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Issue No. 496

# Lake St. Croix Beach

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.

## April Calendar

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

### Wednesday, April 2

Public Hearing  
Planning Commission

### Tuesday, April 8

Park Commission

### Wednesday, April 9

LSCV Fire District at Fire Hall

### Thursday, April 10

Recycle Day

### Thursday, April 10

Middle SCV WMO meeting at Washington Conservation District Office

### Monday, April 21

Regular City Council Meeting

### Thursday, April 24

Recycle Day

### Monday, April 28

LSCV Alliance – 4:30 at Fire Hall

## Spring Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 3, 9a.m. - 2p.m.

Clothing and small household items

St. Croix Valley United  
Methodist Church

St. Croix Trail and 7th Street  
Lakeland

Sponsored by the United  
Methodist Women



## House Numbers

Ordinance 505.045 It shall be the duty of the owner, lessor and/or occupant of every house, apartment, duplex, industrial, commercial, or other building to have house and/or building numbers clearly displayed thereon, either by affixing to said building or sign post . . . The numbers shall not be less than 3 inches in height, in a contrasting color to the base and be so placed as to be easily and clearly seen from the street when approached from either direction.

## Water Utility Customers

For those water utility customers that are running water due to frozen service lines, please keep the following information in mind:

- Please do your best to keep the water in your own yard. Do not run the water down the city street.
- Make sure you are not running water over your drain field or the drain field of a neighbor.
- The amount of water running should be about 100 gallons per hour. This can be calculated by reading your water meter and then reading it again in one hour. The reading should be close to 100 gallons. If not, adjust up or down.
- Running water will likely extend into the middle of April, if not longer. The water utility will do their best to call everyone and let them know.

If you have any questions regarding any of this information or need other advice please feel free to call the Lakeland Water Utility at 651-436-8044.

The greatest thing about the Flood Run to me is where it all came from... 12 bikers traveling 90 some miles to help throw sandbags for fellow neighbors in need. Just a spur of the moment thing and here we are almost 50 years later still helping, but now the focus is on Gillette Children's Specialty Health Care. Other runs in America have a great history but none greater than the Flood Run.

The way we help is to buy a Flood Run benefit wristband. That money goes to help the kids and their families at Gillette. Jimmy Noteboom who named the run always said "if a biker had not bought a benefit wristband they were not on the flood run - they were just on the same highway that day!" Please buy the wristband and tell others that don't have one what this cause is about.

When Jimmy Noteboom asked Brian Denny to take over the run he asked that the money to go to the kids at Gillette and it has ever since he started giving them money in 1991. We can all change the world a little starting right here at home by helping a fellow American family that needs our help. It all starts right here in the City of Lake St. Croix Beach. Thank you Brian Denny and all the volunteers who give their time by making the run possible!

Lastly, April also brings yard clean-up. There is a place just six miles north of Lake St. Croix Beach called RSI Services in Bayport (201 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S.). Their phone number is 651-430-2809 and they accept washers, dryers, air conditioners, couches, mattresses, and household junk.

Every day is Clean-Up Day in LSCB!!!

Mayor Tom

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### **Washington County Needs You to be an election judge**

During the November 2014 general election, approximately 2,000 election judges will be needed to staff polling locations throughout Washington County. Election judges and election judge trainees are the officials who staff the polling location and ensure that the rights of voters are protected on Election Day. Election judges must be at least 18 years old, and trainees must be at least 16 years old and in good standing at school.

Required qualifications for election judges are to:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be a Minnesota resident
- Not have had their voting rights revoked
- Be able to read, write, and speak English
- Complete a minimum two-hour training

Election judges need to be able to:

- Communicate clearly with voters
- Enjoy helping others
- Be available to work long hours
- Pay attention to detail

Election judges are essential to our democracy. Serving as an election judge or trainee provides an opportunity to learn more about the election process and serve the community. For additional information or questions, contact your local City office or Washington County Elections at [elections@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:elections@co.washington.mn.us) or (651) 430-6175

## **Install a Rain Barrel at Home to Save Money and Prevent Water Pollution**

Are you tired of swimming in slimy, green lakes? Would you like to save money on your summer water bill? Rain barrels are an easy way for you to help to reduce stormwater runoff to our lakes and rivers and offer free water for irrigating lawns, gardens, and trees. Many people are not aware that the largest cause of water pollution is stormwater runoff. In other words, every time it rains, water runs off of roofs, driveways, and parking lots, picking up pollutants and dirt. The water is then collected in storm sewers and ditches, and then sent rushing into local water bodies, causing erosion, flooding, and water pollution.

