



City of Lake St. Croix Beach
 City Hall
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 Lake St. Croix Beach, MN 55043

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 Sue Schuler
 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
 Amy Truhlar

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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.

February Calendar

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

Wednesday, February 2

Cable Commission – 6:00 p.m. at Lakeland City Hall

Wednesday, February 3

Planning Commission

Monday, February 8

City Council Meeting (2nd Monday due to Holiday)

Tuesday, February 9

Park Commission

Wednesday, February 10

LSCV Fire District at Fire Hall

Thursday, February 11

Recycle Day

Monday, February 15

Presidents' Day – City Offices Closed

Monday, February 22

Alliance Meeting – 4:30 p.m. at Fire Station



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.

Winter Parking Restrictions ❄️

On street parking is prohibited throughout city:

- For more than 24 consecutive hours from Nov. 1 thru April 1
- After snowfall, for 48 hours or until snow is removed
- Where posted "No Parking"

The above conditions require that vehicles must be

OFF THE PAVED STREET SURFACE.

Citations may be issued for vehicles that obstruct snowplow routes.



Snow Plowing

During storms with heavy snowfall, the drivers will concentrate on keeping primary routes open for travel. After the storm subsides, all streets will be plowed full width. Garbage cans and recycling carts must be removed from the edge of the street as soon as possible after pickup.

Do not park cars in the street during this time.

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.

2016 APPOINTMENTS

(Representative listed first, alternate second, when appropriate.)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

(Contact Individuals Through City Hall At 651- 436-7031)

Mayor.....	Tom McCarthy
Deputy Mayor.....	Charles Brown
City Clerk-Administrator.....	Sue Schuler
Treasurer.....	Amy Truhlar
Deputy Clerk.....	Amy Truhlar
City Attorney (Retainer Agreement With Firm – Eckberg Lammers).....	Kevin Sandstrom
City Engineer (Short Elliott Hendrickson).....	John Parotti
Zoning Administrator.....	Sue Schuler
Building Inspector (Contract with Bayport).....	John Buckley
Assessor (Contract with Washington County).....	Bruce Munneke (County Assessor)
Official Depository.....	U. S. Bank, LMC 4-M Fund
Official Posting Place.....	City Hall, 16455 20 th Street South
Official Publication.....	Stillwater Gazette
Newsletter Editor.....	Sue Schuler
Tree Inspector.....	Dave Witzel, Mike Simonson
City Forester.....	Dave Witzel
Weed Inspector.....	Tom McCarthy
Emergency Preparedness (Emergency Mgmt Director).....	Tom McCarthy, Brad Peters, Sue Schuler
LSCV Alliance.....	City Council/Staff
LSCV Partnership Team.....	Tom McCarthy, Cindie J. Reiter
Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Protection District	
Representatives (2 residents):.....	Tom McCarthy (6/30/16), Sally Thompson (6/30/17)
Alternates (Councilmember):.....	Charles Brown, Michelle Kline
Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization.....	Tom McCarthy, Nancy Truax
Cable Television Board.....	Charles Brown, Tom McCarthy
Police (Agreement with Washington County Sheriff's Department) Non-emergency 651-439-9381.....	911
Fire (Agreement with Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Protection District) Non-emergency 651-436-7033.....	911
Animal Control Officer (By Contract) 715-386-7789.....	Kathi Pelnar
Animal Shelter 651-730-6008, Woodbury Location.....	Humane Society For Companion Animals
Yellow Ribbon Alliance.....	Mary Parr, Charles Brown, Tom McCarthy
Veterans Memorial Representative.....	Tom McCarthy, Charles Brown
Information Technology Coordinator.....	Charles Brown

