



# May 2020



See City Hall Procedures Below

## 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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## NEWSLETTER

### Mayor's Message

It's May, and we have finally turned the corner on winter. Spring is here! With that comes all sorts of activity in our Community: street sweeping, road repair and start of our 2020 Road Project on Quinlan Avenue, and yard clean-up.

The Annual Clean-Up Day, a partnering event with the cities of Lakeland and Lakeland Shores, will be held on **Saturday, June 13, 2020, from 8 to noon**. The location is the Valley Baptist Church Parking Lot at 860 St. Croix Trail South and is for *only* residents of Lake St. Croix Beach, Lakeland, and Lakeland Shores exclusively. Residents will need to show an ID or driver's license showing residency before dropping off their items.

The annual opening of the swimming beach, usually planned for Memorial Day, is presently undetermined awaiting an update of the State of Minnesota "Stay at Home" order through May 3, 2020. The park is not closed except for the playground, pavilion, picnic tables, and some park benches due to the COVID -19 threat. No decision has been made on closing the beach. Currently, it is open although the City parking is closed because it is the ground is soft.

A reminder to all residents to trim back your shrubs and trees five feet from the edge of the street and 12 feet up, especially to those who live on corners that are creating vision problems at intersections. Drivers and pedestrians need to be able to have clear site lines when crossing or turning at an intersection.

As Always, Stay Safe!

*~Mayor Tom*



**LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH / LAKELAND / LAKELAND SHORES**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020 8:00 TO NOON (See Page 3)**

**VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH PARKING LOT, 860 ST. CROIX TR S**

### **(COVID-10) City Hall Procedures**

*We are still taking precautions to prevent spread of disease at the LSCB City Hall and are monitoring the situation and following guidance from public health officials to provide a safe environment.*

*Please use the office drop off box (by front door) to deliver any payments or documents that need attention, and call 651.436.7031 to let us know.*

*We will be continually emptying the box throughout the day. All Building Permits will be mailed.*

## Important Contact Info.

Animal Control  
715.220.1332

Building Inspector  
651.505.9985

Burning Permits  
651.248.5103

Environmental Center  
651.275.7475

LSCV Fire Department  
651.436.7033

Sheriff's Department  
651.439.9381

Lakeland Water Utility  
651.436.8044

Well Water Test Kits (WA  
County) 651.403.6655

US Post Office  
651.436.5469

EMERGENCY  
911

### A Reminder...

If you see any unusual or suspicious activity, it is important to call the Sheriff's Department directly at 651.439.9381 so a deputy can respond immediately.

## April 20, 2020 City Council Highlights

- The By-Laws of the Lower St. Croix Valley Firefighters' Relief Association, amended and restated effective February 11, 2020 in compliance with MN State Statute, were approved.
- Total Claims to be Approved from March 17, 2020 through April 20, 2020 of \$73,636.76 were approved as presented.
- The 2020 Infrastructure Project (Quinlan Avenue) contract was awarded to OMG Midwest, DBA MN Paving & Materials, from Rogers, Minnesota for a total project award of \$200,126.63.
- The Audit for Year Ending December 31, 2019, prepared by Michael W. Pofahl Certified Public Accountant, was approved as presented.
- By State Statute, the City Treasurer cannot be an independent contractor and must be a City employee effecting the modification to the City Accountant Agreement and revision of the Deputy Clerk position adding duties of City Treasurer. Both the Accountant Agreement between the City and Mary Paul, dba RiverBluff Accounting, Inc. and the job description for the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer were approved as presented.
- A decision was made to discontinue the Environmental Advisory Commission. A recommendation was made for establishing a new group that will involve all 5 cities in the Lower St. Croix Valley.

## Neighborhood Complaints — *Why don't they fix that?*

Have you ever looked over at your neighbor's property and wondered something similar?

Now with the nice weather and so many people out walking, people are outside and they begin to notice things. Do yourself and your neighbors a favor and walk around the perimeter of your property. When you take this walk, make sure to get the perspective of all of your neighbors, and when you do this, ask yourself if you would want to live next door to...well—you? If the answer is yes, pat yourself on the back and go enjoy an iced tea on your deck (the deck you constructed after getting a permit from the City)! If the answer is no, you may have some work to do.

If you have any questions regarding City Code, please call us at City Hall (651.436.7031) and we will help you find out what is allowable and what is not on your property.

## Beach Parking Passes Available



Residents of Lake St. Croix Beach only can purchase parking passes for 2020 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.

# SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020

**8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON**

**VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH PARKING LOT (860 ST. CROIX TRAIL)  
for LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH, LAKELAND, AND LAKELAND SHORES**

**RESIDENTS ONLY  
(ID'S REQUIRED)**

**\$20/Car Load      \$30/Truck or Trailer Load (less than 6')  
\$50/Pickup & Trail**

**Appliances accepted for an additional \$25 each**

**No Garbage, Hazardous Waste, Yard Waste, Mattresses, Box Springs, or Electronics will be accepted at this event.**

**All proceeds will benefit Teens for Christ  
All checks payable to LSCB**



## *Pet Owners*



Be a courteous pet owner. Make sure you cleanup after your dog when you are out walking in the City parks and along the street. Carry a plastic bag with you to pickup waste and take it home with you.

### ***All Animals Must Be Leashed***

The Animal Control Officer can pick up dogs and cats running at large. If the animal is licensed, every effort will be made to return the animal to its owner. If the animal is unlicensed, it will be taken to the St. Croix Animal Shelter and held until the owner has paid all City and shelter fees.

The City's Animal Control Officer also handles all barking dogs or other nuisance complaints. For additional information, call the City Hall at 651.436.7031. [Animal Control 715.220.1332]

### **License Your Pet—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.

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 pet license fees are \$10 for spayed/neutered pets and \$25 for pets that are not.

## **Aggregate Industries - 2020 Brush Site**

**Open 8 to 10:50 a.m.**

**Gate will be locked at 11 a.m.**

**May 16, 2020 (we will update you on website & Facebook if we are notified of cancellation)**

June 20, 2020      July 18, 2020      August 15, 2020

September 19, 2020      October 17, 2020

For 2020, Aggregate Industries will be open May through October from 8:00 - 10:50 am; the gate will be **shut and locked** at 11:00 am. Remember, they *ONLY* take brush and you need to stay in your vehicle except when dumping at the designated site. Please follow their posted signage.

### **Be a Considerate Neighbor...**

City ordinances require that all personal property be stored within a building, or fully screened, so as to be concealed from view of neighboring streets and property.



Your silent tents  
of green /  
We deck with fra-  
grant flowers /  
Yours has the suf-  
fering been /  
The memory shall  
be ours."

Henry Wadsworth Long-  
fellow



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.**

The Minnesota State Building Code and the City of Lake St. Croix Beach ordinances, which are both enforced by the City, provide minimum standards to safeguard life, property, and public well-being by regulating and inspecting the design, construction, and quality of materials used in building projects.

Inspections are required for all building, construction, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing work to ensure the building activity meets the building and City Codes and adheres to approved plans.



**Six Things You Can Do to  
Help Save our  
Local Lakes and Wetlands**

- Mulch or compost your grass clippings;
- Mulch or compost your leaves;
- Use zero-phosphorous fertilizer;
- Reduce stormwater runoff from your property;
- Use native plants, remove invasive, non-native plants;
- Properly dispose of household hazardous waste

**Building Permits Issued in April 2020:**

2839 Quinlan Avenue South	Replace Furnace
2020 Quello Avenue South	Replace HVAC
16560 17th Street South	Replace Water Heater
16811 Upper 15th Street	Replace Furnace
1420 Quinlan Avenue South	Reissue Deck Permit
2049 Quinlan Avenue South	Replace Garage Roof
2085 Quentin Avenue South	Replace Water Heater

**All-Terrain Vehicles**

Operation of all-terrain vehicles or unlicensed motor vehicles is **PROHIBITED ON ANY PUBLIC STREET OR HIGHWAY OR RIGHT-OF-WAY** in the City of Lake St. Croix Beach. Use of such vehicles is allowed **ONLY** on private property with written permission of the property owner.

***Drive with Care on City Streets***

- There is a 30-mile per hour speed limit on all City streets, unless otherwise posted. Please remember that it is State Law that all vehicles must yield to the vehicle on their right at corners not having stop signs.
- It is illegal for a motor vehicle to pass another vehicle on the right where there is a solid white line on the road.
- Joggers and bikers who use the paved path must observe the stop signs at the cross streets.

**LAKELAND**  
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Office: 651-436-2256  
Fax: 651-436-2257  
2070 Racine Avenue South  
Lake St. Croix Beach, MN 55043  
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Email: [lscb@comcast.net](mailto:lscb@comcast.net)

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LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH  
POSTAL PATRON  
ROUTE 1  
LAKELAND, MN 55043



## 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 and are approved by the City Council.

Contact City Hall for additional information

### **REMINDER** **Summer Parking Restrictions**

On-street parking is prohibited between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**May 1 through September 30**

on the east side of County Road 18 and where posted "No Parking."

Parking tickets will be issued for parking on the streets.

If you observe any parking on the streets of LSCB during the Summer Parking Restriction, please call:

Washington County Sheriff's Office Dispatch (24 hrs./non-emergency).....651. 439.9381