



April, 2019

NEWSLETTER

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. Tues. Thurs.
9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Wed. and Fri.
Closed, but resi-
dents can call for
an appointment.

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Washington County Flood Update

The Lake St. Croix Beach City Council declared a state of emergency on March 14, in preparation of the St. Croix River flooding this spring.

According to models prepared by the National Weather Service's Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service on March 4, there is a 99.5 percent chance that the river will hit minor flood stage, a 94 percent chance that the river will hit moderate flood stage and a 89 percent chance that the river will hit a major flood stage.

To give some historical context to the flood stages, the weather service includes historic flood crests with its reports. Major flood stages is reached when the river is at 89 feet. The highest recorded flood crest was in 1965 at 94.1 feet. The second highest recorded flood crest was 92.3 feet in 2001. In 2014, the river crested at 87.63 feet for the eighth highest recorded crest. With the current flood models, there is a 99.5 percent chance that the river will reach that crest this spring.

These predictions are based off of conditional simulations, according to the National Weather Service, and are based off of current conditions. These conditions can change quickly based on changes in the amount of precipitation

that area receives - more rain or snow or high temperatures that cause quick snow melting can cause flooding probabilities to change.

The National Weather Service publishes new flood stage predictions every two weeks until the ice breaks from the river, and publishes a daily update when the river clears.

~ Alicia Lebens
Stillwater Gazette

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**BY ORDER OF THE
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE
CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH**



Mayor's message



Mayor McCarthy

*“Plan ahead.
It wasn't
raining when
Noah
built the arc.”*

~ Unknown

April Showers bring ... April flooding. The City is actively dealing with the fallout of all the snow we've gotten this winter. Because of the recent water level predictions for this spring, there is a definite chance of inland flooding. I along with the City Council and city staff are taking a proactive approach to prepare for this flood in order to lessen the impact on residents as much as we can.

The flooding would most likely occur as a result of seepage. As the river rises, low spots in the city begin to fill with water. The lowest spot in the city is immediately south of the city garage on Redwing and 20th Street. That area's elevation is 679.5, and that is just one example of why it takes only a 4 ½ foot rise in the river

to result in flooding in the city.

If we find ourselves in the middle of a major flood this spring, I along with the City Council and city staff will be available if you have any questions. We have already started to gather flood volunteers for many different jobs, but we would greatly appreciate more help. If you are willing to be a flood volunteer, please contact City Hall to sign up.

April also marks the beginning of Severe Weather Awareness. The warning sirens will now be tested on the first Wednesday of each month moving forward. April 18th the sirens will activate between 1:45 -2:00pm and again between 6:55-7:10pm. This is only a test!

April will also bring the annual Motorcycle Flood Run on Saturday, April 20th. This ride, starting at the Beach Bar, is the 54th anniversary of the Flood Run named in 1965 during the flood where motorcycle enthusiasts rode to Winona, Minnesota to sandbag. How appropriate considering the flooding this year all over the valley.

The Flood Run raises money for the Gillette Children's Hospital. You do not have to be a biker to participate in this good cause. All are invited to take part in this benefit at the Beach Bar.

~Mayor Tom

Road restrictions are in place

Signs at the city entrances let residents know the weight restrictions.



All cities across Minnesota face road restrictions this time of the year and for LSCB residents that means trucks weighing no more than 5 tons per axel may drive on our city roads. These weight restrictions are not-

ed at the entrances to the city.

Weight restrictions typically last for eight weeks, unless extraordinary conditions require extending them.

During spring weight restrictions, Washington County does not issue

permits for overweight transport, except in cases of a serious public health emergency. This does not include city or township roads.

If you need additional information please call Washington County Public Works at 651-430-4300.

Drop it off at the Environmental Center



Safe, easy and year-round disposal for household hazardous materials, electronics and recyclables at the Washington County Environmental Center.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Home Improvement - Paints, stains, varnish, preservatives, paint remover and thinner.

