



# March, 2019

## NEWSLETTER

### CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS:

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

Wed. and Fri.  
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## What you don't understand about salting the streets

We can all agree that driving in the winter can be a challenge. Nobody likes not having complete control of their vehicle and icy streets make driving downright scary.

Here's a fun fact: salt isn't very effective against ice in bitterly cold temperatures.

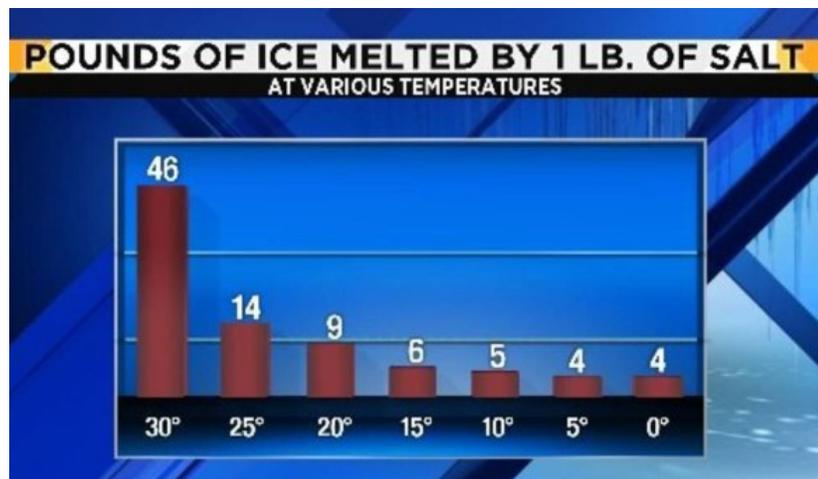
Take a look at the chart, you can see that at a temperature of 30 degrees, one pound of salt will melt 46 pounds of ice. As the temperature drops, salt's effectiveness slows to the point that when you get down near 10 degrees and below, salt hardly works at all.

Keep in mind that this is for nighttime temperatures; salt is effective at these very cold temperatures in sunshine. However, this can be dangerous when salt is applied to some snow and melts that snow, because then, if the overnight temperature drops below 15 degrees, that snow melt (which essentially

becomes a saltwater solution) can re-freeze into a layer of ice. (P. Gross, Meteorologist, 2019)

The polar vortex left LSCB roads slick and treacherous just like our neighboring cities. Many are often quick to blame the city for not getting plows on the roads in time, or for not dumping enough salt on the roads ahead of time. But sometimes, it's just not their fault. At about 15 degrees, water is going to freeze no matter how much salt you put on it. And when it gets really cold, salt makes the roads more dangerous by melting snow that quickly refreezes and becomes black ice. (V. Ryckaert, 2019)

LSCB uses the same contractor as the rest of the valley cities and sometimes residents just need to be patient until they can get to us. The plows are not immune to sliding on the icy roads any-



# Mayor's Message



Mayor Tom McCarthy

Spring is almost here and daylight savings time is just around the corner.

Spring also brings our annual boat permit renewal which has a deadline of March 15. Please make sure to get your boat renewal information to City Hall to avoid additional fees.

Spring officially begins March 20.

Here are a couple of reminders to make sure we all stay safe:

The fire department recommends that residents check their smoke detectors every year in March to make sure they are working properly. They also recommend that the house numbers are visible from the street. This is vital in case of an emergency.

This is also the time to start thinking about spring cleaning. The City plans to have another clean-up day this year. A date is yet to be determined.

St. Patrick's Day is on a Sunday this year! Have fun and be safe.

~Mayor Tom

*"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more luck I have."*

~Thomas Jefferson

## Sailboat moorings are available

In case you haven't heard, the city has sailboat moorings available for sailboats only for the 2019 season.

Any resident of Lake St. Croix Beach interested in having a sailboat on a mooring should contact City Hall at 651-436-7031

or email [lscb@comcast.net](mailto:lscb@comcast.net)

The City Code Guidelines are available at City Hall and on the city website for residents who want to know more about having a boat on the river in Lake St. Croix Beach or need a reminder.



## LSCB's leash law

If you have a pet that likes to roam free during the day, you should know that it's against city ordinance.

The ordinance states that all domestic animals shall be maintained under control at all times. If an animal is not under control, then the owner of the animal and/or other person responsible for controlling

the animal shall be deemed in violation. Any animal shall be deemed to be under control if it is on the premises of its owner; on the premises of another owner of property with the property owner's permission; if on a leash held by a person able to physically restrain the animal; or if suitably trained to re-

spond to audible or other signals and accompanied by a person within the range of trained response when on public or easement property.

