



March

NEWSLETTER

2024

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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. 651-436-7031

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Mayor's Message

Spring is almost here and daylight savings time, Sunday March 10th, is just around the corner.

It also brings our annual **boat permit renewal with a deadline of March 15, 2024**. 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.
- ◆ 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

Sunday, March 17!

As always, **STAY SAFE!**

~ Mayor Tom

CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH ~ NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MARCH 18, 2024 AT 6:00P.M.

LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH CITY HALL

16455 20TH ST. S, LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH, MN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of Lake St. Croix Beach, Minnesota, will conduct a public hearing as noted above to consider revising the 2024 Fee Schedule.

WATERCRAFT PERMITS DUE

Contacts

Animal Control

715.220.1332

Building Inspector

651.436.7669

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

swirth@peopleservice.com

Well Water Test Kits (WA

County) 651.403.6655

US Post Office (Lakeland)

651.436.5469

The deadline for getting all of your paperwork in to the City is Friday, March 15, 2024. After that date, additional late fees of \$75 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).

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PERMITS DUE

LONG-TERM & SHORT-TERM

It's time to renew your residential rental permits for long-term and short-term rentals within the city limits of Lake St. Croix Beach. The deadline to renew is March 15th, 2024.

After that date, additional late fees of \$75 will be charged. If you are unable to come into city hall during our regular business hours as listed here, please call to make an appointment, 651-436-7031.

2024 ATV/GOLFCART PERMITS DUE

Just a reminder that the permits for ATV/Golf carts expired on December 31, 2023. If you have an ATV/Golf cart, please come into city hall to renew your permit and get a 2024 sticker. Cost of the permit is \$30.



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!

The City's Building Inspector is Stensland Inspections ~ Phone: 651-436-7669

PRIOR TO STARTING ANY BUILDING PROJECT, please call the City Office (651.436.7031) to determine whether a permit will be required.

City of Lake St. Croix Beach ~City Council Meeting January 8th, 2024 6:00 PM
Approved Minutes

The City of Lake St. Croix Beach City Council met in regular session on Monday January 8th, at 6:03 pm. Said meeting was held in council chambers and via teleconference call, in said City.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 pm ~ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor McCarthy - (via interactive technology), Council Member Bluesky, Council Member Reiter, Council Member Schneider, Administrator Dave Engstrom. Council Member Armstrong absent. Also present: City Attorney Christina Benson, City Engineer John Parotti, City Accountant Kim Guyer, and Deputy Clerk Tammy Martin.

APPROVE AGENDA for the City Council Meeting of January 8, 2024 ~ **Mayor McCarthy motioned to approve Agenda; Council Member Schneider seconded. All voted Aye, carried 4/0, one absent.**

APPROVE MINUTES from the City Council meeting of December 18, 2023 ~ **Mayor McCarthy motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Bluesky seconded. All voted Aye, carried 4/0, one absent.**

APPROVE MINUTES from the City Council meeting of November 20, 2023 ~ **Council member Reiter motioned to approve the minutes with 1 change; Council Member Bluesky seconded. All voted Aye, carried 4/0, one absent.**

PUBLIC INPUT ~ *Resident Dawn Bulera* expressed that she feels the Council meeting minutes are too brief.

Resident Matt at 1746 Ramada Ave S via interactive technology, expressed that at the time he looked on the city website he did not find any information regarding running an Air BNB in the City. He ceased business operations after receipt of a letter from the City Attorney. He is currently on the list for a short-term rental license.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS – Council Member Bluesky. Law Enforcement – 11 incidents and 7 traffic stops; Emergency Response and Fire – no report; Animal Control – nothing to report

CITY STAFF REPORTS

City Accountant Report; 1. State of Operations November 2023, 2. Claims to be Approved – January 8, 2023.

Council Member Reiter motioned to approve bills, payments and claims as follows: Checks: 19896, 19972-20001, and EFT/DD: 240101-240118. Total amount of \$82,173.72. Council Member Bluesky seconded. All voted Aye, carried 4/0, one absent. Accountant reported that there is a deficit in the Bluffland fund and Council Member Reiter asked that this be added to the agenda in the March council meeting.

City Engineer John Parotti – Absent, no report

City Attorney Christina Bensen - Presented the Personnel Policy updates reviewing Section 2.02 Attendance & Absence. Discussion was held regarding the definition of reasonable family definition and legal non-conformity.