Yard and Garden - Insect, roach, and ant killer, fertilizers, pesticides and weed killer.

Household Items - Household cleaner, aerosol cans, fluorescent bulbs, mercury

All items listed are accepted free-of-charge.

thermometers and thermostats.

ELECTRONICS

TVs, DVD and VCR players, items with rechargeable batteries, microwave ovens, phones, cell phones, fax machines, computers, monitors and accessories.

HOUSEHOLD SHARPS

Place in a sturdy container, like a detergent bottle, with the cap screwed on and label container: "HOUSEHOLD SHARPS."

ORGANICS

Place in a compostable bag. Free compostable bags are available to residents. Ask

attendant for details.

Food - Fruit and vegetables, meat, fish and bones, dairy, eggs, and shells.

Non-recyclable paper - paper towels, napkins, tissues and pizza delivery boxes.

Certified compostable products - Look for the BPI or Cedar Grove logos.

PLASTIC BAGS AND WRAP - Must be clean and dry. Please separate from other recyclables. Plastic bags, plastic wrap packaging and any packaging with a How2Recycle label.

OTHER ITEMS - Please separate from other recyclables. Holiday lights, extension cords, plastic campaign or real estate lawn signs and metal posts. Scrap metal: small household items like pots and pans, tomato cages, fence posts and tools.

Location: 4039 Cottage Grove Dr., Woodbury, MN 55129, 651-275-7475

Hours: Tues. 11-7
Thurs. 8-4:30
Fri. 8-4:30
Sat. 8-2

Closed on major holidays.

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."

~Robert Swan

Beach parking passes available

Residents of Lake St. Croix Beach only can purchase parking passes for 2019 at City Hall.

The cost is \$10 for the whole season. If you are 65 years or older, you can get a beach parking

pass for free. Simply stop at City Hall and staff will set you up with your pass.

We ask that you bring your drivers license and have the number of your license plate.



Sailboat permits available



Put your sailboat on a mooring this season.

The city has several open sailboat permits available for residents.

New permits are issued in order of completed appli-

cation and supporting documents.

They are approved by the City Council.

Contact City Hall for more information.

In the event all open permits are issued, a sailboat wait list will be established.

A license not only keeps your pet safe, it's the law!

Licensing is one of the most important things you can do to keep your pet safe. Unfortunately, it is also one of the most overlooked ordinances by city residents. Please know that all cats and dogs over 4 months of age are required to be licensed, display a city issued collar tag, and have a valid rabies vaccination. Lifetime license fees are \$10 for spayed/neutered pets. As a reminder, pet owners must pick up their pets waste while they are out and about. Thanks for being a responsible pet owner!

Ballpark banners at Pettitt Park

LSCB invites business owners to be Ballfield Banner supporters. The decision to have a sign advertising your business along the outfield fence will have a positive impact on the Lower St. Croix Valley Community. The St. Croix Valley Athletic Association has reserved the field for use most nights during the months of April through July.

Please feel free to contact Lake St. Croix Beach City Hall with questions about how the program works.

Become a Newsletter Sponsor and place a business card sized ad here!

Contact LSCB City Hall at 651-436-7031

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Adopt-a-drain

If you have a storm drain on or near your property the City of Lake St. Croix Beach is asking that you Adopt-A-Drain to care for.

It is so important to keep these drains clear of debris so they can do their jobs. This hasn't been any more important than it is right now. Melting snow and ice need a place to go. If the drains are blocked the water has no where to go.

For the sake of clean water in the future, Adopt-A-Drain seeks to build a community of well-informed citizens taking action to protect Minnesota's chief environmental and economic resource - local lakes and streams and this includes the St. Croix River.

Call the city to Adopt-A-Drain near you 651-436-7031.



Bluegrass Night

Saturday April 27, 2019
7-9 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Church
Berg Hall

Featuring
Backyard Ramblers

\$10.00 Cover
Popcorn
JoMamma salsa & chips
Beer & wine for sale

All proceeds benefit our
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