You can take a bite out of stormwater pollution by installing a rain barrel at your home. Rain barrels collect rainwater from your downspouts, which can later be used to water your lawn or garden during dry weeks. Most have a screen on the top to keep mosquitos from breeding, an overflow valve, and a spigot at the bottom to attach to your garden hose. You can even make your own rain barrel – complete directions are available at <http://www.gertens.com/learn/conservation/rain-barrels.htm>.

You can pre-purchase a rain barrel (and compost bins) from the Recycle Association of Minnesota this spring at the discounted rate of only \$69. Online pre-ordering is now open, and there are various pick-up dates this spring throughout the metro area. Simply visit <http://www.recycleminnesota.org/programs/sale-events>.

If those times and days don't work for you, both Gertens (\$180 for a 75-gallon barrel) and Fleet Farm (\$140 for a 65-gallon barrel) sell rain barrels locally, or for a cheaper alternative, Verde Strategies sells rain barrels made from re-used, 55-gallon, food-grade barrels for \$60 ([www.verdestrategies.com](http://www.verdestrategies.com) or (952) 212-6576).

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## **Blue Thumb - Planting for Clean Water - Bayport Garden Design Workshops**

What could you do with a \$250\* plant grant?

Join us at this FREE presentation to see how homeowners added beauty to their yard using native plants, raingardens and creek side plantings. If you are inspired to install a new garden this year you can sit down with landscape designers from the Washington Conservation District to plan a raingarden or native planting for your own home. Best of all, you can use our \$250 plant grant to make your garden design come to life!

Landscape designers will help you plan a garden using an aerial photo of your property - but only if you pre-register by April 23! We'll also discuss how to build your garden and where to find plants and materials for your project. If you have already attended a Blue Thumb workshop or presentation in the past, you can register for just Parts 2 & 3.

Contact Angie Hong for more info:  
651-275-1136 x.35 or [angie.hong@mnwcd.org](mailto:angie.hong@mnwcd.org)

\*The \$250 plant grant is available to residents of the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization (which includes LSCB!).

Register Here: <http://tinyurl.com/2014BayportGardens> or call

Blue Thumb - Planting for Clean Water  
Garden Design Workshops  
Part 1 (Get Inspired!) - Thu., April 24, 6-7:30pm  
Part 2 (Start Designing!) - Tue., April 29, 6-8pm  
Part 3 (Ready, Set, Plant!) - Thu., May 1, 6-8pm  
Bayport Library, 582 4th St. N., Bayport

## Calendar of Events for Valley Library in Lakeland – April 2014

Valley Library  
380 St. Croix Trail South  
Website: [www.washington.lib.mn.us](http://www.washington.lib.mn.us)  
Phone: (651) 436-5882  
Monday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Tuesday - Thursday 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

### **Storytime**

April 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10:30 a.m.

### **A Writer's Workshop For Kids: Write Your Own Silly Story**

Tuesday, April 8, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Silly stories are fun to read and write. Come practice developing your writing skills by crafting some silly stories of your own, based on your school, friends, and family experiences. For kids in grades 1-4. Limited to 20 participants. Registration is required.

### **Dog Gone Reading**

Tuesday, April 22, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Children in grades K-7 practice reading by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog and its owner. Reading sessions are 15 minutes in length. Sign up to read at the Information Desk or call the library.

### **Valley Book Club**

Thursday, April 24, 5:00 p.m.

Book selected for discussion at this meeting is "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Just read the book, come, and discuss.

