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NEWSLETTER

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9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Wed. and Fri.
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Gearing up for winter

It's painful to say that six letter word - winter - in October, but it will be here before we know it.

If you haven't heard already, this winter could be a doozy for Minnesotans. More so than usual.

According to the Farmer's Almanac predictions, we are going to get a lot of snow! For all of the winter weather buffs this is great news.

In Lake St. Croix Beach, there are residents that love to snowmobile, ice fish, cross-country ski, etc. and that's awesome.

As I sit in my office at City Hall, I enjoy looking out and seeing residents on their snowmobiles enjoying the wintery weather.

Snow brings a very real challenge to our city - snowplowing on the city's narrow streets. That's why, as a city, we all need to gear up for winter. This includes getting vehicles out of the city right-of-way. What is that? It's the property five feet off the road in the front, side or back of your property.

The city is not responsible for damage done to any kind of vehicle that is left in the right-of-way by the snowplows.

Cars, boats and campers MUST be moved out of the way or face the risk

of being damaged. Residents who don't are in violation of city ordinance.

In addition to that, tree limbs and bushes must be trimmed back five feet from the road and twelve feet up. This is especially important for fire trucks and school buses to get down the streets without scratching their vehicles. Once the snow weighs down the limbs, it becomes even more important to trim back and up.

Gear up now so when the snow flies it's already done.

~Kathy Laur, Deputy City Clerk



Happy Halloween!

Mayor's message



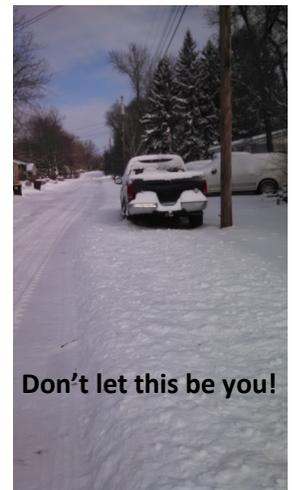
Mayor Tom McCarthy

Winter will be here before we know it and the most important thing I can impress upon residents is to move their vehicles, of all kinds, out of the city right-of-way.

Our roads are narrow and this makes it difficult enough for the snowplows.

The plows need at least six feet on each side of the road to push the snow.

If you have a trailer, car, inoperable car or boat you must move it!



Don't let this be you!

Coming together for our community



Many members of our community have called Lake St. Croix Beach home for decades, while others are relative newcomers. As time passes, things change – that's a fact of life.

As a resident whose family has been in LSCB for many decades, I've seen this firsthand. I believe it's safe to say that the St. Croix Riverway is one of the most important features of our community. Whether you like boating, fishing,

wildlife watching, swimming or just the beautiful views, the riverway is sure to have something of value to each and every resident in our gem of a community.

My interest in pulling together the community is very important. I have heard that you want transparency. Every meeting, with the exception of very few, are open to the public. Everyone in this city can be

present at Parks, Planning, Environmental Advisory, and Council to hear the discussions about what decisions are being made for your city. If you have comments or concerns there is a time in the beginning of the meetings for you to speak. Meetings last about 1-2 hours. The best and most reliable way to know what is going on is to listen first hand. The more you know, the more you know.

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Photographers needed

In 2018, City Hall made a request to residents to send in their photos that were taken in and around Lake St. Croix Beach. The response was awesome and almost all of the photos that were submitted at one time or another, were printed in newsletters or were used on the city's Facebook page.

Well, your photos are again needed. Please send them to City Hall at lscb@comcast.net or, you can drop them off.

There is so much beauty in LSCB. Let's share it!



Trim your trees so people can see



When safety becomes and issue it's not just an issue for one person it's an issue for everyone.

Right-of-way (ROW) or line-of-site is an issue in Lake St. Croix Beach.

When residents cannot see clearly enough to make a turn in their cars, fatalities can and will eventually happen.

Now is the time to cut back your bushes and trees five feet from the road and 12 feet up.

Please check your property for low hanging tree limbs and bushes that obstruct an individuals ability to make turns in their cars safely

Please remove them. If you would like to, but don't have the ability, let City Staff know and they will let the Helping Hands Crew know.

