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Paper, Bottles, Cans, Plastic...recycle them all, it's fantastic!

There has been a significant amount of press coverage this year regarding China's tariffs and their implications on the recycling markets.

Rest assured that Minnesota has strong local markets and 90 percent of our materials are being sent to manufacturers within the state.

The Chinese block on accepting plastic affects the west and east coast the most because those areas don't share the same access to strong domestic markets like we do in the Midwest.

Recycling markets (like most commodity markets) fluctuate and depend on domestic and global economies.

The biggest problem for Minnesotan's is that contamination is playing a large role in a

hauler's ability to market and sell products in the global market.

Only plastics with the number 1, 2, or 5 are recyclable. All other plastics are not.

Once separated, our recyclables are not going to landfills or waste to energy facilities. They are brought to material recovery facilities for further processing and to local end markets such as WestRock in St. Paul, Liberty Paper in Becker, and Anchor Glass in Shakopee.

For Washington County, the more that goes to recycling the less county environmental charge and solid waste management tax will be paid by the individual resident and business.

Recycling is good. Recycling works. Keep recycling!

Recycling at Home

Empty and rinse all containers

Glass
Bottles & Jars



Metal
Food & Beverage Cans



Plastic
Bottles & Containers



Cartons



Paper & Cardboard



When in doubt, keep it out. Putting these items in your recycling cart does more harm than good.

NO!

Do Not Bag
Recyclables

No Plastic
Bags or Wrap

No Tangles
(No hoses, wires,
or string lights)

No Shredded
Paper

Recycling organically



Get your free organics starter kit at the Washington County Environmental Center

Do you know that organics recycling is now available at the Washington County Environmental Center?

The county will provide residents with an organics two gallon kitchen pail along with 10 compostable bags. When those bags get dropped off at the environmental center residents are pro-

vided with new bags at no charge.

What goes into the kitchen pail? Fruits and vegetables, meat, fish and bones, dairy products, eggs and eggshells, bread, pasta, beans and rice, nuts and shells, coffee grounds, filters and tea bags. Additionally, paper towels, napkins and tissues, and pizza delivery boxes. Certified com-

postable products like, cups plates, bowls, utensils and containers are also organic recyclables. Look for the BPI or Cedar Grove logos to ensure it is compostable.

Residents who subscribe to the county's email notification system receive a free organics starter kit.

“When you refuse to reuse it’s our Earth you abuse.”



The Hummingbirds have arrived!

~Photo by Dawn Peterson

Compost bins and rain barrels for sale

Lake St. Croix Beach residents can get their own outdoor compost bin and rain barrel at a reduced cost.

Compost bins cost \$44 (originally \$64)

Rain barrel \$59 (originally \$79).

Residents can order these online and pick them up at the Washington County Environmental Center during open hours.

Located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury, 651-275-7475

Center Hours:

Tuesdays: 11 am - 7 pm

Thursdays: 8 am - 4:30 pm

Fridays; 8 am - 4:30 pm

Saturdays: 8 am - 2 pm

The center is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day and other major holidays.

Go online to:

Www.co.washington.mn.us/2813/Backyard-Composting



Beach parking passes

Residents can pick up beach parking passes for the 2019 beach season at City Hall.

The cost is \$10 for the whole season. If you are

65 years old or older, you can get a beach parking pass for free. Simply stop at City Hall and city staff will set you up with a pass for the

summer.

Just bring your drivers license with you and have the number of your license plate too.

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 Jane Smith, XXX-123
 Dave Engstrom
 City Clerk-Administrator

Mayor's message



Mayor Tom McCarthy

Summer has arrived and will officially be here on June 21, the Summer Solstice, our longest day of the year.

The river is slowly receding. The City will announce a shoreland cleanup when the time is ready and our beaches are showing.

The good news is that our Swimming Beach is officially open and the swimming buoys are in place.

The Beach Pavilion at Riverfront Park is ready for use. This is a great location and facility for your summer gathering with the playground, beach, restrooms, grills and tables available. Reservations can be made through City Hall to use the pavilion for your event.

The new playground equipment will be going in at Riverfront Park on June 24, according to its distributor GameTime.

Flag Day is June 14, the day Americans celebrate and show respect to our flag, so raise your flag on Flag Day and show that American Spirit!

Fathers don't typically ask for directions and they don't usually shed tears, but they sure do like to get a hug. Father's Day is Sunday June 16, and it's a perfect day to honor your father with that hug, phone call or visit.

Remember that school is out soon so slow down and watch for our kids and keep them safe.

*"I decided in my life I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life."
~Sidney Poitier*

Recreational fires - FYI

A recreational fire is permitted without a burn permit. The fire should be no larger than 3 feet across and 3 feet high and logs must be 3 inches in diameter or larger. A fire must be constantly attended to until the fire is completely extinguished and must not be left smoldering. It's imperative to have a connected garden hose or other means of extinguishing the fire quickly.

Since smoldering recreational fires can be considered a public nuisance, care and consideration should be taken when placing

your recreational fire in a position that may offend your neighbors.