Planning Commission

Meets: 1st Wednesday

Mary Ashby
Linda O'Donnell
John Sievert
Nancy Truax
Steve Zigan

Alternates

Marilyn Siebenaler
Mary Yanchar

Council Liaison

Tom McCarthy
Michelle Kline

Codification Committee

Sue Schuler
Cindie J. Reiter
Linda O'Donnell
Nancy Truax
Kevin Sandstrom

Park Commission

Meets: 2nd Tuesday

Bill Glampe
Colter Manley
Joe Riley
Tom Runge
Nick Welsch

Alternates

Bruce Albrecht
Becky Brewster
Lyle Sorenson
Dave Witzel

Council Liaison

Michelle Kline
Charles Brown

Park Manager

Bob Shearer
Ex Officio
Tom McCarthy

Environmental Advisory Commission

Meets: As needed

Bruce Albrecht
Becky Brewster
Marilyn Siebenaler

Alternates

Council Liaison

Cindie Reiter
Jim Unker

Personnel Committee

Meets: As needed

Tom McCarthy
Charles Brown
Karen Riley
John Sievert

Floodplain Advisory Commission

Meets: As Needed

Colter Manley (100 yr)
Bill Carlson (100 yr)
Tom Kingston (500 yr)
Linda O'Donnell (at large)
Joe Riley (at large)
John Sievert (at large)
Todd Streeter (100 yr)
Paul Vielhaber (500 yr)
Brad Peters

City Council

Meets: 3rd Monday
Tom McCarthy, Mayor
Charles Brown
Michelle Kline
Cindie Reiter
Jim Unker

From the Office of the Clerk/Administrator

As many of you are aware the street right-of-ways (ROWs) have been an ongoing issue here for us in Lake St Croix Beach. The City has spent countless hours and monies notifying residents of the public safety concerns and issues dealing with the over growth of vegetation along city streets and intersections. It was proposed that the City pay for that service to ensure that all areas were being done. It was a unanimous decision by the City Council to include this expense in the 2016 budget and not take the legal route of assessing residents individually for this not being done. The work on the City street ROWs has been contracted by bid to SaveATree, a local company, who will begin this work in our city the February 1, 2016. They also have been contracted to come back mid to late summer to do routine maintenance for any new growth. The City would like to thank those residents that took the time and cared for their ROW in the past. If you have any concerns or issues with the work being done you may call City Hall during regular business hours.

Election Judges Needed for 2016 Primary and General Elections

Becoming an election judge is a great way to get more involved in your community and show your civic spirit! To serve as an election judge you must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and be able to read, write, and speak English (M.S. 2046.19). Serving is also a great way to get involved in the great State of Minnesota and be a part of making history for your country as well. Presidential elections are particularly exciting for election judges and the community as a whole. We are fortunate to be part of a democracy where we have a voice and a vote and are able to exercise this right as citizens of the United States according to the Fifteenth Amendment of the Constitution.

Election judges serve in many capacities. State law allows you to receive time off work to be an election judge, and you get paid! Your employer can reduce your wages by your judge salary during the hours you are away from work, OR you can voluntarily take a vacation day and receive the judge salary you earn as extra income. Per M.S. 204B.195, an employer can not force you to take a vacation day. If you are working in your own precinct, you may vote on a break or vote absentee before Election Day.

Becoming an election judge is fun, rewarding, and a terrific way to "give back" to your community. The training consists of a two-hour session, and you are paid for attending. Head judges must attend an additional one-hour training as well. Students age 16 and 17 can be election judge trainees if they are U.S. citizens, are in good academic standing, and are granted permission from school/guardian.

2016 Elections Calendar:

Primary Election is Tuesday, August 9, 2016

General Election is Tuesday, November 8, 2016

The City of Lake St. Croix Beach will have the following municipal offices up for election:

Mayor – 1 Two-Year Term 2017-2018

Councilmember – 1 Four-Year Terms 2017-2020

Contact us for additional information at City Hall Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:30 – 1:30

From The Fire Department

The LSCVFD Annual Awards Banquet and Presentation was on held on Saturday, January 16th.