Administration Dave Engstrom –

~ 2024 Council Member Duties and Responsibilities. **Council Member Bluesky motioned to approve; Mayor McCarthy seconded with change to Budget & Finance putting Council Member Reiter to replace Council Member Armstrong. All voted Aye, carried 4/0, one absent.**

~ 2024 Appointments and Designations (*Resolution 2024-01*) **Mayor McCarthy motioned to approve; Council Member Bluesky seconded. All voted Aye, carried 4/0, one absent.**

~ 2024 Committee and Commission Appointments. **Council Member Bluesky motioned to approve; Council Member Reiter seconded. All voted Aye, carried 4/0, one absent.**

~ 2024 Fee Schedule (*Resolution 2024-02*) **Council Member Bluesky motioned to approve; Council Member Reiter seconded. All voted Aye, carried 4/0, one absent.**

~ Dave Engstrom suggested that council meeting minutes be approved by council before they are published in the newsletter. **Council Member Reiter made a motion that council meeting minutes be approved at the following months' council meeting before being published in the newsletter or on the city website. Council Member Bluesky seconded. All voted Aye, carried 4/0, one absent.**

Building Permit Activity – report was submitted

NEW BUSINESS – 1980 Quasar Trail, looking to add a dog grooming business at this location.

OLD BUSINESS – none

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Council Member Armstrong – absent

Council Member Bluesky – commented that he felt allowing only 3 short-term rentals in the city is too low and that our current Ordinance is too restrictive. **Council Member Bluesky made a motion to draft an ordinance to increase the number from 3 to 5. Council Member Reiter seconded. All voted, 2/aye, 2/nay, 1 absent. Motion did not pass. Council Member Schneider made a motion that the Planning Committee review the number of Air BNB's. Council Member Reiter seconded. All voted Aye, carried 4/0, one absent.**

Council Member Schneider –discussed briefly that residents and visitors must be aware of the ice on the river.

Council Member Reiter –the home at 1411 Racine Ave. that has dug out the yard and put in large boulders. The property owner was in attendance at the meeting and said that the boulders were put there to keep his driveway from washing out. Several “junk cars” are parked at the residence at 1575 Queens and City Attorney Benson has sent a letter. The fence at Racine and 16th St. is being inspected by the building inspector for violations.

Mayor McCarthy – announced that the 2024 stickers for ATV/Golf carts are now in.

ADJOURN – **Mayor McCarthy motioned to adjourn. Council Member Schneider seconded. All voted Aye, carried 4/0, one absent. Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 pm.**

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.

Valley Library March Events

Washington County Library goes to the Movies! Reel Talk Movie Series: **Saturday March 2nd** 2:00-4:30pm watch *Asteroid City* at the Oakdale Branch <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10536941>. **Sunday March 10th** 2:00-4:15pm watch *March* at the RH Stafford Woodbury Branch.

Saturday March 2nd 10:00am to 2:00pm Wildwood Library in Mahtomedi is hosting a Fix-it Clinic. Bring your broken items to the library and have them repaired for free. <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11683855>

Thursday March 7th 6:30-7:30 Wildwood Library in Mahtomedi is hosting author ReShonda Tate, author of the book, *The Queen of Sugar Hill*, as part of the Twin Cities Club Book Spring series. Eight authors will speak at libraries around the metro area; most of the talks this season are virtual! Learn more at clubbook.org.

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 March 28th** meeting is "The Sentence" by Louise Erdrich. <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11649319>

AARP Free Tax Assistance with trained volunteers on Mondays through April 15th at the Park Grove Library in Cottage Grove. Registration is required. Call 651-459-2040 to make an appointment.

Tuesday March 12th 2:00-3:00 Learn about Bringing Life to Your Landscape: Planting for Pollinators and Wildlife at the Oakdale library. Registration is recommended: <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11643148>

Washington County Library is offering several small business classes on Tuesdays in March presented by Keer Keer. These classes all meet virtually. Setting Up a Small Business Website will be offered on **Tuesday March 12th** 6:30-7:30. Registration required: <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11545248>.

March 19th eCommerce and Selling Online. <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11550615>

March 26th Make the Most of Google Drive and Docs. <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11550653>

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, March 18th** 10:30-11:30 – Storytime plus a fun craft activity. The theme for March is: Horses

Thursday, March 14th 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.

Special events for Spring Break: **Tuesday, March 26th Batteries, Bulbs, Wires** 3:00-4:00. This workshop is presented by the Bakken Museum. After a lesson on circuits, participants are given a giant pile of batteries, light bulbs, wires, and fun gadgets. The challenge is to build anything and everything from the simplest of circuits to complex creations. Registration is required. Ages 5-12

Wednesday, March 27th River Weavings 11:00-12:30

This special art and nature workshop presented by Artstart centers on the Mississippi River. As the river weaves southward from its source in northern Minnesota, river currents carry bits and pieces from the land. Create river weavings using natural materials, yarns, and other found materials that capture the beauty of this natural resource. Registration is required. Ages 5-12

Thursday, March 28th Spring Break Crafternoon 2:00-4:00

Join us for a fun afternoon of crafting. There will be several crafts to choose from and all supplies are provided. Ages 5-12. No registration required.

Ongoing: Scavenger Hunt –theme: Fruit Salad. 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! March's special craft will be: Paper plate rainbow.

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