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**City Hall**  
**16455 20<sup>th</sup> Street South**  
**Lake St Croix Beach, MN 55043**

December,  
 2016  
 Issue No. 527

# Lake St. Croix Beach

## \*\*\* ELECTION 2016 RESULTS \*\*\*

MAYOR	VOTES	COUNCIL MEMBER	VOTES
Tom McCarthy	556	Jp Armstrong	325
Write-In	53	Nicholas Welsch	195
		Pete Ludwig	289
		Patrice Nerad	134
		Missy LeFabvre	144
		Write-In	6
Number of persons registered at 7:00 AM		700	
Number of persons registered on Election Day		93	
Number of accepted absentee ballots		105	
Number of Federal office only absentee ballots		3	
Number of Presidential absentee ballots		0	
Total number of persons voting		700	

We would like to congratulate and welcome our new City Councilmembers, JP Armstrong and Pete Ludwig. We would also like to congratulate Mayor McCarthy on his reelection.



**Don't Miss the Annual Holiday Social Hour following the City Council Meeting on December 19th at City Hall beginning at 8 pm.**

The official posting place for Lake St. Croix Beach city meetings is at the posting board near the front door at City Hall.

A majority of the City Council may be in attendance at any city meeting.

### December Calendar

Note: All city meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the City Hall except as noted otherwise.

December 6  
Yellow Ribbon Meeting

December 7  
Planning Commission Meeting

December 13  
Parks Board Meeting

December 19  
Regular City Council Meeting  
 Truth in Taxation Hearing  
 Regular City Council Meeting  
 Holiday Party at 8:00 p.m.

Condolences to the family of Mike Allen. Mike was always one to step up during the city floods. Wife Gina served on the Planning Commission for many years.

-Councilmember Reiter

Our condolences go out to the family of Helen Talle. Helen served on the Park Board and was an active member of the community. She will be greatly missed.

-Mayor McCarthy

## A Word from your Mayor...

Once again, our Annual Holiday Social Hour will follow our City Council meeting on Monday, December 19, 8:00 p.m. at City Hall. Everyone is welcome! Feel free to bring a food item or beverage to share. This year went by very quickly. I really enjoy serving the residents of Lake St. Croix Beach. Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to continuing to serve the city for years to come.

I would also like to thank those that came to support our veterans at the Veterans Day Dinner. A special thank you to those of you that have donated your time and money to the 5 City Veterans' Memorial currently being built.

Happy Holidays and have a happy and safe Christmas!  
Mayor Tom

### LSCB Building Permits Issued

November 2016

✚ 16545 17<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Reroof

✚ 2070 Riviera Avenue South  
Furnace and A/C

✚ 1941 Quentin Avenue South  
Screen Porch

✚ 1723 Quinlan Avenue South  
Garage Addition

✚ 18<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Reroof

✚ 1480 Ramada Avenue South  
Furnace

✚ 1880 Quello Avenue South  
Reroof

✚ 16310 19<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Reroof

✚ 16630 18<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Fence Permit

*Please join us at the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire station for:*

**Pancake Breakfast with Santa**  
**Sunday, December 4, 2016**  
**8 am - Noon**



1560 St. Croix Trail South  
Lake St. Croix Beach

Come and enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee! Santa will be visiting during the breakfast for photo opportunities. Free will offering! Bring your food donation of non-perishable food items to help stock the local food shelves. Let's do our part to help others!

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\_\_\_\_\_ Donation Enclosed - Calendar Fundraiser

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation Enclosed - Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank you for your continued support!*



Eligible property owners must file homestead applications by Dec. 15

Property owners who have had a change in ownership and/or occupancy and whose property is eligible for homestead classification should contact a county assessor to file a homestead application on or before Dec. 15. Homestead classification will affect the amount of property tax paid in 2017, and it may affect eligibility for a property tax refund. Contact the county assessor to file a homestead application on or before Dec. 15 if one of the following applies:

- You purchased a property in the past year and you, or a qualifying relative, occupy the property for homestead purposes on Dec. 1, 2016; or
- You, or a qualifying relative occupy a property for homestead purposes on Dec. 1, 2016, and the property was previously classified as non-homestead.