Service Awards were presented to the following members:

Chip Hannigan -25 Years

Sherry Kirby - 20 Years

Steve Jacobs -15 Years

Bridget O'Brien - 15 Years

Rob Corey - 10 Years

Brenda McKenzie - 10 Years

Pete Granat was also recognized for his combined 38 years of service first as a firefighter and the last 17 years as a City of Lake St Croix Beach Fire District Rep. Pete retired from the District Board as of January 1.

The evening was topped off as Deputy Chief Jim Stanley recalled a cardiac arrest event we had in June. After thanking everyone who played a part in the "save", he turned the mic over to the survivor who thanked everyone himself! It was a very special and memorable evening...

LOWER ST CROIX VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT CPR CLASSES

2016: Your Year To Save A Life

Do you have the necessary skills to save a life? Investing just a small amount of time in education – no more than 3 hours — could mean the difference between life and death for someone who is choking or in cardiac distress. Be prepared! Learn to recognize life-threatening emergencies and what to do next.

Whether you just want to learn CPR and basic lifesaving skills (or refresh your memory) or you need formal CPR and AED instructed training with certification, we've got the perfect class for you!

Sign-up today for 4 different training courses: **Basic Lifesaving for Healthcare Providers, Heartsaver CPR and AED, Infant CPR, or Friends & Family CPR.**

Classes range from \$20-\$50 per person and include instruction by a certified trainer as well as a course certification card (valid for 2 years). All classes will be taught at the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department; for more information or to register please email Sherry.Kirby@LSCVFD.com or call (651) 755-1584. Private groups and industry classes may be scheduled upon request.

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Automatic Payments – Water Billing

Automatic payments are now being offered by the Lakeland Water Utility for monthly water bills. An application needs to be printed from the City of Lakeland website, filled out, and returned to Lakeland Water via email, fax, snail mail, or in person. Details can be found on the website (ci.lakeland.mn.us); click on Departments the Public Works/Water Utility.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the water utility at 651-436-8044.

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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.

Calendar of Events for

Valley Library in Lakeland – January 2016

Valley Library

380 St. Croix Trail South

Website: 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.

Library will be closed Monday, February 15.

Preschool Storytime

February 1, 8, 22, and 29; 10:30 a.m.

Mu Daiko Performs at Washington County Libraries

Mu Daiko, a professional taiko drumming ensemble based in the Twin Cities, will appear at Washington County Libraries in February. The hour-long performances will be at:

- 1:30 p.m., Sunday, February 7 at Hardwood Creek Library, 19955 Forest Road N., Forest Lake
- 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 11 at Oakdale Library, 1010 Heron Avenue S., Oakdale
- 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 20 at Bayport Library, 582 N. Fourth Street, Bayport
- 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 27 at Wildwood Library, 763 Stillwater Road, Mahtomedi

The ensemble performs a variety of traditional and contemporary works, ranging from traditional taiko repertoire to original pieces composed by its members. Mu Daiko continues to stretch the boundaries of the art form and contribute to the innovation of American taiko.

These events are free and open to the public.

Public Safety

(Including Reports)



Law Enforcement Report

December, 2015

Complaints Investigated

5 Traffic	1 Damage To Mailbox
2 Assist	1 Restraining Order Violation
2 Medical	1 Unknown Situation
2 Neighbor Complaint	1 Suspicious Person
1 Officer Info	

Citations Issued: 1

• Sheriff's Tipline

A quick, simple way to forward information to Washington County Investigators anonymously.
E-mail: sheriff@co.washington.mn.us
Or Phone 651-430-7850

Crime in progress – call 911

Fire Department Report



The Fire Department reported 24 runs in December, 4 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach.

The Fire Department's Website is www.lscvfd.com.



Animal Control

In the month of December, 5 dogs were reported lost, and 1 dog and 1 cat 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.

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 or call 430-6655.

