



2023

NEWSLETTER

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK



VETERAN'S MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 1:00 pm.

All are invited to attend. Donations can be made to the Lower St. Croix Valley Veterans Memorial (LSCVVM). 100% of your donation is tax deductible; the Memorial is a 501(c)3 organization and completely funded through donations.

To purchase a brick for yourself, friend, or loved one who lives or lived in the Valley, donations are accepted. Send a check to LSCVVM, 16455 20th St. S. Lake St. Croix Beach MN 55043. We need a name, branch of service, and dates of the years served. Suggested donation for a brick is \$25. If you requested a brick after June 1st, 2023 please call City Hall to confirm that we have your information on file.

VETERANS RECOGNITION DINNER ~ FRIDAY Nov. 10th 5 to 6:30 pm. FREE sit down Dinner for Lower St. Croix Valley Veterans, Service Members and their families at The Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Lake St. Croix Beach. Flyer posted in City Hall.

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HOLIDAY HOURS

City Hall will be closed on
November 23rd and 24th for
the Thanksgiving Holiday.



CITY HALL HOURS:

Mon. Tues. Thurs. 9:30 am
to 1:30 pm. Closed Wed. and Fri.

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EMERGENCY
911



Mayor's Message

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.

Snow Removal & Garbage/Recycling Containers

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.

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.

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 16th, 2023, 9 to noon

As always ~ stay safe!

~ Mayor Tom

City of Lake St. Croix Beach City Council Meeting October 16th, 2023 6:00 PM

Unapproved Minutes

The City of Lake St. Croix Beach City Council met in regular session on Monday October 18th, at 6:00 pm. Said meeting was held in council chambers and via teleconference call, in said City.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 pm ~ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE AGENDA for the City Council Meeting of October 16, 2023 ~ **Mayor McCarthy motioned to approve Agenda; Council Member Armstrong seconded. All voted Aye, carried 5/0.**

APPROVE MINUTES from the City Council meeting of July 17, 2023 ~ **Mayor McCarthy motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Bluesky seconded. All voted Aye, carried 5/0.**

APPROVE MINUTES from the City Council meeting of September 18, 2023 ~ **Mayor McCarthy motioned to approve the minutes with 1 correction; Council Member Reiter seconded. All voted Aye, carried 5/0.**

PUBLIC INPUT ~ Residents Dawn Bulera, Kaitlin and Axel Johnson, Jeannie Paulson and Bonnie Markam all expressed concerns about the sober house at 1589 Racine Ave.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS – Council Member Armstrong

A. Law Enforcement – 26 incidents and 6 citations

B. Emergency Response and Fire – 48 runs in September

1. Kevin Johnson – LSCVFDRA ~ Kevin presented Resolution 2023-09. To bring the General Membership Benefit Level up to \$4,975 per year of service, effective August 29, 2023. **Council Member Reiter motioned to approve Resolution II votes Aye, carried 5/0.**

C. Animal Control – 0

CITY STAFF REPORTS

A. City Accountant Report; **1. State of Operations August, 2023, 2. Claims to be Approved – October 16, 2023. Council Member Reiter motioned to approve bills, payments and claims as follows: Checks: 19892-19894, 19877-19880, 19901-19920 and EFT/DD: 231001-231030. Total amount of \$165,834.98. Council Member Schneider seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 5/0.**

B. City Engineer John Parotti – Presented updates on the city projects and 2024 street projects.

~ Discussion was held regarding maintenance on the bike trails and Parotti recommended that we notify the County and the Fire Department if we decide to do burns.

C. City Attorney Christina Benson – Codification Committee is working on updates. Should be ready for the January 2024 Council meeting. Some discussion was held regarding the Administrative Fine process. **Council Member Schneider made a motion to change the Administrative Fine process to appeal before the City Council. Council Member Reiter seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 5/0.** The Tree Ordinance needs to be updated to include general diseases rather than just Dutch Elm disease. **Council Member Reiter made a motion to change the wording to “general diseases and infestation”, Council Member Bluesky seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 5/0.**

D. Administration Dave Engstrom – a motion from the Parks Commission to allocate \$10-\$12K of excess parking funds to purchase a used pickup truck to be used by the city. Council member Bluesky suggested that this be discussed at the next budget meeting. Council member Schneider agreed.

