



2023

SEPTEMBER

NEWSLETTER

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Mayor's Message

Recently the LSCV Fire Dept held a dive drill on the south end of Lake St. Croix Beach. If you were unaware of this happening, you have an opportunity to register for the Washington County CODERED message system. The County and the City of Lake St. Croix Beach both use this emergency broadcast system.

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET, SIGN UP FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY CODERED FOR SAFETY

In an emergency, such as an evacuation, Washington County has the ability to reach a large number of residents in a very short time by using CodeRED.

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Also, you can download the free CodeRED Mobile Alert app today to stay informed on your mobile device.

You can sign up for CodeRED here:

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/...>

For more information, visit the Sheriff's Office website here:

<https://www.co.washington.mn.us/2882/Cod...>

Once again, it's time for City Beach Clean-up day! Join your neighbors as we clean debris that has washed up from the river over the summer. **Wednesday September 13th at 5:00 pm.** Rain date will be the following *Wednesday, September 20th.*

Make your way to the stairs nearest to your home and come on down!

Bring gloves and a rake and enjoy socializing around the bonfires that will be set up at various spots along the beach. All are welcome and encouraged to participate as we work to be good stewards of our Park and Riverway.

More details will be available at City Hall as we get closer to the date.

As always, stay safe!

~ Mayor Tom

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2023 Fall Flood Run



September 16, 2023

Beach Bar,
2030 St. Croix Trail S
Lake St. Croix Beach, MN

For Information see <https://www.flood-run.com/>



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CITY BEACH CLEAN-UP DAY

WEDNESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER 3:00pm—6:00pm

(alternate date for rain delay - Wednesday, 20th September)

Once again, it's time for City Beach Clean-up day! Join your neighbors as we clean debris that has washed up from the river over the summer.

Make your way to the steps closest to where you live to start picking up debris on the steps and on the beach. Bring gloves and a rake and enjoy socializing around the bonfires that will be set up at various spots along the beach.

All are welcome and encouraged to participate as we work to be good stewards of our Park and Riverway.

City of Lake St. Croix Beach City Council Meeting August 21st, 2023 6:00 PM

Unapproved Minutes

The City of Lake St. Croix Beach City Council met in regular session on Monday August 21st, at 6:00 pm. Said meeting was held in council chambers and via teleconference call, in said City. (Video of the meeting can be viewed on the city website).

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor McCarthy, Council Member Bluesky, Council Member Reiter, Council Member Schneider

Absent: Council Member Armstrong, Administrator Dave Engstrom

Also present were City Attorney Christina Benson, City Engineer John Parotti and Accountant Kim Guyer

Others Present: (not on Agenda) Residents Dawn Bulera and Mary Ashby. City Clerk/Treasurer Carol Billig.

APPROVE AGENDA for the City Council Meeting of August 21st, 2023 ~ **Council Member Bluesky motioned to approve Agenda, table 2 items for discussion under Old Business; Council Member Reiter seconded. All voted Aye, carried 4/0, 1 absent.**

APPROVE MINUTES from the City Council meeting of July 17, 2023 ~ **Council Member Reiter motioned to table the minutes for the City Council Meeting of July 17, 2023 to allow time to make corrections. Council Member Bluesky seconded. All voted Aye, carried 4/0, 1 absent.**

PUBLIC INPUT ~ Resident Dawn Bulera commented that she had some concerns regarding an incident on the beach involving an adult male that happened a couple of months ago. Bulera asked the City Council to consider adding more security to the public beach when setting the 2024 budget. Also, dollars for more rain gardens and to take care of the bluff.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS – Council Member Bluesky

A. Law Enforcement – 44 Calls and 18 citations

B. Emergency Response and Fire – 52 runs

C. Animal Control – 1 dog impounded - \$126.86 (\$196.86 total) Owner pays fees.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

City Accountant Report; **1. State of Operations June, 2023, 2. Claims to be Approved – July 17, 2023. Council Member Reiter motioned to approve bills, payments and claims as follows: Checks: 19822-19848, 19885-19891 and EFT/DD: 230801-230830. Total amount of \$91,017.93. Mayor McCarthy seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 4/0, 1 absent.**

Mayor McCarthy called a temporary recess to get copies of Audit proposal. Meeting called back to order at 6:55 pm.

Audit Proposal – Audit would take place in May and be complete by June 30th. **Council Member Bluesky made motion to approve the proposal for the new auditor as presented. Council Member Reiter seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 4/0, 1 absent.**

A budget workshop meeting was set for September 14th at 3:00 pm, no more than 2 hours. Special meeting notice to be posted.