A qualifying relative for homestead purposes depends on the type of property. For residential property, a qualifying relative can be a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandparent,

grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of the owner. This relationship may be by blood or marriage. For agricultural property, a qualifying relative can be a child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or of the spouse of the owner.

Once property owners have been granted the homestead classification, no further applications are necessary unless they are specifically requested by the county assessor.

Property owners must also contact the assessor by Dec. 15, 2016, if they are the property owner, or a qualifying relative of the property owner, and the use of the property has changed during the past year.

If property owners should sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, they are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status. If a property owner fails to notify the assessor within 30 days, the property may be assessed taxes due as if the property were non-homestead.

For additional information or questions, call the

Washington County Assessment Division at 651-430-6175.

## Veterans Memorial



We would like to thank the following people for their help with the work and supplies for the Veterans Memorial: Keith, Glenn, Todd, Paul Corey, Seth, Dan, Mike, Dolly, Michael, Don, Jim, and Bob.

-Lower St. Croix Valley Vets  
Committee

# ***From the Building Inspector, Peter Kulczyk***

## ***FAQs about Building Permits:***

### **When Do I Need a Building permit?**

A building permit is required for:

- Any increase in floor area of the house, such as an addition or porch.
- Constructing an attached garage or detached garage addition.
- Installation of roof shingles for more than 50 percent of the area of the house.
- Installation of siding for more than 50 percent of the area of the house.
- A basement finish project that involves the creation of new rooms in a previously unfinished area.
- Building a deck that is 30 inches or greater above grade level or any deck that is attached to the house.
- Accessory structures (such as sheds and gazebos) that are 200 square feet or greater.
- Although the State Building Code does not require a building permit for fences less than seven feet high, the City of Lake St Croix Beach requires land-use (zoning) permits for all fences. These permits can be issued by the building inspection department.

### **When are building permits not required?**

A building permit is not required for:

- Painting or wallpaper
- Tiling or carpet
- Cabinets or countertops
- Installation of insulation in wall cavities of existing homes that do not involve the removal of the interior wall finish
- Installation of insulation in attic spaces
- Gutters and downspouts
- Soffit and fascia
- Battery operated smoke or carbon monoxide alarms (wired alarms may require an electrical permit for any new wiring or circuit)
- Storm windows and window repair
- Window replacements if the rough-opening is not enlarged. If the rough opening is enlarged a building permit will be required.
- One story detached accessory buildings not exceeding 200 square feet
- Decks less than 30 inches above grade that are not fastened to the house (free-floating)

## **Zoning Ordinance**

Keep in mind that all structures, whether a permit is required or not, need to comply with all zoning ordinances.



## Valley Library calendar of events for November

Valley Branch Library  
380 St. Croix Trail South  
Lakeland, MN 55043  
651-436-5882

**LIBRARY CLOSED FRIDAY, DEC. 23 THROUGH MONDAY, DEC. 26, FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

### Valley Book Club

Thursday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 5:55 p.m.

The group that gathers will discuss the book "Night" by Elie Wiesel. Visit Valley Library to pick up a copy of the book. Just read the book, come and discuss. Open to all.

### Preschool Storytime

Mondays, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., Dec. 5, 12, 19

For children preschool through kindergarten age and their caregivers. Stories, songs, rhymes and more to encourage the development of early literacy skills. Siblings welcome.

### STEM Saturdays: LED Throwies

Saturday, Dec. 17, from 11 a.m. to noon

Explore STEM through hands-on activities and creative projects! Each month the library will have an activity focused on science, technology, engineering, and/or math.

### Dog Gone Reading with Legacy

Tuesday, Dec. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Children in grades K-7 may practice reading aloud to a certified therapy dog and its owner/trainer. Reading sessions are 15 minutes in length. Sign up at the library or call 651-436-5882.