Building Permits



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

The Building Inspector, is located at
Lake St. Croix Beach City Hall
16455 20th Street South
Lake St. Croix Beach
Phone Number (651) 505-9985
jbuckleylscb@comcast.net

Please note: The Building Department Office Hours

Mondays 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Building Permits Issued

16625 20th Street South

Replace Windows

Solid Waste and Recycling

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

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

Phone: 651-769-0531

Cottage Grove: Cottage Grove Compost Site

9600 Glendenning Rd.

Phone: 651-459-1556



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

Schedule:
 Feb. 3 at 4 p.m. and midnight
 Feb. 4 at 7 a.m.
 Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
 Feb. 11 at 9 a.m.
 Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. and midnight
 Feb. 18 at 7 a.m.
 Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
 Feb. 25 at 9 a.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.



HIGHLIGHTS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL

The following are unapproved minutes from the January 11, 2016 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, Cindie Reiter, Jim Unker

Staff Present John Parotti, Kevin Sandstrom, Susan Schuler, Amy Truhlar

Others Present Dolly Burns, Barb Kopp, Jon Place, Becky Brewster

- **Call To Order** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:04 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- **Approve Agenda** Agenda Item 3
M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- **Consent Agenda** Agenda Item 4
M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION ON DECEMBER 21, 2015 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 21, 2015 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO APPROVE THE 2016 HERITAGE DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016, AND DIRECT STAFF TO WORK WITH THE PARK COMMISSION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION/RECYCLE COMMITTEE TO MAKE THE USUAL ARRANGEMENTS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR, AND DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER AS ELIGIBLE SIGNERS AT THE STATE

OF MINNESOTA SURPLUS SERVICES FACILITY IN ARDEN HILLS.

- **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
There were no comments from the public.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**
Deputy Sullivan reported 23 calls to law enforcement in the month of December. There was one citation issued. There was a stolen vehicle recovery, which was tied to several stolen vehicles out of St. Mary's Point. Final numbers are in for 2015, and there were 461 calls for service to Lake St. Croix Beach in 2015. There were 3,612 calls for service in the Lower St. Croix Valley. There were 32,944 calls for service in Washington County in 2015.
Councilmember Brown noted that the animal report for December listed 5 lost dogs, 1 found dog, and 1 found cat. No warning letters were sent in December.
Jim Stanley, Deputy Chief of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, reported 24 calls in December, 4 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach. He will have year totals at the next City Council meeting. Councilmember Reiter asked for a total of fire calls vs. medical at the next meeting. Mr. Stanley noted that it is typically 75 – 80% medical calls.
- **CITY STAFF REPORTS**
 - **City Engineer Parotti**
John Parotti, City Engineer with SEH, reported that he will be meeting with staff on Wednesday to look at some records to determine if they contain any information on existing easements for the 21st Street levee. He has a meeting set up on January 21, 2016 with representatives from Xcel Energy to begin discussions regarding utility pole relocation.
The flood damage restoration project sites #1 and #2 are complete. Reimbursement has been requested. He reminded the City Council that phase 2 of this project will be completed in the spring. Phase 2 includes planting in cooperation with the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization (WMO). Some monies have been set aside for the work.
City Engineer Parotti noted that there were plans for street reconstruction in 2015, but those plans were changed to 2016. The estimated cost for the work is \$134,000. Estimated costs for work scheduled for 2017 is \$158,000. The projects planned are to reconstruct a portion of Quebec Avenue South between 20th Street South and Upper 21st Street South, 21st Street South from Queens Avenue South to the dead end, and Upper 21st Street South between Queens Avenue South and Quebec Avenue South. He suggested a worksession or a meeting with the Councilmembers responsible for streets to determine how to best proceed with these projects. Councilmember Reiter stated that some of the streets are shared with St. Mary's Point and asked how that would be handled. Mr. Parotti noted that St. Mary's Point City Council has identified a project for their city and is waiting to hear of Lake St. Croix Beach's decision.
Engineer Parotti explained that the first step is to get direction from the City Council on how much of the work, if not all of it, fits into the 2016 budget. After that is determined, the scope of the project will be known and surveys can be ordered. Surveys will not be done until the ground is thawed and snow is gone. After the surveys, designs and bid documents can be prepared. So bids will most likely be performed in May – June. If the city has the funds to do larger projects, better prices can be obtained. Projects for multiple years can be bid together with separated or combined bids. Mr. Parotti will work with staff to set up a meeting date.
 - **City Attorney Sandstrom**
City Attorney Katie Kranz was present in place of Mr. Sandstrom, who was out of town. There was nothing further to report.

