



# November

2024

### 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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General Election is  
November 5th, 2024.



### *Veterans Recognition Dinner*

Friday, November 8, 2024

5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi

Lake Saint Croix Beach

### VETERAN'S MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1:00 pm.

All are invited to attend. The Veterans Group just constructed and erected a new sign at the entrance to the Park. Come out and take a look.



### See inside for:

- news on grant monies approved for the city.....
- updated information on PFAS....

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ANY

BUILDING PROJECT

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Office (651.436.7031)  
to determine whether a  
permit will be required.

## Federal and State Grant Income Opportunities

As discussed at City Council meetings throughout the year, city staff have been working with various State and County Agencies to secure funds to cover the costs of various disasters and projects in the city. Some of these funds are not available until completion of the project so you may wonder why the Flood of 2023 and the Ice Storm of April 2023 funds are only now being received. Final work on these two projects was completed earlier this year and the wheels of government turn slowly!!

During the past couple of months the city was approved to receive **FEMA** grant monies for the following:

Flood 2023—FEMA reimburses 75% of costs; City 25%

Total **\$50,691.44**

Storm 2023— FEMA reimburses 75% of costs; City 25%

Total **\$47,989.68**

Purchase and demolition of 19th St cabin— This property now belongs to the city and will be used primarily as a pumping station during flood events. FEMA reimburses 75% of costs; City 25%

Total **\$97,901.78**

Additionally, **Washington County** has approved grant monies for the following:

Water Management Organization (WMO) - grant to install native plantings at the top of the bluff at the south end of Riviera and at the north end of the Riviera Ave Levee.

Total **\$5,000.00**

Recycle Grant, Washington County- City received funds for projects completed within the grant provisions. This grant will be applied for again in 2025.

Total **\$3,432.00**

Total of all grant monies expected before year end—**\$205,014.90.**

**We encourage you to attend the monthly meetings or watch the videos that are posted on the city website to keep yourself informed.**

**Your City Council and City Staff are working for you!!**

**WINTER PARKING & SNOW REMOVAL**

Many of the streets in LSCB are narrow and have to be kept clear of parked vehicles and other obstructions at all times, but especially during snowfall events.

The city contracts with Tri-County Services to provide snow removal throughout the city to provide clear and safe access to everyone. In order for them to do an effective and thorough job, cars cannot be parked on the street after a snowfall event and garbage cans should be moved back from the street. (Remember, garbage trucks have a 12' reach when picking up cans so keep them off the street!) Within 48 hours (or sooner) of a snowfall of two inches or more, the snowplows start plowing the main streets of LSCB. Secondary streets follow soon after.

**Personal Property at Shoreland Park:**

A reminder to all residents that you need to remove all personal property from the shore of the city's Shoreland Park by November 4. This includes BOATS, RAMPS, CHAIRS, TABLES, RAFTS and ANYTHING ELSE. Any personal property still at Shoreland Park after November 4, will be discarded by the City. Clean up fees may apply.



Fire Department  
**Annual Pancake Breakfast  
 with Santa**  
 Sunday, December 1, 2024  
 8:00am —noon  
 Free will offering and food drive

**Annual Fire Extinguisher Recharging**  
 At Lower St. Croix Valley Fire department  
 Tuesday, December 3, 9:00am—noon  
 Commercial and Residential Invited  
 Service provided by  
 Bill Becker Fire & Safety  
 Cost varies and paid directly to vendor.

City Hall has received complaints about dog poop around the city, especially on the Riviera Ave Levee. Help keep our city clean by picking up after your dogs!!

The **Veteran's Memorial Park** is funded through donations that 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. Additionally, if you wish to purchase a brick for yourself, friend, or loved one who lives or lived in the Valley, a suggested donation for a brick is \$25 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.

PFAS As a follow up to last months article on PFAS, here is Well testing information:

As a private well owner, you are responsible for regularly testing your well water. Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends that you test water from a faucet that you use for cooking and drinking. If you treat your water, test the water after it goes through treatment.

Both natural sources and human activities can contaminate well water and cause short-term or long-term health effects. Testing your well water is the only way to detect most of the common contaminants in Minnesota groundwater; you cannot taste, see, or smell most contaminants. You may also want to test for other contaminants if you have other water quality concerns or live in an area of known groundwater contamination. Learn more about private well water quality topics at Water Quality and Testing ([www.health.state.mn.us/wellwater](http://www.health.state.mn.us/wellwater)).

## Drop-off Your Pumpkins for Composting

Don't trash your pumpkins after Halloween! Instead, bring them to a drop-off site in Washington County. Drop-off sites will be open to residents through November 12. Pumpkins must be free of glitter, paint, wax, and candles.

### Drop-off Sites: October 28 - November 12

- Afton City Hall 3033 Saint Croix Trl. *Open 24/7.*  
*Southeast corner of parking lot.*
- South Environmental Center 4039 Cottage Grove Dr., Woodbury  
*Drop off during [open hours only](#). Place in food scraps drop-off dumpster.*
- Some waste haulers may pick up pumpkins. Contact your hauler for details.



### Valley Library Events and Important Dates

The Library will be closed **Monday, November 11th** for Veterans Day and **Thursday 11/28 and Friday 11/29** for Thanksgiving.

**Did you know** that the Washington County Libraries has designated Valley Library as a pilot for our new Extended Access program? This pilot program will grant a limited number of Washington County Library card holders access to the Valley Library 7 days a week from 6:00am to 10:00pm. You can learn more about the Extended Access pilot program, including how to apply to participate, at <https://www.washcolib.org/551/Extended-Access>

For Adults:

The Valley Library Book Club meets **5:00-6:00pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month**. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE TO ACCOMMODATE FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**. The title selection for the **Thursday December 5th** meeting is *"Under the Wide and Starry Sky"* by Nancy Horan. Copies are available to borrow at the Valley branch. This book club meets in person in the Valley Library Conference Room.

For Kids:

**Saturday, November 9th and Saturday, November 30 11:00-1:00** Kid Builders

Come to the Library and see what you can build with your creative ideas & engineering skills! Drop in anytime between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to build with LEGO, Magna-Tiles, and more. No registration required Ages 3+

**Thursday, November 14 3:45-4:45 pm** Fall Crafts

Bring the whole family and join us for a fun hour of crafting. We will be making fall-themed crafts.

**Thursday, November 14 6:00 pm** – Pajama Storytime. Come in your pajamas and bring your favorite blanket/ stuffie for stories, songs and movement to support literacy development and learning in young children.

**Monday, November 18 10:30-11:00** Music and Movement Storytime

**November 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>** Monthly STEM Challenge

Stop by Valley Library during the week of November 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> and try our monthly STEM challenge. All supplies are provided. Ages 5+

**Ongoing:** Scavenger Hunt – November Theme: Under the Sea! Find images throughout the library and win a prize.

You can learn more about all these events and more at Valley Library at <https://washcolib.libcal.com/calendar/events>

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