The burning of leaves, grass, carpet, sofas, manure, mattresses, chairs, tables, paper, cardboard and other household furniture or garden debris is NEVER PERMITTED!

Unfortunately, the fire department has responded to these kinds of unauthorized fires in the past year.

Burning for disposal is limited to brush WITH A PERMIT ONLY. Other options for disposal of brush and tree trimmings are anytime from May to September, include

dropping them off at the Shiely pit.

If you have an issue with a neighbor burning, please call the Washington County non-emergency number at 651-439-9381 and your call will be reported to the local on-duty fire officer.





Is your home safe from Radon??

“Community is a sign that love is possible in a materialistic world where people so often either ignore or fight each other. It is a sign that we don't need a lot of money to be happy—in fact, the opposite.”

~Jean Vanier

Appliances dropped off at Clean-Up Day totaled 21.



JUNE, 2019

Test your home for Radon

Smoking isn't the only thing that leads to lung cancer. Did you know that radon in your home can cause it too?

The Minnesota Department of Health recommends that all Minnesota homeowners test their homes for radon. A radon test is the only way to find out how much radon is in your home. You can test your home yourself or hire a radon measurement professional, most radon tests can be performed on your own. Hiring a radon measurement professional is recommended when an unbiased, third party is needed, such as in a real estate transaction. The result from a properly performed radon test will help you decide if you

need to reduce your home's radon level.

There are two basic types of radon tests: Short term - a short term test measures radon levels for 2-7 days and is a quick way to screen a home for radon. When you test for radon you should start with a short-term test. Long term - a long-term test measures radon levels for a minimum of 90 days. They are the best way to estimate the annual average of radon in the home. Long-term testing should include both heating and non-heating seasons.

A radon test kit costs between \$5 and \$30, depending on the type of

kit. Some test kits may also require an analysis fee paid after mailing the kit to the lab.

Air Chek, Inc. a manufacturer of **short term** radon test kits. Minnesota residents receive a discount. Order online at Air Chek.

Radonova a manufacturer of **long term** radon gas test kits. Minnesota residents receive a discount. Order online Radonova.

The local contacts are usually affiliated with local city or county health departments. They distribute radon information and/or radon test kits to local residents.

Radon is colorless, odorless and tasteless. Your life could depend on testing for it.

Clean-up day success!

Lake St. Croix Beach's partnership with Lakeland and Lakeland Shores proved to be quite a success!

Clean-up day took place on Saturday, May 4, at Valley Baptist Church in Lakeland.

Cars began lining up at 7 am for the 8 am start.

The weather was great, which always makes Clean-up Day a much more pleasurable experience.

132 cars came through the line. A total of 21 appliances and 41 tires were dropped off along

with a lot of other junk.

The youth group Teens for Christ were on hand to help with the manual labor!

The breakdown of participation by city was:

74 cars or 56.9% were residents of Lakeland; 11 cars or 8.5% were Lakeland Shores residents

Arrest the pest - Emerald Ash Borer



EAB is less than an inch in length.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is here in LSCB. It was first discovered in Washington County in 2015 and 18 counties in

Minnesota have EAB.

EAB is an invasive woodboring beetle whose larvae attack and kill ash trees.

EAB larvae tunnel beneath ash bark cutting off the tree's nutrient supply, leading to canopy decline.

The first signs that a tree has

been infected by EAB is the presence of shallow Woodpecker holes. If you suspect EAB contact mda.state.mn.us/arrestthepest or call 1-888-545-6684.

There is no federal or state money available to communities to counter EAB. EAB is active from the end of May to October in our area.

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”

~John Steinbeck

Public Hearing announced

A public hearing will take place at the June 5, Planning Commission meeting beginning at 7 pm regarding the proposed housing maintenance ordinance.

The proposed ordinance is available at City Hall and can be emailed or mailed to any resident interested in reading it before the public hearing. Residents are encouraged

to do so.

The reason for the proposed ordinance is the result of a few things. First, a city-wide survey that was conducted in 2017; second, the numerous complaints from residents who live around neighbors with junk in their yards, incomplete remodeling projects that have gone on for years, and houses without siding,

etc.; third, the limitations for enforcement in the current ordinances.

Standard protocol for new ordinances is once there is a public hearing the Planning Commission will suggest changes to the ordinance and send it on to the City Council for additional changes or approval or both.

Clean-up day continued

and 45 cars or 34.6% were residents of LSCB.

Partnering with Lakeland saved LSCB thousands of dollars in Clean-up Day costs from last year.

FYI - Mosquito Control will pick up old tires for free as long as the rims are removed. Old tires are a breeding ground for mosqui-

tos and should never be left lying around.

Thanks to everyone who worked Clean-up Day including Kate Piscitello and Jim Stanton (Lakeland), Tim Schroeder and Brian Zeller (Lakeland Shores) and Kathy Laur (LSCB).



Thanks to youth group Teens for Christ for providing the labor for Clean-up Day!



Live entertainment from the 2018 Heritage Day Community Event

Heritage Day will be here soon!