### Annual Notice to All Residential Utility Customers

Bills can pile up just like snow, but the Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills in winter. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from October 15 to April 15. The rule, established by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, means that your utility cannot disconnect your residential electric service during the winter if the customer meets the following requirements:

1. Utility disconnection would affect the customer's primary heat source;
2. The customer has declared inability to pay on forms provided by the utility (Note: Customers receiving "any form of public assistance," including energy assistance, are deemed to have qualified for inability to pay status);
3. The household income of the customer is less than 50% of the state median income level, as documented by the customer to the utility; and
4. The customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

If you have trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance. The state Department of Human Services recommends you call the county in which you live.

If you know you are going to have trouble paying your utility bills, please contact the utility to try and work out a payment schedule.

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Monday 9:30 – 1:30

Tuesday 9:30 – 1:30

Thursday 9:30 – 1:30

## **Public Safety**

*(Including Reports)*



### Law Enforcement Report

October 2016

Complaints Investigated

- 31 calls

### Sheriff's TIPLINE

A quick, simple way to forward information to Washington County Investigators anonymously.

E-mail: [sheriff@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:sheriff@co.washington.mn.us)

Or Phone 651-430-7850

*Crime in progress – call 911*

### Fire Department Report

The Fire Department reported **36 runs, 5 in LSCB**

The Fire Department's Website is [www.lscvfd.com](http://www.lscvfd.com).



### Animal Control

In the month of October, 2 dogs and 1 cat were reported lost. 2 cats, 1 guinea pig, and 5 dogs were found.

Reminder: Animal License Renewals are now due. All dogs and cats over 6 months of age must be licensed. Licenses can be purchased at City Hall during normal business hours or by mail. **Application, payment, and proof of current rabies vaccination required.**

### Hazardous Waste Site ☠

#### General Information

Did you know that residents can drop-off household hazardous waste, electronics, and recyclables for free at the new Washington County Environmental Center? The Center is located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury, near the intersection of Manning and Bailey Road, just 4 miles south of I-94. The Center will have expanded hours starting November 3, 2015.

The Environmental Center is open:

Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

#### Free Product Room

**Don't need it? Someone might! Did you know that some of the items you drop-off at the Environmental Center might be stocked in the Free Product Room for other residents to pick up, free of charge?**

The Free Product Room is located inside of the Washington County Environmental Center at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury. Products set out in the Free Product Room are first screened for quality. Some of the more popular items are paint and stain. If you are on a tight budget, you might just find the color you were looking for, and there's no cost to you. Other popular products set out in the Free Product Room are lawn & garden products and automotive fluids. For materials collected and more information go to [www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter) or call 430-6655.



The Lake St. Croix Beach City Council Meetings may be viewed on Channel 16. Meetings are also available on the city's website [www.lscb.govoffice.com](http://www.lscb.govoffice.com)

Upon occasion, the transmission of these meetings may be delayed or not available due to technical difficulties. Check their website for more information [www.vactv.org](http://www.vactv.org).



## **HIGHLIGHTS** **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL**

The following are approved minutes from the October 17 , 2016 City Council meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom McCarthy, Charles W. Brown, Michelle Kline, Cindie Reiter, Jim Unker

**STAFF PRESENT:** John Parotti, Kevin Sandstrom, Andrew Brunick, Sue Schuler

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mike Bubany, Sonya Bubany, Ron Carlson, Joy Carlson, Bill Glampe, Patrice Nerad,

**CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was said.

**APPROVE AGENDA** Agenda item 3.

Mayor McCarthy requested that "8A" be moved up to "7C".

**MOTION BY MAYOR MCCARHTY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED, 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**CONSENT AGENDA** Agenda item 4.

No items for approval.

**OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** Agenda item 5.

No comments given.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items)** Agenda item 6.

Ron Carlson, 1241 Quinlan Avenue had the following comments on agenda item 7.C.2. Mr. Carlson stated that his neighbor built a fence on the property line in violation of the following zoning ordinance standards; setback, height, and open construction. Mr. Carlson stated that he submitted a formal complaint six weeks ago and requests sufficient attention from City staff. Mr. Carlson then read a timeline of events regarding the fence in question and stated that City staff has done little to resolve his complaint.