## **Public Safety**

(Including Reports)



### **Law Enforcement Report**

February, 2014

#### Complaints Investigated

3 Medical	1 Power Line Issue
2 Harassment Reports	1 Information
1 Noise Complaint	1 Down Wire
1 Unattended Vehicle Check	1 Live Wires
1 Threats Report	1 Vehicle Lock Out
1 Property Damage	1 Civil Assist
1 Theft of Vehicle Report	

Citations Issued: 0

### ● **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 in February, 6 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach.

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



### **Animal Control**

In the month of February, no animals were reported lost, and no animals were reported 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.**

### **2013 – 2015 Animal License Application**

Fee: \$10 neutered/spayed, \$25 not neutered/spayed

***Proof of current rabies vaccination must accompany application.***

Animal's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Sex Male or Female Spayed/Neutered Yes or No

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail to: City of Lake St. Croix Beach, 16455 20<sup>th</sup> Street South,  
Lake St. Croix Beach, MN 55043*

## **Building Permits**



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

The Building Inspector, is located at  
Lakeland Water Department Plant No. 2  
1190 St. Croix Trail South

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 321, Lakeland, MN 55043,  
Phone: 651-436-1405

**Please note: The Building Department Office  
Hours**

**Mondays 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Thursdays 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

## 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 651-437-9201

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.

### 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

### 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 replaces the Hazardous Materials Collection Site in Oakdale, which permanently closed in 2009.

The Environmental Center is open:

Tuesdays Noon – 7:00 p.m.  
Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Saturdays 9:00 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.

### Yard Waste Dropoff & Compost Site

#### Bayport: RSI

Location: 201 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S.

Also accept appliances and household junk  
Phone: 651-430-2809

#### Woodbury: Compost Concepts

Location: 4600 Cottage Grove Drive

Phone: 651-436-1213

#### Cottage Grove: Cottage Grove Compost Site

9600 Glendenning Rd.

Phone: 651-459-1556

## Community News

### XYZ Club (Extra Years of Zest)

XYZ Club, for seniors 55 years and older, meets every Tuesday morning at Memorial Lutheran Church in Afton. Cards will be played at 9:00 a.m. with a coffee break at 10:00 a.m., followed by more card playing until noon. Programs will be announced as they develop. For information, registration, or cancellation, call Marian Glasbergenger at 651-436-7742 on Mondays.



The Lake St. Croix Beach City Council Meetings may be viewed on Channel 16.

Schedule:

Apr. 2 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Apr. 3 at 9 a.m.
Apr. 9 at 4 p.m. and midnight
Apr. 10 at 7 a.m.
Apr. 16 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Apr. 17 at 9 a.m.
Apr. 23 at 4 p.m. and midnight
Apr. 24 at 7 a.m.
Apr. 30 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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 unapproved minutes from the March 17, 2014 City Council meeting. *Minutes may at times be condensed to fit space. (Complete minutes on file at City Hall.)*

**Members Present** Tom McCarthy, Charles W. Brown, Cheryl Kopp, Cindie Reiter, Jim Unker  
**Staff Present** John Parotti, Kevin Sandstrom, Angel Smith, Amy Truhlar  
**Others Present** Bob Swenson, Jon Place, Mary Parr, Deputy Sullivan, Kris Peterson

**Call To Order** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:03 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was said.

- **Approve Agenda**

Councilmember Reiter asked to pull item 8C (CenterPoint Energy Partnership Grant) from the agenda because the notice stated that applicants who had not received the grant in the past would be given priority over past recipients of the grant. The City received this grant in 2012 and used it to purchase the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). City Clerk-Administrator Angel Smith asked that item 7E (2014 Contract Stripping Needs) be added to the agenda.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Consent Agenda**

M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, BROWN – AYE, KOPP – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING ON FEBRUARY 10, 2014 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 10, 2014 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO APPROVE THE SHORELAND PARK COMMITTEE STRUCTURE FOR 2014 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Law Enforcement

- 24 calls, 0 citations issued

Animal Control

- No animals reported lost; no animals reported found

Kris Peterson, Chief of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, reported 36 runs in the month of February, 6 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach. The AED training will be coordinated with City Clerk-Administrator Smith and Deputy Chief Jim Stanley. Mr. Peterson reported that there was an EMT class in progress at the fire department, and they are looking into the costs of providing free CPR classes for residents in the lower St. Croix valley. Future EMT classes will be determined based on hiring for the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire District.