It's time to start thinking about and planning for the city's annual Heritage Day. This community event is held the first Tuesday in August each year. This year's event will take place on August 6. It's a combination of the nationwide Night to Unite or National

Night Out and LSCB's heritage.

The Heritage Day committee is looking for a few good people to help coordinate. Those interested in helping coordinate the day are asked to contact the committee chair Dawn Bulera at

lscbbulera@gmail.com or 651-436-5896



Helping Hands Crew - volunteers needed!



Spring has sprung

~Photo by C.D. Bloomquist

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

~Henry Ford



Warmer weather is upon us here in the valley and we all have our lists of projects we hope to complete during this short season.

Maybe you are planning on getting the yard cleaned up and gardens planted. Perhaps you have that house painting project you are getting done this year. These may be simple tasks for you to accomplish but for some of our residents getting things done around the house is becoming difficult or just impossible.

This is where you can step in and help! We as a community are banding together to help our neighbors in need. We are looking for volun-

teers. We need folks who are physically able to join in and lend a helping hand raking, gardening, landscaping, clearing debris, painting, or other maintenance related projects.

Details are still being worked out but it will look something like this: Residents in need reach out to the City and ask for the "Crews" help. They are put on a list of projects in need. Residents able to volunteer to be on the Helping Hands Crew should let the City know they can help. The Crew has designated volunteer days where they will go out and complete as many projects as possible on the list.

"I want to volunteer!" Please call or

email the city and ask to be put on the Helping Hands Crew volunteer list. Please note if you would be interested in being involved with "Crew" planning and/or be a volunteer day leader 651-436-7031 or lscb@comcast.net

"Can you help me with my home?" Please call or email the city with your project request. We will follow up with further questions and details as we finalize our organization 651-436-7031 or lscb@comcast.net.

Thank you in advance for reaching out and taking the time to be a part of our amazing community. We all live here knowing it is a special place. Let us work together to help create beautiful spaces that we all can enjoy!

~Noah Bluesky
Councilmember

Brush day in June



June 15, from 8:00 to 10:50 am

It's brush pick up season in Lake St. Croix Beach.

If you missed April and May's drop off, June 15, is the next one. Residents can drop off their brush at Aggregate Industries located at 16164 Hudson Blvd. in Lakeland once a month until October.

The schedule for the rest of

the year is as follows:

Saturday, June 15.

Saturday, July 20.

Saturday, August 17.

Saturday, September 14.

Saturday, October 12.

Aggregate will take residents' brush from 8:00 - 10:50 am.

Riverfront Park playground to be installed

After many years of waiting, fundraising and planning, the new playground equipment at Riverfront Park is scheduled to be installed on June 24.

A few days before the installation the ground will be excavated in preparation for the new equipment.

This is perfect timing as it's right before the busy July 4, week and Heritage Day. Yay!



Keep calm and helmet on

Americans are increasingly bicycling to commute, for exercise, or just for fun.

By law, bicycles on the roadway are vehicles with the same rights and responsibilities as motorized vehicles. The National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration's bicycle safety initiatives focus on encouraging safer choices on the part of bicyclists and drivers to

help reduce deaths and injuries on our roads.

In 2016, there were 840 bicyclists killed in traffic crashes in the U.S. As you might expect, when a crash occurs between a motor vehicle and a bike, it's the cyclist who is most likely to be injured.

Wear a bike helmet every time you ride, even if you're going for a

short ride. And follow these rules:

Make sure your bike helmet fits you well;

Always wear your helmet the right way so it will protect you;

Make sure it covers your forehead and don't let it tip back.

Protect LSCB oaks from oak wilt



November - March is the best time to trim oaks

*"I can't control the wind but I can adjust the sail."
~Ricky Skaggs*

The only time of year an oak tree should be trimmed or cut is after the first frost. For us, that could mean October; oaks can be trimmed or cut down throughout the winter months. Once spring comes around oaks should not be trimmed or cut!

The reason for this is oak wilt. Oak wilt is caused by a fungus and is responsible for killing large numbers of oaks every year in Minnesota. Oak wilt is most severe in red oak group species such as northern red oak and northern pin oak.

There are beetles that enjoy

feasting on cut oaks called sap beetles. They are strongly attracted to tree chemical compounds associated with fresh, wood-penetrating wounds. Thus, wounded oak trees visited by fungus-contaminated beetles can result in oak wilt spread, particularly during the spring months. Avoid wounding or cutting healthy oaks, particularly during spring and early summer, to prevent fungus spread by the sap beetles.

If you must prune branches or cut down trees, im-

mediately treat the cut surface with water-based paint, a pruning/wound sealer or shellac.

April through mid-July, don't wound, prune or fell oaks during this time period. Immediately cover unavoidable wounds with paint or shellac.

Mid-July through late October, depending on weather conditions and insect populations, infections could occur but would be rare. Immediately treat pruning wounds, stump surfaces of felled trees and other wounds.

Sailboat permits available

The city has several open sailboat permits available for residents.

New permits are issued in order of completed application 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.



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