Joy Carlson, 1241 Quinlan Avenue stated that their neighbor's fence is in violation of the City's zoning ordinance and that she wants a fair and honest application of the City's zoning ordinance. Mrs. Carlson stated that the City was in error when it issued this fence permit.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS** Agenda item 7.

##### Law Enforcement

Deputy Sullivan reported that September was pretty quiet and stated that residents should be aware of front door package theft in the upcoming months.

Councilmember Unker asked who the deputies were currently assigned to the area. Deputy Sullivan stated that they are himself on the afternoon shift, Katie Manis on day shift, Laura Jackson on afternoon shift, and Donavon Bump on day shift. Deputy Sullivan ended by saying that he will be starting a new job on January 1.

##### Emergency Response and Fire

Chris Peterson, Fire Chief, reported 35 calls in September, 4 in LSCB. Mr. Peterson commented on the Carlson fence situation by stating that the new fence does not limit access for emergency vehicles.

##### Animal Control

Councilmember Brown reported 0 warning letters, 0 calls, 1 report of a stray cat sighting, 1 lost dog, 1 lost cat, and 1 found cat.

#### **CITY STAFF REPORTS** Agenda item 8.

##### City Engineer Parotti

Engineer Parotti reported that the culvert televising that was approved by Council was completed in September and that the payment is a part of the October claims up for approval at tonight's meeting. Engineer Parotti stated that he received the reports from the televising and it showed that the culvert is clean and in relatively good shape and that he will evaluate those reports in the coming weeks and turn them over to the Army Corps. Of Engineers.

##### City Attorney Sandstrom

##### Shoreland Park Legal Determination

City Attorney Sandstrom stated that his legal determination regarding the type of land contained within Shoreland Park is that it should be considered public.

Councilmember Reiter brought up the community of North Oaks and how they were able to "gate" their community. Councilmember Reiter and City Attorney Sandstrom both agreed that something similar is no longer feasible in Minnesota because of laws that have been passed since.

Councilmember Unker asked what was considered "beach" in the deed. City Attorney Sandstrom stated that the entire beach is considered "beach" in the deed.

##### Service Agreement – Building Official

City Attorney Sandstrom stated that he sent a draft service agreement to Clerk-Admin. Schuler and to Peter Kulczyk, Building Official just a few hours prior to the council meeting. City Attorney Sandstrom said that the city council had the option of approving the contract or waiting until it has been reviewed further.

Peter Kulczyk, Building Official stated that he found many errors in the agreement and thought that it could be shortened.

##### Complaints – Code Enforcement

Councilmember Kline asked City Attorney Sandstrom and Clerk-Admin. Schuler what the current process is for responding to

complaints and stated that multiple complaints had been submitted regarding a house boat in the front yard of a residence and nothing had been done.

Clerk-Admin. Schuler responded stating that she had only known about the house boat for a week and had not received any complaints prior. City Attorney Sandstrom stated that the City could take a number of different actions to remedy the situation.

Councilmember Reiter suggested that the City hire another staff member to handle code violations.

##### Mike Bubany, Financial Advisor, David Drown and Associates, Inc. (Street bonding information)

Mr. Bubany presented on some bonding options for the proposed street project and the need to maintain the City's streets to avoid higher costs later.

Councilmember Reiter asked if the City could extend the term of a special assessment to bring down the yearly cost to residents that are assessed.

Mr. Bubany stated that this would be possible but the levy would have to be increased to offset the difference.

Clerk Admin. Schuler asked if cities ever assess crack sealing or seal coating. Mr. Bubany stated that most cities do not assess these things but do sometimes assess partial reconstructions like mill and overlay.

Councilmember Unker asked if there was a plan that could be presented to residents that would be assessed and if these residents could have input.

Mr. Bubany stated that there is no requirement for a plan and just two public hearings are required. The first public hearing is called an "improvement hearing" where generalized estimates are provided to those who will be assessed. At the second public hearing, the City should have the exact amounts residents will be assessed.