City Engineer Parotti – Presented updates on the street projects as follows:

~ Micro Surfacing project is complete. The crack sealing project has been put off due to the heat.

~ Regarding the Reclamite Maltene based Rejuvenating agent being applied to selected pavement, project is underway and will wrap up quickly.

~ The 2022 Bluff Toe Stabilization Project is complete and has been inspected. Application for payment has been submitted in the amount of \$82,614.00. Also noted that 75% of this cost will be covered by a partnership with MSCWMO once payment has been made.

~ Mr. Parotti presented the CIP Estimates for 2024 Budget Discussions, total amount to be included in budget is \$71,162.

Council Member Reiter made motion to issue the payment in the amount of \$82,614.00, based on the condition that the Contractor submit the close out documentation. Mayor McCarthy seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 4/0, 1 absent.

C. City Attorney Christina Benson – Discussion was held regarding the new Cannabis laws going into effect on August 1st. After much discussion, **Council Member Reiter made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-08, (with amended wording changing public places to beaches and parks) Amendment to include use of tobacco products. Council Member Schneider seconded. All voted, Carried 4/0, 1 absent.**

Council Member Reiter made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06, (with amended wording changing public places to beaches and parks) Amendment to include use of tobacco products. Council Member Schneider seconded. Mayor McCarthy, Council Member Reiter, Council Member Schneider voted Aye. Bluesky voted nay; Armstrong absent. Carried 3/1.

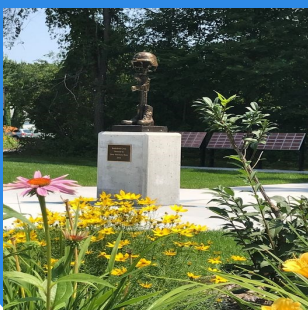
Veteran's Memorial

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.

Donations are accepted to purchase a brick for yourself, a friend, or loved one who lives or lived in the Valley, anyone who has served in the military. We need a name, branch of service, and years served.

Send a check to LSCVVM, 16455 20th St. S. Lake St. Croix Beach MN 55043. Suggested donation for a brick is \$25.

If you have any questions, reach out to Richard Thron at 612-850-0382 or Terry Hirte at 651-470-6349.



City Council Meeting August 21, 2023, minutes continued...

- D. Administration-Engstrom – Absent
- E. Building Permit Activity – report was submitted

NEW BUSINESS - None, OLD BUSINESS – None

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Council Member Armstrong – absent

Council Member Bluesky – nothing to report this month

Council Member Reiter – brought up incident at the beach when an adult male *moved his chair close to them* and took video with his phone.

Council Member Schneider –Thank you, Mary Ashby, for helping with door prizes. Thanks to all that helped with Heritage Days.

Mayor McCarthy – nothing to report this month

ADJOURN – Mayor McCarthy motioned to adjourn. Council Member Schneider seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 4/0. 1 Absent. Meeting Adjourned.

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.

VALLEY LIBRARY SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Did you know September is LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH? Stop by or go online to get a free Washington County Library card. WCL has several fun designs to choose from.

Join the Washington County Library at the Movies! **Reel Talk Movie Series:** Jerry & Marge Go Large on Sunday September 24 2:00-4:00pm at the RH Stafford Woodbury Branch. **Dungeons & Dragons:** Honor Among Thieves on Saturday September 9 2:00-4:30pm at the Oakdale Branch.

For Everyone: **Book Bingo** on Tuesday, September 12th from 4:30-6:00. Join us at Valley Library for a fun, family-friendly event for all ages. No registration needed. All are welcome.

For Adults: **The World is Local:** Japanese Folk-Art Traditions Saturday September 23 11:00am-12:30pm. Get ready for a travel adventure to Japan, led by artist Linda Hashimoto and Art Start! You will learn how to make origami, create your own Japanese lantern, dress in a kimono or obi, and perform several Japanese dances. Registration required. <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10801516>

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 September 28th meeting is "Parable of the Sower" by Octavia Butler. Find more information at <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/10089068>

For Kids: Every Monday 10:30-11:00 am. **Storytime**, each week we'll read stories and sing songs that focus on strengthening early literacy skills. This storytime is for children of all ages and their caregivers.

Super Storytime on September 18th 10:30-11:30 – Storytime plus a fun craft activity. The theme for September is: Now I Know My ABC's.

Thursday, September 21st 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** – September theme: Big Trucks. Find 10 images throughout the library and win a prize.

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