- **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- **Street Sweeping Quote**

John Parotti, City Engineer from SEH, presented quotes for spring and fall street cleaning from Mike McPhillips, Inc. Mike McPhillips, Inc. has provided street sweeping services for Lake St. Croix Beach for the past several years. The quote for spring street sweeping services was \$3,600, and the quote for fall street sweeping services was \$3,200. These are the same costs as 2013. City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom drafted a new contract for 2014, which was the same as the contract for 2013. Councilmember Brown asked why there was a difference between the spring and fall quotes. City Engineer Parotti explained that records were kept of what was picked up and hauled away each time. The quote was based upon past experiences.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM MIKE MCPHILLIPS, INC. FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR MCCARTHY AND CITY CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR SMITH TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Spring Load Restrictions**

Mr. Parotti reported that spring road restrictions went into effect on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 12:01 a.m. During the road restrictions, vehicles will be limited to 5,000 lbs per axle. There are certain exceptions to this restriction for milk trucks, school buses, garbage and recycling trucks, utility trucks, and tankers delivering propane and fuel used for heating. Septic tanks may be pumped during this time in emergency cases. These restrictions are typically in place for an average of 7 weeks. Calls should be made to the sheriff's deputies if trucks are seen that are overweight.

- **Frozen Pipes**

City Engineer Parotti explained that many people have experienced frozen pipes, not only in Lake St. Croix Beach, but in many cities all over the region. He marked on a map the locations in the city where this has occurred and pointed out that the issues are mostly occurring in the south end of the city, but there have been issues in Lakeland and Lakeland Shores as well. He noted that Lakeland Water Utility will provide assistance, but the property owner is responsible for the costs to fix this issue in most cases. Mary Parr, a resident, asked if this was affecting fire hydrants. Mr. Parotti explained that the water department is checking the fire hydrants, and only one has been found to be frozen. This is because the freezing is occurring mostly in the pipes from the water main to the house, which is the homeowner's responsibility. The most common method to thaw the pipes is to use a welder, who will run currents through the water lines to heat them up melt the frozen area. Other methods include using a steamer (force steam through line until the ice melts) or using hot water. He cautioned that homeowners should not leave their water running unless they have been told to do so by the water department.

- **Flood Outlook**

The first flood outlook of the season predicted a lower than normal risk of flooding. That outlook has been revised, and there is now a slightly higher than normal risk of flooding. Mr. Parotti explained that a cooler spring, which will cause a slower snow melt, is better for the risk of flooding or if warmer temperatures are followed by a period of cooler temperatures.

The Stillwater gauge, which is the one Lake St. Croix Beach uses to monitor the river level, is currently not reporting, so the levels at Prescott must be used. He noted that it is still too early to predict with reasonable certainty whether flooding will be an issue in 2014. This year there is a 60% chance of minor flooding in Stillwater compared to a 20% chance in a normal year, and a 40% chance of moderate flooding compared to a 17% chance in a normal year.

- **2014 Contract Striping Needs**

The City of Lake St. Croix Beach has used Washington County Public Works to perform their road striping work in past years. The streets that are striped in the city are a portion of 13<sup>th</sup> Street South, Quinlan Avenue South from 13<sup>th</sup> Street South to 20<sup>th</sup> Street South, 20<sup>th</sup> Street east of CSAH 18, and Queens Avenue south of 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The striping has been done every two years. Mr. Parotti stated he would coordinate with Washington County to have this work performed as he has done in past years.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO AUTHORIZE WASHINGTON COUNTY TO STRIPE THE STREETS IN LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH AS NEEDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Floodplain Plan**

City Clerk-Administrator Angel Smith reported that the Floodplain Advisory Commission met in early March and reviewed the Hazard Specific Appendice - Flooding section of the Emergency Management Plan. Councilmember Reiter stated that she did not receive notice of this meeting and felt that she should have received it as a Councilmember appointed to Emergency Preparedness. Ms. Smith stated that she should have received an email.