Services

- Animal Control: 715-386-7789
- Building Inspector: 651-505-9985
- Fire Department (non-emergency): 651-436-7033
- Gopher One Locate: 800-525-1166
- Lakeland Water Utility: 651-436-8044
- Police (non-emergency): 651-439-9381
- Street Lights Out-Xcel Energy: 800-960-6235
- Well Water Test Kits-Washington County: 651-430-6655
- US Post Office-Lakeland: 651-436-5469
- Maroney's Sanitation: 651-439-7279
- Highland Sanitation: 651-458-0043
- Waste Management (Garbage): 888-960-0008
- Fire, Medical and Sheriff Emergency Dial 911

Meeting time reminders

Planning Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at **7:00** pm (if necessary).

Parks Commission meets the second Tuesday of the month at **6:00** pm (they don't meet in November or December)

City Council meets the third Monday of each month at **6:00** pm unless the Monday falls on a holiday, then they meet the following Monday.

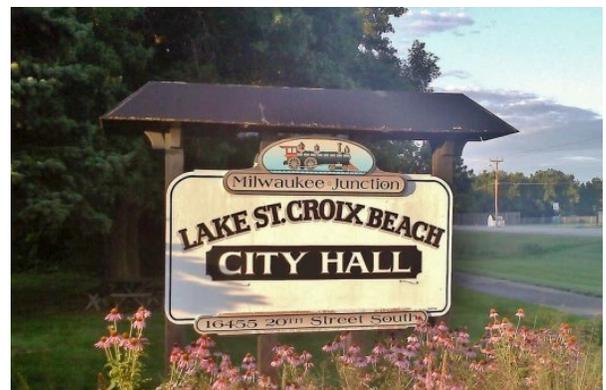
EAC meets the third Tuesday of each month at **6:30** pm.

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.

Video of the meetings is usually 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.



Community Survey



The city of Lake St. Croix Beach and the EAC (Environmental Advisory Commission), would like to conduct a survey with residents related to recycling and

city cleanup as well as environmental compliance and stewardship.

Please complete this short survey and return it to City Hall either by mail, or it can be

dropped off in the mailbox by the front door of City Hall.

Just circle your answers, or fill in the blanks.

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

~Coretta Scott King

1) The EAC needs volunteers to help complete some of LSCB’s projects. Would you be willing to volunteer for community work in our city; things like a city garden and rain garden maintenance (weeding mostly), invasive plant species control (pulling weeds, pulling buckthorn, etc.)?

- A. Yes! Sign me up so I can learn about opportunities to help out.
- B. I am not able to commit time to volunteering right now but support the environmental work in the city.

2) Residents can reduce wear and tear on city roads and reduce fuel use by hauler trucks if everyone put their recycling and trash containers on the same side of the street.

Would you be willing to go to one-sided recycling and trash pickup? YES NO

If not please tell us what your concerns are with this idea:

3) Would you be interested in a community garden in LSCB? A community garden would consist of small garden plots located on city property where residents could raise vegetables. YES NO

4) The EAC would like to provide residents with information on environmental topics of interest to the community. Circle the issues that interest you.

- A. Ash tree management (Emerald Ash Borer has been confirmed in LSCB)
- B. Rain gardens
- C. Invasive plant species
- D. Invasive animal species
- E. Pollinators and gardening for pollinators
- F. Wildlife in and around the city.
- G. Wild and scenic riverway
- H. River and floodplain stewardship
- I. Other (please explain): _____

Optional: NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

What you should know about Food Harvest



Did you know that the Food Harvest is for anyone on a tight budget...and who isn't?

Food Harvest is a large food distribution in Lakeland and is held the third Saturday of each month throughout the year at Afton-

Food Harvest occurs the 3rd Saturday of each month throughout the year from 8-9:00 am.

Lakeland Elementary School. 475 St. Croix Trail (the 3rd roundabout south of the I-94 exit just west of the St. Croix River)

It provides fresh produce, fruits, breads,

dairy and other nutritious foods for everyone, regardless of income. A \$15 cash donation allows you to go through the line to gather a virtual carload of food.