Mr. Bubany that the City was not required to have a plan but would be good policy for the City to do so. Mr. Bubany also went on to explain the advantages of special assessments when doing street projects.

Councilmember Reiter stated that she felt strange about assessing affected residents because of a paperwork error.

City Attorney Sandstrom explained that homeowners can only be assessed a certain amount that relates to the amount of property appreciation they would see with a new street.

Mr. Bubany and City Engineer Parotti recommended to the council that they make a decision soon regarding the street project and a funding mechanism if the council were to go ahead with the street project.

##### Master Subscriber Agreement

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER REITER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2016-NEXT AVAILABLE NUMBER APPROVING MASTER SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT FOR MINNESOTA COURT DATA SERVICES FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, REITER – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.**

##### City Clerk-Administrator Schuler

##### Candidate Forum

Clerk-Admin. Schuler provided a description of the upcoming candidate forum on Saturday, October 22 from 2 – 3:30 pm.

##### Update from Building Official, Peter Kulczyk

Building Official Kulczyk gave a rundown of the activities in the Building Inspection Dept. and recommended changing the fee

schedule to include fixed fees for some permits and making some changes to the current permit process.

Building Official Kulczyk then provided his determination regarding the newly installed fence at 1265 Quinlan Avenue stating that he believed it should be considered a "side yard" fence that is in compliance with the city's zoning code. Mr. Kulczyk stated that there may be something in the Planned Unit Development that says something differently but he has been unable to find a copy of the Planned Unit Development.

Discussion occurred regarding the fence at 1265 Quinlan Avenue.

#### Washington County Septic Ordinance

Clerk-Admin. Schuler stated that she was approached by Washington County regarding the LSCB septic ordinance. The county stated that their contract with the city regarding septic was expiring at the end of the year. Clerk-Admin. Schuler stated that the city has 2 options; one option is to repeal the city's septic ordinance and give full authority to the county for issuing septic permits and the other option is to update the city's ordinance and renew the contract with the county.

Clerk-Admin. Schuler stated that by giving authority back to the county, the city could avoid having to update their septic ordinance every 2 years. Clerk-Admin. Schuler also stated that the county told her that most cities in the county have repealed their ordinances and given full authority to the county.

Councilmember Reiter stated that she felt the county is in a better position to spell out the requirements than the city and believes it should be in the county's hands.

City Attorney Sandstrom stated that a public hearing will need to be held before the septic ordinance can be repealed from the city code and a new ordinance must be approved to repeal the current septic ordinance.

#### Fund Accounting Software

Clerk-Admin. Schuler discussed the city's need for a new fund accounting software and talked about the Intacct accounting software program as a possible solution.

Councilmember Reiter spoke out against changing accounting software programs and believes that the current software program works well.

#### Codification update

Clerk-Admin. Schuler that she is working with the codification person and will get a draft to City Attorney Sandstrom within 30 days.

#### CRS Update

Deputy Clerk Brunick stated that he is working on gathering all of the building permits issued in the last year for updating the CRS.

#### Bluff Restoration update

Clerk-Admin. Schuler that the Administrator of the Middle St. Croix Watershed District suggested planting trees on the bluff next spring. Clerk-Admin. Schuler stated that the city has until June 2017 to finish the bluff restoration project which the city will be reimbursed 100% for.

#### Web site update

Clerk-Admin. Schuler stated that Deputy Clerk Brunick has been updating the website with information on building inspections and floodplain/riverway information.

Councilmembers Brown and Unker stated that they thought the information on the Afton Septic Project could be put on the left side of the website.

#### Parks workshop/administrative process

Clerk-Admin. Schuler thanked Mrs. Runge for all the work she's done with updating the boat permit brochures. Clerk-Admin. Schuler stated that city staff will no longer be attending Park Board meetings.

#### Minutes (council)

Clerk-Admin. Schuler asked the council if they wanted verbatim minutes or just bullet points on their minutes. Clerk-Admin. Schuler stated that staff has hired a company off-site to transcribe the minutes as a test. Clerk-Admin. Schuler stated that the last meeting's minutes were done verbatim by this company and were 76 pages long costing \$167.00.