Ms. Smith explained that the Flooding Appendice outlined the tasks considered unique to flooding, the intergovernmental agencies that would be involved in the process, communication, and evacuation procedures. She stated that the remaining portion of the Emergency Management Plan would be provided to City Councilmembers at the worksession on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

M/S/P (McCarthy, Brown) TO ADOPT THE HAZARD SPECIFIC APPENDICE – FLOODING PORTION OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FLOODPLAIN ADVISORY COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 NAY (REITER).

o **Afton Septic Water Purchase**

The contractor from Wenck Associates, the company designing and installing the cluster septic system for the City of Afton, contacted Lakeland Water Utility about purchasing water for testing of the gravel filter being installed in the system. The state requires a leak test to be performed on the gravel filter, which requires filling the system with 250,000 gallons of clean water. The closest source for this water is a fire hydrant located in Lake St. Croix Beach on the east side of Quant Avenue South between 20<sup>th</sup> Street and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. The water department does regularly sell water, which usually involves a truck being filled with water at the water treatment plant. Lakeland Water Utility is prepared to provide this water if Lake St. Croix Beach approves the use of the hydrant, and they are asking permission from the city to use the hydrant to provide water to the contractor of the Afton cluster septic system. This use would require a hose crossing Quant Avenue, but the contractor/installer would be required to keep the road open to traffic. If the city does not approve the use of the hydrant, the second option to deliver the water would be to use trucks filled with water travelling back and forth between the septic system location and Lakeland Water Utility. The water department will determine the rate at which the water will be taken from the hydrant so that it will not affect any residents' water usage or the ability to provide firefighting services should the need arise. Mr. Parotti noted that depending upon the rate at which they are allowed to use the water, it could take several days to several weeks to fill the system with the required 250,000 gallons.

There was discussion regarding the other option of having trucks filled with water going back and forth on city streets and the damage that could do to the roads. Councilmember Kopp, however, was unhappy with the project and noted a lack of cooperation from Afton and felt that she could not justify giving the city's clean water for the project. City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom noted that if the city were to allow this, a contract should be in place to lay out the terms and conditions of this use, such as safety issues with the hose crossing the street or damage to the city's infrastructure. Councilmember Reiter asked if the cost for the contract could be charged to Afton or the contractor. City Attorney Sandstrom stated that the draft contract could first come from Afton based on conditions set forth by the City Council.

Jon Place, owner of the Beach Bar, noted that this is an issue that will affect a lot of residents who may not be informed of this request. He felt the City Council should not vote on this issue tonight, but give the residents time to submit comments or talk to Councilmembers first. Mayor McCarthy asked whether this needed to be decided at this meeting. City Clerk-Administrator Smith stated that the City of Afton wants to request bids in the spring, but no timeline has been provided. City Engineer Parotti confirmed that the bids would be requested in the spring for work that will be done in the fall. He noted that the method of water delivery would affect the bid. There was a brief discussion regarding the number of trucks that would be needed to deliver 250,000 gallons of water.

City Clerk-Administrator Smith asked whether the City Council would like Afton's City Engineer/contractor/City Administrator to attend a future City Council meeting to provide further information or details. Councilmember Reiter stated that there is a meeting on March 27 concerning road construction in downtown Afton. She wondered whether this issue would be addressed at that meeting or if further information would be available at the worksession. The City Council noted that allowing the water from the hydrant to be used may be the lesser

of two evils if the alternative would be hundreds of tanker trucks travelling on city streets to bring the water to the site.

Councilmember Kopp asked whether any of the project documents addressed restoring the roads after the project is completed. City Engineer Parotti reported that he did not remember the details in the project documents, but pointed out that Lake St. Croix Beach had a legitimate concern regarding possible damage to city streets. City Attorney Sandstrom stated that Lakeland Water Utility will most likely have a contract in place with Afton for this project setting the terms for the water usage. Therefore, it would not be out of line for the city to also have a contract in place assuring that their concerns will be addressed.