- o **City Clerk-Administrator Schuler**

City Clerk-Administrator Susan Schuler reported that the reimbursement for the bluffland restoration has been applied for. The funding has been granted, and the city should receive the money soon. She also reported that she had met with Richard Glasgow, Chair of the Cable Commission, on January 8, 2016. She will be presenting some information at the February City Council meeting. The city has received a check for \$1,681.64 from the Cable Commission, the total of the funds previously returned to the Cable Commission.

Ms. Schuler suggested three worksessions: in-house training for all commissions/committees and the City Council to review duties and processes; review all Joint Powers Agreements (JPA) and franchise agreements; and one with the Planning Commission, the WMO, and the City Council to discuss the Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS) ordinance before the Public Hearing. In regards to the worksession with the WMO, Councilmember Reiter asked when the Valley Branch Watershed Boundary Updates would be complete. City Engineer Parotti explained that no firm dates have yet been announced, but he would check with them again for an updated timeline. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported that she would be attending the first meetings of all commissions/committees of the year to administer the oaths of office and to provide a brief overview of the duties and responsibilities of each commission/committee. She provided two Codes of Conduct and a City Council meeting protocol for City Council review. These will be discussed further at the February City Council meeting.

- o **Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Truhlar presented the bills for the month totaling \$19,431.60. Mayor McCarthy noted a bill for Comcast and asked what the city received for free from Comcast. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that the bill was for the phone lines. The city receives free internet service and basic cable TV services.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE DISBURSEMENTS AS PRESENTED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$19,431.60. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- o **Resolution 2016-01, A Resolution of Annual Appointments and Designations for 2016**

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reviewed the list of Council Duties and Responsibilities and the Appointment List for 2016 as discussed at the Saturday, January 9, 2016 City Council worksession. Councilmember Unker stated he works every Wednesday night, so he could not be City Council Liaison to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Reiter noted that due to health issues, she needs to withdraw from some duties. Mayor McCarthy stated he would take the Planning Commission, and Councilmember Kline stated she would be the alternate. Councilmember Unker stated he had no interest in being part of the Cable Commission. Councilmember Brown reluctantly accepted that position with Mayor McCarthy as the alternate.

Councilmember Reiter noted that at the worksession, Mayor McCarthy had stated that Brad Peters had brought \$84,000 into the city. She asked him what he was referring to and what it had been for. Mayor McCarthy stated that he did not have that information at this time and would bring it to the next City Council meeting.

M/S/P (McCarthy, Kline) TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-01, A RESOLUTION OF ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS FOR 2016 WITH THE APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS AS AMENDED. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – NAY, KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

- o **Resolution 2016-02, A Resolution Adopting 2016 City Fees**

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that the only change to the 2016 fee schedule was the removal of the special charges listed for different portions of the city ordinances. Copies of portions requested would be charged on a per page basis. Councilmember Unker asked if there had been an increase to the boat permit fee. Although Councilmember Reiter had suggested an increase, there was no change.

M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-02, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2016 CITY FEES. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

- o **Resolution 2016-03, A Resolution Authorizing Signatory Power With US Bank for the City of Lake St. Croix Beach**

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that this resolution authorized those who could sign for checks issued by the city. Mayor McCarthy, Deputy Mayor Brown, City Clerk-Administrator Schuler, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar were listed on the resolution.