The first two violations shall result in warnings to the owner. More than two violations shall result in an issuance of Administrative Citations for each successive violation.



Do you know the leash law?

# Holiday recycling pickup for 2019

## 2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE for Highland Sanitation & Recycling

We observe these six (6) Holidays each year: Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day & New Year's Day.

Please refer to the chart below for changes in your pickup day for Holidays that occur on a Week Day. There is no pickup day change if the Holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday

Day & Date of the Holiday	The Holiday	Monday Collection	Tuesday Collection	Wednesday Collection	Thursday Collection	Friday Collection
Monday - May 27, 2019	Memorial Day	Collection Day on Tuesday	Collection Day on Wednesday	Collection Day on Thursday	Collection Day on Friday	Collection Day on Saturday
Thursday - July 4, 2019	4th of July	No Change	No Change	No Change	Collection Day on Friday	Collection Day on Saturday
Monday - Sept. 2, 2019	Labor Day	Collection Day on Tuesday	Collection Day on Wednesday	Collection Day on Thursday	Collection Day on Friday	Collection Day on Saturday
Thursday - Nov. 21, 2019	Thanksgiving Day	No Change	No Change	No Change	Collection Day on Friday	Collection Day on Saturday
Wednesday - Dec. 25, 2019	Christmas Day	No Change	No Change	Collection Day on Thursday	Collection Day on Friday	Collection Day on Saturday
Wednesday - Jan. 1, 2020	New Year's Day	No Change	No Change	Collection Day on Thursday	Collection Day on Friday	Collection Day on Saturday



## City Council M & M's (meetings and minutes)

Residents interested in reading City Council Minutes or watching City Council Meetings can do both on the city's website at [www.lscb.govoffice.com](http://www.lscb.govoffice.com).

Video of the meetings is usu-

ally up on the site the day after the meeting. Minutes go on the site once they have been approved; usually a month later. If residents don't have a computer, city staff would be happy to send you a hard copy. Just let them know.



# Technology is here to stay



You can fight it all you want, but the technological age is here and it's not going away.

While the City will continue to put out its monthly newsletter with information important to the community, it has also gone digital. In addition to its website

www.lscb.govoffice.com, residents get the latest and most up to date information on Facebook. Residents need a computer or their cell phone to get Facebook. The City does what it can to get you valuable information in a

timely manner. Residents need to be open to receiving it. Public access computers are available at the Valley Branch Library.

## Get connected!

# Council meeting time change

The time for City Council meetings has changed from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The new start time began in January. This information was on the city website. The meeting dates are still the third Monday of each month unless that Monday falls on a holiday.

Please check the city calendar on the website for all meeting dates and times.



Thank you to Lake St. Croix Beach resident Russ Kopp for this picture of the January Sunset

Please submit photos taken in and around Lake St. Croix Beach for future newsletters, Facebook and the city website.



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## Snow plowing

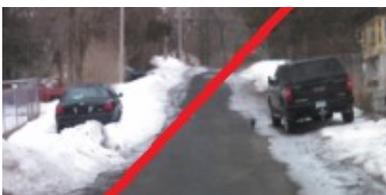
The City of Lake St. Croix Beach contracts with Tri-County Services, Inc. to provide snow removal throughout the city on local streets and roadways. In order for them to do an effective and thorough job, cars cannot be parked on the street after a snow fall.

Within 48-hours of a snowfall of two inches or more, the snow plows start plowing the main streets of LSCB. Secondary streets soon follow.

**Winter Parking Ordinance in LSCB:** Between Nov. 1 and April 1 of the following year, no vehicle shall be left standing or parked on the streets or right of way for more than 24 consecutive hours at any time. Any vehicle which shall be left parked or standing in violation of the provisions hereof may be summarily removed without notice to the owner or operator by the County Sheriff's Department or persons employed or designated by it and stored in an appropriate place. All

necessary costs and expenses of towing, removing and storage of such vehicles shall first be paid by the person claiming the vehicle before release of the same.

**MN State Statute 169.42** states no person shall throw, deposit, place, or dump, or cause to be thrown, deposited, placed, or dumped upon any street or highway or upon any public or privately owned land adjacent thereto without the owner's consent any **snow** upon any such street or highway.



No parking on city streets or in the right-of-way



Plows need to get down city streets



Residents face being ticketed and towed