



# November



NEWSLETTER

2021

### CITY HALL

#### OFFICE HOURS:

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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### LEVY 2021

Polls will be open on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lakeland City Hall, 690 Quinnell Avenue South.

District taxpayers will be asked to renew an expiring operating levy, as well as consider new funding to help maintain quality learning and invest in technology for kids.



Veterans Day is an official holiday that falls on November 11 to honor military veterans, persons who served our Country through our Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I; major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day, but the holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

To celebrate Veteran's Day and the men and women from the Valley who have served their Country, the Veterans Memorial Advisory Committee (VMAC) invites you to attend a special ceremony on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park located at 1919 Quebec Avenue South.

The Veterans Memorial Advisory Committee (VMAC) is just completing Phase III improvements after months of planning and manual labor. Residents and guests from Afton, Lake St. Croix Beach, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores and St. Mary's Point are all welcome to attend.

This park has been a labor of love for many years and to present Phase III to the public is a special occasion. We invite everyone to stop by to see and enjoy the Phase III improvements!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M.**



The 11th annual **Lower St. Croix Valley Veterans Recognition Dinner** will be held on **Friday, November 12, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**. Again this year will be Curbside Pickup in the St. Francis of Assisi parking lot, 16770 13th Street South. This annual event is hosted by the Yellow Ribbon Alliance of the Lower St. Croix Valley. "Thank you for your service."



### Mayor's Message

With only two months left in 2021, I can't help but feel proud of all that has been accomplished this year. The 2021 Streets Project is fully in progress, the fence at Pettitt Park was repaired with assistance by a 2021 Fields for Kids Grant of \$4,000, parking revenue surpassed that of 2020, City-wide speed limits were approved to 20 mph to improve safety, especially for pedestrians and bicycles, the Levee Toe Stabilization project was completed with assistance from the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization to secure funds and provided technical assistance, a section of trail near Riverfront Park was repaired, a stair/rail unit was completed at the beach, a Climb & Discover Cave was installed at Shoreland Park, among many others.

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 the winter

### CITY ENGINEERING UPDATE

## Lake St. Croix Beach/St. Mary's Point 2021 Street Improvement Project

The floodplain streets are complete without the shoulder restoration; it was agreed with the contractor when they returned that they would go back down to the floodplain streets and continue.

Pipework has begun, i.e. culverts and drainage structure work.

While the crew is in town there will be short term closure of 20th around Queens to replace culverts at the northside of the intersection. They will also lower grade at that intersection to improve safety site lines for vehicles and people using the road. The City has had some water main freezes in this area so have included in the project to excavate down to the water main depth to verify, and if in fact it is less than 8.5' deep, the contractor will install insulation above the water main.

If you have any questions or special access needs within the project area, please contact City Hall and your request will be forwarded to the project team.

John Parotti, PE (Lic. MN, WI)  
Associate, Sr. Professional Engineer  
Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.  
612.284.1530 direct (MN)



## 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 containers from your property up to 12 feet.

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. If you have any questions or concerns regarding snowplowing, please call the City at 651.436.7031.



## Helping Hands

### This is the size the house numbers on your

**home should be.** City Ordinance states that the size of residents house numbers be no smaller than three inches tall. House numbers should be visible from the street and not just on your mailbox. Numbers should not be the same color as your house.

It's extremely important that the fire and police departments are able to see your address from the street in case of an emergency. House numbers can be found at any home improvement center.

There are members of our Community who could use a helping hand at certain times of the year—simple tasks that have become difficult or unmanageable.

If you are a resident who could use some help, please call or email the City with your project request.

If you would like to volunteer to help, we'd like to hear from you also. Call us at City Hall (651.436.7031) or email [lscb@comcast.net](mailto:lscb@comcast.net).

## Trim Your Trees

*The City receives a number of complaints concerning trees and hedges growing over pathways, obstructing street signs, and interfering with sight lines at intersections.*

*Please trim your trees and shrubs back at least 5 feet from the road and 12 feet up. This is especially important at 4-way intersections.*

*Because there are no sidewalks, people walk, run, walk their dogs, and bike on the streets. When there is no clear line of site, it is dangerous to pedestrians.*

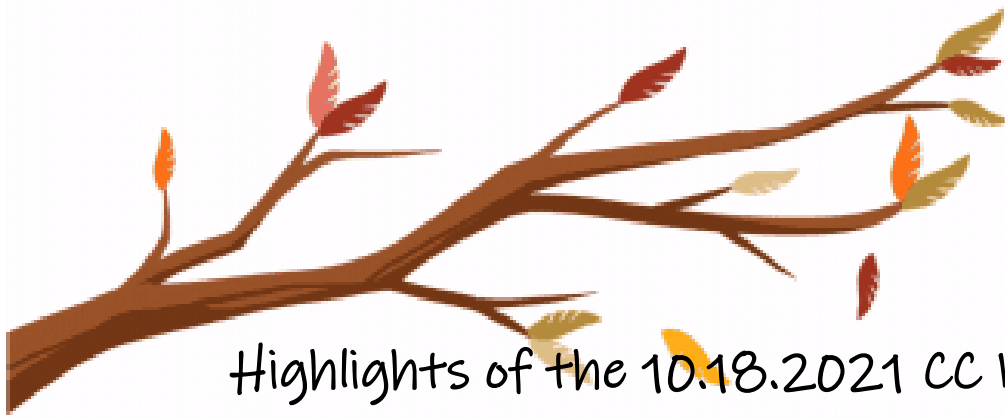
*Property owners are responsible for the care and maintenance of trees, plants, and grass on private property.*



OPERATION - CLEAR VIEW



Trim back 5 feet from the road



## Highlights of the 10.18.2021 CC Meeting

The Council:

Tabled the September 20, 2021 Minutes for revisions and corrections.