M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-03, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATORY POWER WITH US BANK FOR THE CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

- o **Annual Tort Liability Limit Designation**

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that the tort liability limit designation is done annually. The city typically does not waive the tort liability limit.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO NOT WAIVE THE MONETARY LIMITS ON MUNICIPAL TORT LIABILITY ESTABLISHED BY MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 466.04. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- o **Fire Department Sign Donation**

Mayor McCarthy explained that the Fire Department has asked the cities for donations to help with the costs of their new sign. He felt that the city should donate something, as the other 4 cities had done (Afton, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, St. Mary's Point). He provided the donations of the other cities, although he noted that he had not been able to confirm the amount donated by the City of Afton.

M/S/P (Brown, McCarthy) TO AUTHORIZE A DONATION OF \$1,500 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR NEW LED SIGN.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported that the city received the replacement check from the Cable Commission for the one that was returned because of the memo line. The amount of the check was \$1,681.64. Councilmember Unker noted that they had budgeted a certain amount for donations and asked whether this money had been included in the budgeted amount. The city did not budget any money for the donation to the fire sign. Councilmember Unker stated he was glad this was the city's decision to make, and not the Cable Commission's decision.

There was discussion regarding where the money would come from since it was not budgeted for. Councilmember Unker asked how the amount had been decided upon.

MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 NAY (REITER).

- **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**

- o **Councilmember Brown's Report**

Councilmember Brown reported that the Cable Commission met on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, and they will vote to

transfer excess funds to the 5 cities for the entire year at the next meeting. The Central Valley Cable Agreement has been extended through June 2016. This includes local channels 14, 15, 16, and 18. Central Valley Cable is increasing fees substantially, and the Cable Commission is considering options. Fees have not been increased in many years. Councilmember Unker suggested holding on to the channels if possible. It was noted that the 5 cities are subscribers to those channels, Valley Access owns them. Councilmember Unker suggested running the channels out of the Lakeland Water Utility because cable television is a utility. Councilmember Reiter pointed out that originally, the franchise fees were going to be used to set up a station and broadcast for Lower St. Croix Valley area. When that did not happen, the Cable Commission was set up so the franchise fees could be distributed to the cities. A data request was submitted to the Cable Commission from the City of Lake St. Croix Beach for the financials for the past two years.

Councilmember Brown and City Clerk-Administrator Schuler are exploring new options for website hosting and domain names.

Councilmember Kline's Report

Nothing further to report.

Councilmember Reiter's Report

Councilmember Reiter reported that once the School Carnival date is known, a meeting of the Environmental Advisory Commission will be set up. The next WMO meeting is on Thursday, January 14, 2016.

Councilmember Unker's Report

Councilmember Unker reported that the city has not been allowed as a consulting party regarding the Afton Wastewater Treatment System. He sent a letter to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) explaining his unhappiness with that decision. Jim Golden has reported to him that multiple tribes have submitted documents stating their opposition to the system moving forward. This may create further delays for the City of Afton.

Mayor McCarthy's Report

Mayor McCarthy reported that Sentenced-To-Service (STS) crews were in the city clearing the bike path, burning brush, and performing work at City Hall. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that STS crews are scheduled every two weeks in the city this year and asked Councilmembers to submit projects to her. Councilmember Unker suggested sandbags around the mailboxes where large puddles form in the spring.

Heritage Day, held in conjunction with Night to Unite (formerly National Night Out), is the first Tuesday in August. Mayor McCarthy noted that he often sees St. Mary's Point residents attending the event. He suggested making the event a two-city event. It was noted that St. Mary's Point holds their City Council meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, so they would need to change the date of their meeting if this were to occur. Councilmember Reiter noted that St. Mary's Point has already approved their regular meeting schedule. She also pointed out that Lake St. Croix Beach budgets for this, so it should be for the residents.