Councilmember Brown asked why the 250,000 gallons of water needed to be clean water. City Engineer Parotti pointed out that although he does not know for sure, his assumption is that it needs to be clean so that if there is a leak, the water going into the ground is clean. Councilmember Brown noted that he felt blindsided by this request as this is the first time he has been told of this. Councilmember Reiter liked the suggestion of approving the use with conditions attached to it. City Attorney Sandstrom stated the City Council could approve the use contingent upon the two cities entering into a mutually agreed upon contract. Councilmember Reiter repeated that the costs of the contract should be absorbed by Afton or the contractor building the system.

Mr. Sandstrom suggested that the city could request that Afton pay an easement fee for time that the hose is running across the street if they approve the use of the hydrant. Mr. Parotti stated the length of time would need to be determined by Lakeland Water Utility based on the rate of water usage. He was unsure how long it would take to pump that amount of water.

The City Council asked City Engineer Parotti to get the details of the project by working with Lakeland Water Utility and the City of Afton (or its contractor) to determine the exact needs and how long the pumping will take. After these facts are known, the contract can be drawn up with the costs absorbed by Afton or its contractor. Councilmember Reiter suggested that initial contact should be Lake St. Croix Beach City Staff and Afton City Staff. The City Council asked city staff to bring the information to the April City Council meeting.

o **Remnant Prairie Sign**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Truhlar explained that the Park Commission recommended purchasing one metal sign for the remnant prairie area (between the bike path and CSAH 18 between 13<sup>th</sup> Street South and 19<sup>th</sup> Street South) as large as possible without spending more than \$275. The price of one 18" X 24" sign is \$160, the price of one 24" X 36" sign is \$240.

The sign was designed by Washington Conservation District, who designed the sign for the raingarden across the street from the City Hall. Councilmember Reiter noted that the area that is designated as remnant prairie is fairly large, and she preferred one 18" X 24" sign at each end of the area.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE TO PURCHASE TWO 18" X 24" SIGNS FOR THE REMNANT PRAIRIE AREA WITH ONE SIGN BEING PLACED AT EACH END OF THE AREA. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Request for Reprieve From Boat Permit Holder**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar reported that Ms. March was offered a powerboat permit in 2013, which she accepted. At the time she was told she could keep her sailboat with a powerboat permit. After discussion with the Park Technical Committee and other Park Subcommittees, it was determined that a powerboat permit required a powerboat, not a sailboat. City staff sent a letter to Ms. March in February of 2014 informing her of this decision. Due to the miscommunication and health

issues, Ms. March requested that she be given one more year to make the decision, noting that purchasing a powerboat would require that she first sell her sailboat. The Park Commission recommended allowing Ms. March one additional year to make the decision, with a final deadline of March 15, 2015. There was discussion regarding whether to allow another permit holder to use the powerboat permit for one season, but the decision was made not to allow this.

M/S/P (McCarthy, Brown) TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARK COMMISSION TO APPROVE LAUREL MARCH'S REQUEST FOR A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION (WITH A DEADLINE OF MARCH 15, 2015) TO EITHER PURCHASE A POWERBOAT OR KEEP HER SAILBOAT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Portable Restroom Quote**

A quote was received from On Site for portable restrooms for Pettitt Park and Riverfront Park for the 2014 season. There was a price increase of \$2 per unit.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM ON-SITE SANITATION FOR PORTABLE RESTROOM SERVICE FOR 2014 WITH THE UNITS IN EARTHTONE COLORS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Approve Ordinance 2013-164A**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar explained that when gathering documents for the city's audit, it was discovered that two ordinances approved in 2013 had the same ordinance number. She discussed the issue with City Attorney Sandstrom, who advised that the City Council would need to re-approve the second ordinance with the same number with the letter "A" added to the number.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE RENUMBERING OF THE ORDINANCE ENACTING CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES AS ORDINANCE 2013-164A. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

o **Sheriff Substation Lease Letter**

City Clerk-Administrator Smith reported that she had worked with City Attorney Sandstrom to draft a letter to the Washington County Sheriff's Office as directed by the City Council in February. The letter, dated February 18, 2014, requested a response from the Sheriff's Office within 10 days or the City would consider the matter closed. No response has been received.