Discussed with a resident concerns that public input was not presented for consideration. It is the practice of the City Staff to forward all resident concerns/requests/recommendations that are received at City Hall to the City Council Members prior to the specific meeting. Resident concerns and comments are also included in the monthly Meeting Record and referenced [on file at City Hall].

Approved the first application for payment from Minnesota Paving & Materials for work completed on the 2021 Streets Improvement Project limited to the patching of floodplain streets. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussed a project with WMO [Water Management Organization] that would construct some water quality improvements along Riviera in various locations, some in partnership with residents; WMO staff is advancing that project and the City will be able to weigh in as it progresses.

Discussed invasive species removal. The City Engineer has reached out to Council Member Armstrong who is getting information together; they will work together on a map that would give some points of reference of the bluff and will be presented to Council sometime in the future.

Considered the application and approved the conditional use permit and certificate of compliance on terms consistent with resolution and subject to the conditions outlined for Z's Auto Sales & Repair located at 1980 Quasar.

Approved a Resolution to establish findings of fact and ordering the securing, maintenance, and repair of a substandard building located at 2011 Quant Avenue South no later than November 22, 2021.

Approved and directed the summary publication of accessory apartment Ordinance No. 2021-03 that allows owner occupied single family residential properties to construct a separate accessory apartment within the single-family home.

Discussed the bike trail being overgrown with brush and buckthorn . The Afton-Lakeland Trail is part of the Washington County Trail System and they will be contacted.

Considered the possibility of removing dead/diseased and hazardous trees located near the road pavement. The City Engineer has reviewed and advised trees in the right of way might need to be surveyed and cost could be prohibitive.

Scheduled a budget meeting for Wednesday, October 27, at 9:00 a.m. with both the City Engineer and City Accountant present.

## Highlights of the 10.06.21 Planning Commission

At the request of the City Council at their September 20, 2021 Meeting, it was suggested that the Planning Commission review the dangerous dog designation because of an incident in the City that occurred August 1, 2021. It was the consensus of the Planning Commission certain requirements if a pet is considered potentially dangerous; however, once deemed dangerous, the animal must be removed from the City. It was also suggested to add an insurance policy of \$500,000 liability (State Statute requires \$300,000 minimum).

## Highlights of the 10.12.21 Parks Commission

Beach parking permits and amount to charge was discussed, and consensus changing the regular \$8 fee on Monday through Friday, but increasing to \$10 for Sunday and holidays when extra patrol is necessary. No meetings will be held in November or December 2021. Notices will be sent to remind residents and boaters of the November 2, 2021 date to remove all personal property from the shore of the City's Shoreland Park.



Here is an update on the residential food scraps pick up program that is under development in Ramsey and Washington counties: **WHY:** Over 20% of household trash is food scraps. By separating food scraps, residents can help to get material back into the soil instead of becoming waste. **WHO:** Residents of Ramsey and Washington counties—whether they live in an apartment, condo, or house.

**WHEN: Rollout to begin late 2022 into 2023.** Construction is underway at the Ramsey/Washington

Recycling & Energy Center in Newport to install equipment that will support this program. More details will follow. **HOW:** Food scraps will be picked up from residents' homes using normal trash collection service. To participate, residents will sign up to receive special durable, compostable bags that will be shipped to their homes at no charge. They will use these bags to collect food scraps. Once a

bag is full, they'll put out in their regular trash can. Trash will be collected as usual. The bags will be sorted from the trash collection so that they can be composted. This new collection program is part of a larger system for managing food scraps.

## ANNUAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECHARGING / RECERTIFICATION

### *Commercial and Residential*

According to State Fire Code, all commercial businesses need to have their fire extinguisher re-certified annually. The fire department has arranged for this service at the LSCV Fire Station. Homeowner's are also welcome.

**WHAT:** Annual Fire Extinguisher Recharging

**WHERE:** Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department

**WHEN:** November 16, 2021, 9 to noon



PARKS REMINDERS

All boat permit holders: your boats, moorings, and docks must be removed no later than November 2.

Personal Property at Shoreland Park must be removed from the shore of the City's Shoreland Park by November 2. this includes BOATS, RAMPS, CHAIRS, TABLES, RAFTS, AND ANYTHING ELSE.

There will be no Park Board meetings in the months of November & December.

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

- |              |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 1790 Ramada  | Reroof                           |
| 1528 Racine  | Reroof/Reside                    |
| 1745 Racine  | Add on to Existing Roof          |
| 1265 Quinlan | Add Roof over Deck & Screen Deck |



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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

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