Doors open at 7 am. Join neighbors from the St. Croix Valley, Hudson and western Wisconsin for coffee, treats and fellowship, plus lots of food. The food is unloaded between 7-8:00 am and available from 8-9:00 am or shortly thereafter. It is helpful

to bring your own boxes and/or wagon for transporting food, although boxes become available as food is unloaded. Volunteers will help get the food to your vehicles.

Food Harvest is a 25 year old ministry of dedicated volunteers from area churches.

Donations may be made at the Harvest website Foodharvestscv.org or can be sent to Bridge Fund of SCV, St. Croix Valley Foundation, 516 Second St., Ste.214, Hudson, WI 54016

For more information email scfoodharvest@gmail.com or call Tim at 612-708-6799.

There is a video of the Food Harvest on the Lake St. Croix Beach City Hall Facebook page. Please check it out!

Highland Sanitation, taking more recycling items

Lake St. Croix Beach residents can recycle even more than before.

Highland Sanitation recycles the following:

PLASTIC AND ALUMINUM/TIN

- Clean #1-#7 plastic bottles, tubs and containers, landscape edging, plastic toys except Styrofoam.
- Plastic retail bags. Please consolidate into a single bag
- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum foil (clean only)
- Steel (tin) cans
- Rinsed motor oil bottles
- Empty aerosol cans (no caps)

- Scrap metal, pots and pans with handles removed

GLASS

- Glass bottles and jars of any color (please avoid breaking glass; remove and recycle metal lids)

PAPER

- Office paper, including computer, copier, plain fax paper, pastel colored paper. NO wrapping paper, neon or other bright paper.
- Newspapers and newspaper inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- Shredded paper enclosed in a sealed paper bag.

- Junk mail. Please open your mail to remove any promotional stickers, credit cards, membership cards, or other non-paper items.

CARDBOARD AND PAPER

- Corrugated cardboard. Remove all packing materials.
- Brown paper grocery bags.
- Pizza boxes with food particles removed from box.
- Paperboard (cereal, cake, beer, soda, snack and chip boxes, clothing boxes, frozen food boxes.

For more information go to: www.highland sanitation.com/residential/recycle.asp

Parks Commission Notice:



Swim buoys have been removed from the river, and the boating season is winding down. To all boat permit holders; your boats, moorings, and docks must be removed no later than November 4.

Personal Property at Shoreland Park:

Just a reminder to all residents that you need to remove all personal property from the shore of the city's Shoreland park by November 4. This includes

BOATS, RAMPS, CHAIRS, TABLES, RAFTS and ANYTHING ELSE. Any personal property still at Shoreland Park after November 4, will be discarded by the City. Clean up fees may apply.

Coming together...*continued*

A few issues I've heard in recent years include spraying lawns, vegetation cutting and spraying on city property; unattended cats/dogs roaming our community; and pet waste being left on city property or lawns of residents. Some of these things used to be "OK" or considered acceptable.

Over time, perspectives on what is "good" or "bad" evolve and will continue to change. We should not ignore new information and continue to do "this is the way we have always done it," because it's easy and convenient.

There has been a growing awareness within our com-

munity, and beyond, about the importance of good environmental stewardship, and the role each and every individual needs to play to succeed. This may mean we need to change the way we have always done things. Change can be hard, I know this from personal ex-

perience, but working together as a community we can find solutions that not only meets the needs of residents but the riverway as a whole.

~Dawn Bulera, Councilmember

"Notice how the trees do not cling to their leaves. Fall is about releasing the old to make way for the new."

~Collective Evolution

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Veterans Day Ceremony

In 2018, a Veterans Day ceremony was held at the Lower St. Croix Valley Veterans Memorial Park in Lake St. Croix Beach to rededicate and unveil Phase I of the park.

Over 160 people turned out in below zero weather for this event.

The Veterans Memorial Advisory Committee is planning to hold another Veterans Day ceremony on November 9, at 2:30 pm.

The VMAC has been working on Phase II of the park. It includes a new fence, bench, drinking fountain, additional walkway and some new landscaping.

Mark your calendars and see you there!



VMAC members: Dave Anderson, Stan Mueller, Terry Hirte, Tom McCarthy, Pete Geare and Richard Thron.