Councilmember Unker asked about the Veterans Memorial. Mayor McCarthy reported that two flags have been installed. The Yellow Ribbon Alliance is raising money for another flag pole, which will be taller than the other two, for the American flag. The Yellow Ribbon Alliance also wants to raise enough money to use the electricity at the site to light the flags at night.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO ADJOURN AT 8:09 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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)

Junk Cars

Ordinance 723.01 -- "Junk Vehicle" shall mean any of the following:

- Any type of vehicle requiring a license to operate on any public highway or street, but without a current license attached thereto.
- Any type of vehicle not in operable condition.
- Any type of vehicle that is partially dismantled and is used for sale of parts, or source for replacement parts for repair of other vehicles.
- Any type of vehicle that is kept for salvage or scrap of any sort.

Ordinance 1802.020. Open Burning

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.

Keep Jack Frost From Nipping At Your Septic System

This time of year, families with septic systems should take precautions to prevent costly septic system problems over the winter.

Prevent Freezing In The First Place. Insulation is key to preventing pipes and drainfields from freezing. Allowing grass to grow an extra six inches over the entire system (septic tank, connecting pipes, and drainfield/mound) in the fall can protect it from frost. Another good insulator is a layer of mulch (for example, straw, leaves, or hay) spread 8-12 inches deep over the system. Other ideas include maintaining wildflowers or native grasses over your tank and system.

Don't Be A Drip, Keep It Hot. Dripping faucets trickle water into the system, which can cause ice to build up and eventually freeze a pipe closed, often right where the septic pipe leaves the home. Fix all leaks and keep the system "energized" with regular doses of warm water during the winter – the warmer the better. Spread out your laundry schedule so you run one warm/hot load a day. Use the dishwasher and take hot baths. However, DO NOT leave water running all the time, as this will hydraulically overload the septic system.

Keep Off The Grass (And Snow). Keep all vehicle, animal, and human traffic off the system. This is a good rule to follow all year long as compacted snow and soils cause frost to go down deeper and faster. Pay special attention to the area between the house and the septic tank. Stay off these areas even during the winter as compacted snow provides much less insulation than undisturbed snow.

Keep It Safe. Make sure all septic tank covers are in place and firmly attached to prevent someone from falling in. Make

sure all inspection pipe caps are in place and in good shape to keep cold air out.

Keep New Systems Under Cover. A new septic system covered with bare soil can have problems with freezing the first year. Cover a new tank, mound/drainfield with an insulating layer of mulch or similar loose material.

It's Frozen. Now What? If your septic system freezes, call a septic system professional. For Minnesotans, the MPCA website includes a search tool for finding certified professionals in your area. Search online for "MPCA SSTS licensed business search."

If it's not feasible to correct a problem, the only option is using the septic tank as a holding tank until the system thaws naturally in the spring. Have a pumper empty the tank when it starts to fill up.

There are some things you should never do to try to fix a frozen system:

- Do not introduce antifreeze, salt, or a septic system additive into the system
- Do not pump sewage onto the ground surface
- Do not start a fire over the system to attempt to thaw it out
- Do not run water continually to try to thaw the system. This can overload the system.

For more information on your septic system works and how to keep it healthy all year, go to the SSTS Practitioner and Homeowner Webpage at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/0agxb12>.

Treasurer's Report

Period Ending December 31, 2015

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
100	Routine Operations	\$461,220.13	\$ 233,822.23	\$ 132,370.95	\$ 562,671.41
205	Pettitt Park Improvement	\$ (2,649.11)	\$ -	\$ 3,012.50	\$ (5,661.61)
206	Gambling Proceeds	\$ 568.12	\$ 873.43	\$ -	\$ 1,441.55
350	Debt Service Fund – MWP92	\$ 4,582.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,582.16
360	EDA Debt Service Fund	\$(171,696.37)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (171,696.37)
400	Flood Fund	\$ (6,336.12)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (6,336.12)
402	Street Capital Outlay	\$ 132,031.01	\$ 47,031.00	\$ -	\$ 179,062.01
410	Bluffland Grant	\$ 1,785.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,785.00
	Total All Funds	\$419,504.82	\$ 281,726.66	\$ 135,383.45	\$ 565,848.03

For the Sake Of Our Lakes, Keep Your Pavement on a Low-Salt Diet

As Minnesota begins to deal with heavy snowfall and cold temperatures, most of us will rely on a crucial tool to clear the roads and sidewalks: salt. It is estimated that we use more than 350,000 tons of salt on the metro area roads, parking lots, and sidewalks annually.