Ms. Smith then spoke with Mike Bubany of David Drown Associates, Inc., who helped the City with the bonding used to purchase of the current City Hall. Because of the financing involved in the purchase, the City is allowed to lease out 43% of City Hall's square footage to private parties (such as a non-public body), and an unlimited amount to public bodies (such as the Sheriff's Office).

• **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**

**Councilmember Brown's Report**

Councilmember Brown reported that the Cable Commission meeting was scheduled, then rescheduled, and then cancelled. A new date has not yet been set. The Park Commission met with coaches from the baseball teams that will use Pettitt Field ballpark. Parking lot signage was discussed.

**Councilmember Kopp's Report**

Councilmember Kopp asked Mary Parr to report on the Yellow Ribbon Alliance. Mary Parr reported that there was low attendance at the March Yellow Ribbon meeting so many items were tabled. The group is considering different options to spend the money they have on projects that will help veter-

ans and their families. Volunteers are being sought for upcoming events. She noted that due to privacy issues, finding veterans can be difficult, so if people know of a need, she asked that they be told to a member of the Yellow Ribbon Alliance.

**Councilmember Unker's Report**

Nothing further to report.

**Councilmember Reiter's Report**

Councilmember Reiter asked what could be discussed in this portion of the meeting as she felt censored at the last City Council meeting. Mayor McCarthy suggested the City Council discuss this at their City Council worksession on Saturday, March 22, 2014 and asked that she limit her comments to reports on her committee assignments listed on the agenda.

She was unable to attend the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization. There was no Lower St. Croix Valley Partnership Team meeting and no Planning Commission meeting. She noted the willingness and past practice of the Planning Commission and City Council to hold special meetings to get an answer to a variance application within the required 60 days. The Environmental Advisory Commission met, and there was discussion regarding the recycling incentive program.

On March 27 there will be an open house regarding the construction of County Road 21 in the downtown area of Afton. She asked that this be posted in case City Councilmembers would like to attend. On March 31, 2014, a League of Local Governments meeting will be held to discuss Washington County's Economy and Economic Development. She asked that this also be posted.

**Mayor McCarthy's Report**

Mayor McCarthy expressed his appreciation for the Sentenced-To-Service (STS) program as they are a great help to the City. They have been and will continue to work on the levees, and they cleaned out several of the city's French drains. He stated that 10 stop signs are needed and asked that this be added as an agenda item at the April City Council meeting.

**City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Sandstrom reported that as noted on the agenda, a closed session of the City Council will be held following the City Council and Staff reports to discuss pending litigation.

**City Clerk-Administrator Smith's Report**

City Clerk-Administrator Smith reported that the audit presentation will take place at the April City Council meeting. She asked that newsletter articles be submitted to city staff by Wednesday, March 19 by noon. Councilmember Reiter asked whether newsletter articles could be submitted after the City Council worksession. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar advised that articles could be submitted by Monday, March 24 for inclusion in the April newsletter. Ms. Smith reminded everyone that there will be a City Council worksession on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., and reported that she will be out of the office for the rest of the week and the Clerk's Conference in St. Cloud.

**Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar's Report**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar presented the bills for the month totaling \$28,709.85.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS PRESENTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,709.85. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Reiter asked that the City Council receive the Interim Financial Reports again once the audit work is completed.

• **CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Sandstrom explained that the City Council would be going into Closed Session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13B.05, which allows the City Council to go into Closed Session to discuss pending or threatened litigation with the City Attorney. There is a pending lawsuit by David Triemert against the city relating to data practices act issues and a second threatened lawsuit by Mr. Triemert.

City Council meeting was recessed to go into **CLOSED SESSION** at 8:37 p.m.

• **REOPEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at 8:55 p.m.