E. Building Permit Activity – report was submitted

NEW BUSINESS – None. **OLD BUSINESS** – None

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS—Mayor McCarthy – no comments

Council Member Armstrong – commented on making the access to Vimeo videos more easily accessible on the city website

Council Member Bluesky – Thank you to the Codification Committee for all their work

Council Member Reiter – commented on putting a link to Vimeo videos in the agenda and on the city website

Council Member Schneider –commented that if the city buys a truck, it could be used to save some dollars with cleanup projects in town rather than paying outside contractors.

ADJOURN – **Mayor McCarthy motioned to adjourn. Council Member Armstrong seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 5/0. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm.**

Building

Permits

City Building

Inspector is:

**Duane (Dewey)
Stensland**

651-505-9985

Are you doing a bit of Renovation?

Restoration?

Reconstruction to your home?

Before you begin ANY PROJECT, call the City Office to determine whether a permit will be required.

Doing work without a permit is a risky undertaking and the building inspector could 'red tag' your project which puts an immediate halt to your renovation.

Not only that, but now the permit will cost you double what it would have had you just gotten a permit in the first place.

Call City Hall with questions
651.436.7031.

VALLEY LIBRARY EVENTS for NOVEMBER

The Library will be closed FOUR days in November: **Friday November 10th** (Veterans Day observed) and **Saturday November 11th** (Veterans Day) **Thursday November 23rd** (Thanksgiving Day) and **Friday November 24th** (Day after Thanksgiving)

Washington County Library goes to the Movies! Reel Talk Movie Series:
Saturday November 4th 2:00-4:30pm ~ Where the Crawdads Sing at the Oakdale Branch
Sunday November 5th 2:00-4:00pm ~ Indian Horse at the RH Stafford Woodbury Branch

For Adults: **Thursday November 9th** 2:00-4:00pm Do you want to trace your ancestors? We are offering an introduction to internet genealogy class, featuring Ancestry Library Edition. The class at Valley Library will demonstrate popular online genealogy resources and offer tips and tricks to get the most out of your internet research. **Registration is required.** <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11079230>

Saturday November 18th 2:00-4:00pm at RH Stafford Woodbury Branch – Sifting through the Cookbooks for our Female Ancestors – Learn how to use recipes, cookbooks and experiences when researching family history. **Registration is required.**
<https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11042180>

Please note the date change for November: 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 Teams link can be provided for those who wish to join virtually. The title selection for the **Thursday November 30th** meeting is “The Magic Kingdom” by Russell Banks. Find more information at <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/11365180>

For Kids: Every Monday 10:30-11:00 am Storytime. Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays for Storytime at Valley Library. This storytime is for children of all ages and their caregivers. *Super Storytime* on **Monday November 13th** 10:30-11:30 – Storytime plus a fun craft activity. The theme for November is: *Dinovember*.

Saturday, November 4th 11:30 a.m. *Bruce the Bug Guy* ~ Entomologist Dr. Bruce Giebink, also known as Bruce the Bug Guy, will present a lively, hands-on program about insects and other related arthropods. Live critters and other fun props give the audience a unique opportunity to experience these fascinating creatures in a close-up and interactive manner.

Thursday, November 16th *While Supplies Last*
Take and Make: Minnesota Animals and Their Habitats. Spend time focusing on fine motor skills and learning about four animals that make Minnesota their home. Each kit will include instructions, information on four Minnesota animals (including their habitats), air-dry clay, and recommended booklists. This is a take and make event, all materials will be ready for you to pick-up on Thursday, November 16 during open hours. Materials are available first-come, first-served.

Thursday, November 16th 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.
Ongoing: Scavenger Hunt – November theme: Native Animals. Find 10 images throughout the library and win a prize.

Park Board Notices

Swim buoys have been removed from the River, and the boating season is winding down. To all boat permit holders, your boats, moorings, and docks must be removed no later than **November 2, 2020.**

Personal Property at Shoreland Park

Just a reminder to all residents that you need to remove all personal property from the shore of the City’s Shoreland Park by **November 2, 2022.** This includes BOATS, RAMPS, CHAIRS, TABLES, RAFTS, and ANYTHING ELSE. Any personal property still at Shoreland Park after November 2nd will be discarded by the City. Clean up fees may apply.

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