According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), our waters should follow the advice our doctors have been giving for years: stick to a low-salt diet. Rock salt, which contains chloride, is the most commonly used de-icer. But, much like table salt, rock salt's benefits are peppered with danger. Salt saves icy roads but can have the opposite effect on the nearby environment. Its public safety benefits come with environmental drawbacks like polluted waters and poisoned aquatic wildlife.

In the Twin Cities Metro Area, 78% of the salt applied to roads stays within the region's watershed. Chloride from salt eventually finds its way into the groundwater. Once in the water, it becomes a permanent pollutant and continues to accumulate in the environment over time. In other words, it doesn't melt or go away.

High levels of salt can be harmful to fish and other freshwater life and can affect groundwater and drinking water supplies, infrastructure, vehicles, plants, soil, pets, and wildlife.

"Too much chloride has serious water quality consequences," said Brooke Asleson, chloride project manager at the MPCA. "Less is more when it comes to applying deicing salt. It only takes one teaspoon of road salt to pollute five gallons of water."

To address these issues, the MPCA partnered with local and state experts in the 7-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area to create a plan for effectively managing salt use to protect our water resources in a responsible and strategic approach. The goal of this plan is to provide strategies to help local partners reduce salt use while providing safe conditions for the public.

Improving practices for de-icing roads, parking lots, and sidewalks will not only benefit water quality, but also lead to long-term cost savings as a result of purchasing less salt and reduced impacts on vegetation and corrosion of infrastructure and vehicles.

A key challenge in reducing salt usage is balancing the need for public safety with the growing expectation for clear, dry roads, parking lots, and sidewalks throughout the winter. Notable efforts to improve winter maintenance and reducing salt usage while maintaining public safety have already been made by a number of winter maintenance organizations. The intent of the plan is to build on those efforts and to assist

agencies, local governments and other stakeholders to determine salt reduction strategies to restore and protect Minnesota's water resources.

How Can You Make A Difference? Currently there are no satisfactory alternatives to salt that are environmentally safe, effective, and inexpensive. However, we can reduce salt at the source through application strategies.

Each person contributes to the attitudes and practices that have created a high and steadily growing volume of salt that is used each year. Citizens set the expectation that winter maintenance crews must meet, and they use salt on personal property such as sidewalks and driveways in the winter. Below are a few simple steps the public can take to protect water resources.

Support Smart Salting. Support local and state winter maintenance crews in their efforts to reduce salt use.

Shovel First. The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be. After the ice has been broken up, you can decide whether deicer is even necessary to maintain traction.

Apply Salt Before The Storm. Salting before can prevent snow and ice from building up on roads, therefore reducing overall salt use.

Slow Down. Drive for winter conditions, and be courteous to slow-moving plows. The slower they drive, the more salt will stay on the road where it is needed.

More Salt Does Not Mean More Melting. Use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet (an average parking space is about 150 square feet). One pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12-ounce coffee mug. And be patient: salt takes time to work. Applying more will lead to unnecessary contamination.

15 Degrees Is Too Cold For Most Salt To Work. Most salts stop working at this temperature. In frigid conditions, use sand for traction.

Sweep Up Extra Salt. If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement, it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. The excess can be swept up and reused for the next snow or disposed of in the trash.

Your actions matter. Get involved. The public has a critical role in helping solve this challenge of providing safe winter travel conditions and protecting our valuable water resources.

For more on what you can do to reduce chloride in our waters, or to read more about MPCA's role on this issue, visit the agency's [Twin Cities Metro Area Chloride Project](#) webpage.

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Meeting Schedule

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

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