City Attorney Sandstrom stated that the City Council held a Closed Session to discuss a litigation matter of Triemert vs. the City and the threatened lawsuit by David Triemert. The City Attorney provided updates on those matters. No action was taken during the Closed Session.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (Brown, Reiter) TO ADJOURN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:56 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CC	=	City Council
EAC	=	Environmental Advisory Commission/Recycle Committee
FAC	=	Floodplain Advisory Commission
FEMA	=	Federal Emergency Management Agency
LSCVA=		Lower St. Croix Valley Alliance
LSCVCC=		Lower St. Croix Valley Cable Commission
M/S/P	=	Moved, Seconded, and Passed
M/S/F	=	Moved, Seconded, and Failed
RFP	=	Request For Proposal
SEH	=	Short Elliott Hendrickson (City Engineer)

**Ordinance 724.04 Outdoor Implements** . . . any power lawn mower, snowblower, power hedge clipper, power saw, or such other implement designed primarily for outdoor use, shall be operated only between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays, or between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and State and Federal Holidays. . .

**Exterior Storage**

Trailers, Boats, RV's, Lawn Equipment, Utility Trailers, Etc...

- Should be stored in rear yard or side yard.
- Your yard might not be big enough! There are limits.
- Watercraft & Watercraft Trailers: Licensed & owned by resident occupying residential property.  
Boats -25 Feet  
Boat Trailers – 35 feet
- Vehicles – Current registration & operable.
- Other items may require that they be stored within a building or fully screened.

**Reminder:**

**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.

## Hazard Mitigation Topic

Don't Let Your Spring Cleaning Dirty the Environment!  
Have you thought about products that can help keep your home "Green"?

Exposure to harmful chemicals has been largely overlooked as a source of indoor air pollution. However, studies have shown that chemicals in indoor air may exceed the standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to protect us. You can help avoid such levels in your home by buying and using products that are free of toxic chemicals whenever possible.

Reducing toxins inside your house can be as simple as looking for a few key words or ingredients. Look for products that appear to disclose all ingredients, and avoid ones that contain petroleum, phosphates, phthalates, triclosan, and benzalkonium chloride. The words "Caution," "Warning," and "Danger" indicate that the product's ingredients are harmful.

There are wide varieties of alternatives as the market for non-toxic household products grows in response to consumer demands. Greener alternatives are prepared with plant-based materials, such as oils made from citrus, seed, vegetable, or pine. These products are biodegradable, generally less toxic, and are made from renewable resources.

Another alternative is to make your own solutions using common, single-ingredient household materials such as baking soda, vinegar, or plant-based soaps and detergents.

Basic soap and water has been shown to keep surfaces as free of bacteria as antibacterial soaps; baking soda works well to clean sinks, tubs, and toilets; vegetable oil with a little lemon juice works wonders on wood furniture; use vinegar and water in a pump spray bottle for cleaning mirrors and shining chrome.

Simple changes in our everyday routines such as how we choose the products we buy, or the way we clean our houses, can reduce our long-term exposure to low levels of potentially harmful substances.

## Non-Toxic Cleaning Recipes

Basic Supplies:

- Baking Soda
- Bon Ami Cleanser
- Borax
- Lemon or Lime Juice
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Vegetable Oil
- Washing Soda
- White Vinegar
- Non-scratch scrubber sponge

DOS:

- Read and follow all label directions on all products you purchase
- Label all containers with ingredients, intended use, and date made
- Keep all containers out of children's reach
- Keep all containers closed when not in use
- Use only non-chlorine bleach if you feel you must use a bleach product. Use it by itself
- Control pests by eliminating their food, water, and access

DON'TS:

- Use food or beverage containers for cleaning chemicals of any type
- Avoid using bleach and ammonia. **Never** mix these products with each other – or with any other product
- Avoid using chemical pesticides

**All-Purpose Cleaner:**

- ¼ cup white vinegar
- 2 tsp. Borax
- 3½ cups hot water
- 20 drops lemon or lavender essential oil
- ¼ cup liquid dish soap

In a 32-oz. spray bottle, mix the vinegar, Borax, and water thoroughly. Add essential oil if desired. Add dish soap last. (Abrasive and may cause scratching.)

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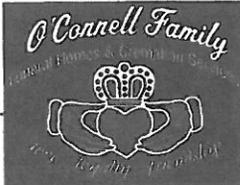
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### Meeting Schedule

- Planning Commission – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday
- 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 Commission 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
- Recycle Committee Varies
- LSCV Partnership Team – Varies
- City Council 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon in Jan & Feb)
- Land Use Review Committee Varies
- 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.

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