#### Budget workshop

The budget work session was scheduled for November 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

- **October Claims: \$47,413.02**, Check Numbers 17338 thru 17368

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER REITER, SECONDED BY MAYOR MCCARTHY, TO APPROVE CHECK NUMBER 17338 THROUGH 17368 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,413.02. MOTION PASSED, 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

#### Deputy Clerk Andrew Brunick

Deputy Clerk Brunick reported that the new street signs arrived and that they are being installed.

#### NEW BUSINESS Agenda item 9.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS Agenda item 10.

#### Minutes from July

The July minutes were not included in the packet.

#### Clerk-Administrator Performance Review

The council agreed to table the performance review for Clerk-Admin. Schuler.

Councilmember Reiter stated that she would like Clerk-Admin. Schuler to get an increase in pay.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER REITER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINE, TO INCREASE THE CITY CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR'S WAGE BY 3% EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016. MOTION PASSED, 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

#### OTHER BUSINESS Agenda item 11.

#### COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS Agenda item 12.

#### Councilmember Brown

#### Cable Commission

Councilmember Brown stated that there was no cable commission meeting and that he will not be in attendance at the November City Council meeting.

Councilmember Reiter asked Councilmember Brown to confirm that there will not be a cable commission meeting for the rest of the year.

Councilmember Brown confirmed that there would not be a cable commission meeting for the rest of the year.

Councilmember Reiter stated that without having a meeting, the four education channels are going to go by the wayside.

Councilmember Browns stated that he would take that concern up with the chairman of the cable commission.

Councilmember Kline

Nothing to report.

Councilmember Reiter

Councilmember Reiter stated that she attended the Sheriff's Department's "Elected Official Officer Training" that went over NIMS, incident command, and the role of elected officials during emergencies. Councilmember Reiter stated that there is another one of these trainings scheduled after the election and encouraged newly elected councilmembers to attend.

Councilmember Reiter read an apology letter to the residents of LSCB regarding the recently discovered paperwork error in the budget and the need to re-examine the streets project. The letter reads as follows, "Recently, the City Council met with our City Auditor and it was explained to us that due to paperwork error that occurred at least two years ago and was duplicated, the appropriate amount of tax levy dollars was not allocated to property owners. Actually, it comes to be that the property owners were undertaxed. Now on the face of it that sounds like not a bad thing but as you know taxes pay for the services and infrastructure of our city, therefore, we have a shortfall. As it was explained, this shortfall impacts our road and street fund. What this means is we (Council and staff) will need to seriously look at the road street projects that we had planned to do and resolve the issue by possibly delaying the project, starting over to replenish the funds, bonding for street and road projects the city had planned to do in the coming year, and to continue to research any other solutions. In the immediate time, if you follow City Council Meetings or minutes you will know that we (City Council) approved a 10% increase in the preliminary levy. A final levy will be approved after a public hearing in December per state statute. Also included in the statute is a provision that states that a levy cannot go up from the preliminary levy except for very specific and limited cause. Therefore, with the combined increase in the housing market and the levy, it will be very likely that you will see a noticeable tax increase for 2017. I just want to let you know that I take this very seriously and in my e-mail I said thank you for taking the time to read this."

Environmental Advisory Board

No recent Environmental Advisory Board meetings.

Councilmember Unker

Afton Wastewater Treatment System

Councilmember Unker stated that during the federal review process for the Afton Wastewater Treatment System, the surrounding Indian communities raised concerns about the process and stated that he and City Attorney Sandstrom sent in their objections to the project as well.

Mayor McCarthy

Veterans' memorial

Mayor McCarthy reported that the steel brick holders are up and mounted and for laser named bricks to be placed in them. Mayor McCarthy also reported that he is making arrangements to have the next flagpole put up.

Sentence -To- Serve (STS)

STS has not been to the city recently.

