Every Monday 10:30-11:00 am Family Storytime

Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays for Family 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 March 20 10:30-11:30 – Storytime plus a fun craft activity. The theme for March is Birds.

Wednesday, March 22 2:00 pm *Snake Discovery: Lounging with Lizards*

Do you love lizards? In this hands-on program at Valley Library, you'll meet many exotic lizards up close! Audience members will feel the difference between various lizards' scales, learn what makes them so unique, and even hold them! You will also learn many fun facts about their diet, habitat, defense mechanisms and much more!

Thursday, March 23 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.

Ongoing:

Scavenger Hunt – March theme: Rainbows. Find 10 images throughout the library and win a prize.

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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 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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