Middle St Croix Water Management Organization

Mayor McCarthy stated that he attended the recent MSCWMO meeting

Lower St Croix Valley Partnership Team

Mayor McCarthy stated that he attended the recent LSCV Partnership Team meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** Agenda item 12.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY MAYOR MCCARTHY, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***Building Permits***



**Remember to Contact the Building Inspector before you start a project!**

Our new Building Official can be contacted at **651-436-7031** or by e-mail at [pkulczyk@lscb.com](mailto:pkulczyk@lscb.com).

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***Solid Waste and Recycling***

***Garbage Service***

The City of Lake St. Croix Beach currently has three garbage haulers who are licensed to collect garbage on ***Wednesdays and Thursdays*** only:

- Highland Sanitation 651-458-0043
- Maroney Service Inc. 651-439-7279
- Waste Management 888-960-0008

Residents may choose a garbage hauler from those who are licensed with the City. All residents must have a contract with a garbage hauler or be able to prove that their garbage is taken to a proper collection site.

***Yard Waste Dropoff & Compost Sites***

Woodbury: Compost Concepts  
Location: 4600 Cottage Grove Drive

**Brush Dump Schedule**  
None left in 2016

Phone: 651-769-0531  
Cottage Grove: Cottage Grove Compost Site  
9600 Glendenning Rd.  
Phone: 651-459-1556

***Recycle Service***

We use a single-sort recycle service. Only certain materials can be recycled. These items are listed on the lid of the cart. Please set your recycle cart at the curb by 7:00 a.m. every other ***Thursday***.  
Recycle Hauler is Waste Management 877-969-2783

**2016 Holiday Recycling Schedule**  
**Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25, 2016**  
*No delay in service. Holiday falls on a Sunday.*

*Acronyms and abbreviations that may appear in this newsletter.*

CC	=	City Council
LSCVCC	=	Lower St. Croix Valley Cable Commission
M/S/P	=	Moved, Seconded, and Passed
M/S/F	=	Moved, Seconded, and Failed

M/S/W	=	Moved, Seconded, and Withdrawn
RFP	=	Request For Proposal
STS	=	Sentenced-To-Service
SEH	=	Short Elliott Hendrickson (City Engineer)

No person shall  
Operate an ATV in the City of  
Lake St. Croix Beach except on  
private property.

*Ordinance 1802.020. Open Burning*

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Animal Control 715-386-7789

Building Inspector 651-505-9985

City Hall 651-436-7031

Fire Hall (non-emergency) 651-436-7033

Gopher One Locate 800-252-1166 or 811

Lakeland Water Utility 651-436-8044

Police (non-emergency) 651-439-9381

Street Lights Out - Xcel Energy 1-800-960-6235

Well Water Test Kits - Wash. Co. 430-6655

U. S. Post Office - Lakeland 651-436-5469

Maroney's Sanitation 439-7279

Highland Sanitation 458-0043

Waste Management (Garbage & Recycling)  
888-960-0008

**Fire, Medical & Sheriff Emergency 911**

No person shall dispose of refuse by open burning or cause, suffer, allow, or permit open burning of refuse in the City of Lake St. Croix Beach.

Ordinance 1801.010 . . . **Curfew for Minors** . . .  
Between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. during the months of September through May and between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. during the months of June through August, it shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of 16 years to idle, loiter, or be upon the public streets, boulevards, sidewalks, alleys, parks, beach, or other public places in the City of Lake St. Croix Beach.

*Imagine anything is possible*

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## Meeting Schedule

- Planning Commission – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday
- Cable Commission – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at Lakeland City Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- LSCV Alliance – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at Fire Hall at 4:30
- Middle SCV WMO – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at Washington Conservation District Office
- Park Board – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
- Recycle Committee – Varies
- LSCV Partnership Team – Varies
- City Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday
- LSCV Fire District – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at Fire Hall

Please call the City Hall at 651-436-7031 for the address of any meeting held outside of the City. Check the City's Posting Box for up

to day information on City meetings.

*Future Newsletter Articles should be submitted to: Newsletter Editor at the Lake St. Croix Beach City Hall.*

**“Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there some day. – A. A. Milne, *Pooh's Little Instruction Book***

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