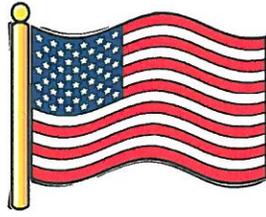
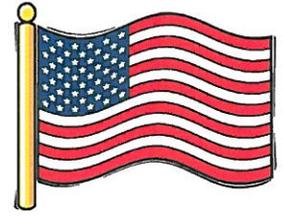


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Lake St. Croix Beach

The **Official Posting Place** for Lake St. Croix Beach City meetings is at the **posting board** in front of the City Hall.

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

January Calendar

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

Tuesday, January 1
City Hall Closed

Wednesday, January 2
Public Hearing/Planning Commission

Thursday, January 3
Middle SCV WMO meeting at Washington Conservation District Office

Friday, January 4
Recycle Day

Saturday, January 5
City Council Worksession

Wednesday, January 9
LSCV Fire District – Fire Hall

Monday, January 14
Regular City Council Meeting

Thursday, January 17
Recycle Day

Monday, January 21
City Hall Closed

Thursday, January 31
Recycle Day

Happy New Year!

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.

The following ordinance will be strongly enforced starting January 1, 2013:

Section 801.070 of City Code:

“In all residentially zoned areas of the city, no person shall store or allow to be stored on their property any garbage or refuse except in the rear lot area. Garbage containers may be moved to the front yard area on the day of garbage collection. Storage of garbage containers is only allowed in the front yard if a written permit is granted by the City Clerk.”

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

Snow Plow Bid Awarded to Tri-County Services.

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.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's.

We had a great turnout for the city's annual holiday party on December 17th. It was nice visiting with everyone and it is something I look forward to every year.

I would also like to thank everyone who served on any city appointment and look forward to serving with everyone in the upcoming year. Welcome aboard to new councilmembers Charles Brown and Jim Unker. I am looking forward to serving our community for the next two years. Thank you to everyone in the community for all their support.

Thanks
Mayor Tom

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 – December 2012

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.

Storytime

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

"Women Poets" Portrait Display Featured at Washington County Libraries in 2013

Washington County Library invites area residents to view the portrait display entitles "Women Poets: Portraits by Jay Wittenberg" – a display that will be rotated throughout the county during winter and spring of 2013. The portrait artist is St. Paul resident Jay Wittenberg, a graduate of the College of Visual Arts, and a professional artist for more than 20 years. Wittenberg celebrates the genius of famous women poets with his collection of portraits.

Dates and library locations for the displays are:

- January 2 – 30, R.H. Stafford Branch, Woodbury
- February 5 – 27, Hardwood Creek Branch, Forest Lake
- March 5 – 29, Oakdale Branch, Oakdale
- April 2 – 29, Wildwood Branch, Mahtomedi
- May 2 – 31, Park Grove Branch, Cottage Grove

Wittenberg's work has been exhibited at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the Minnesota Museum of American Art. His works are also represented in a Los Angeles art gallery. He teaches drawing for the cities of St. Paul and Woodbury.

For more information about this program and other Washington County Library programs, log on to the library's website, www.co.washington.mn.us/library, or call the library's information desk, 651-731-1320. The "Women Poets" display is

funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Public Safety

(Including Reports)



Law Enforcement Report

October, 2012

Complaints Investigated

4 Suspicious Vehicle/Activity	1 Noise Complaint
4 Medical	1 Possible Break-in
1 Possible Mailbox Fire	1 Lines Down
1 Possible House Fire	1 Check Welfare
1 Animal Complaint	1 Gun Shots Heard
1 Burn Complaint	
1 Fraud 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

Or Phone 651-430-7850

Crime in progress – call 911

Fire Department Report



The Fire Department reported 26 runs, 8 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach.

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



Animal Control

In the month of November, 2 dogs were reported lost and no animals were reported found.

Reminder: 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.**

Impounded animals are brought to the Humane Society in Woodbury.

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 952-890-1100

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 or call 430-6655.

Yard Waste Dropoff & Compost Site

Bayport: RSI

Location: 201 2nd Ave. S.

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

Open To: All Washington County Residents

Call for days of collection and pricing - Christmas Trees Accepted

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 Glasbergenner at 651-436-7742 on Mondays.



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

Schedule:
Jan. 2 at 4 p.m. and midnight
Jan. 3 at 7 a.m.
Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Jan. 10 at 9 a.m.
Jan. 16 at 4 p.m. and midnight
Jan. 17 at 7 a.m.
Jan. 23 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Jan. 24 at 9 a.m.
Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. and midnight
Jan. 31 at 7 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

Lake St. Croix Beach City Hall

16455 20th Street South
Lake St. Croix Beach, MN 55043
Phone: 651-436-7031 Fax: 651-436-8310
E-Mail: lscb@comcast.net
Web Site: www.lscb.govoffice.com
Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday or call for an appointment.



HIGHLIGHTS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL

The following are unapproved minutes from the October 15, 2012 City Council meeting. *Minutes may at times be condensed to fit space. (Complete minutes on file at City Hall.)*

Members Present Tom McCarthy, Linda Geare, Cheryl Kopp, Deb Legrid, Cindie Reiter
Staff Present Michael DeRosia, John Parotti, Kevin Sansdstrom, Amy Truhlar
Others Present Pete Geare, Charles Brown, Becky Brewster, Jim Stanley, Kris Peterson, Brian Denny, Mary Parr, Jon Place

TRUTH-IN-TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING

- **Call to Order** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:02 p.m.

A moment of silence was held for the community of Newtown, Connecticut.

- **Explanation of Proposed City Budget for 2013**
City Clerk-Administrator Michael DeRosia explained that the City Council held budget workshops on August 20, 2012 and September 5, 2012. He then reviewed some of the changes for the 2013 budget such as the \$8,541 increase to the levy (over 2012) and the \$10,000 addition to the Bluff Stabilization Fund. Mr. DeRosia noted that this is the final year the city will pay the water system core facility payment of \$22,500. He reviewed some areas where the City Council had decided to increase the budget and areas where they had decided to decrease the budget.

Councilmember Reiter questioned some totals including expenditures and revenues. She noted that there would be an election expense in 2013 for equipment maintenance fees and suggested shifting the money for that from office supplies. The Water Management Organization (WMO) was underbudgeted by approximately \$255, so money should be shifted from another account into the WMO account. Councilmember Reiter noted that although the special assessment payments were over for most residents in 2012, there would still be some money coming in for the debt service funds from delinquent taxes and should still be tracked as such. She also asked that the auditors prepare a summary percentage of fees collected.

- **Hear Comments from the Public/Read Written Comments**

There were no verbal or written comments from the public.

Councilmember Reiter stated she felt the snowplowing should be based on a 2inch trigger with leftover snow being cleaned up the next day. She also felt that sand

and salt be automatically used in the trouble spots in the city.

- **Close Public Hearing**
M/S/P (Legrid, Geare) TO CLOSE THE TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:19 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- **Call To Order** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:19 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- **Approve Agenda** Agenda Item 3
M/S/P (Reiter, Legrid) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- **Consent Agenda** Agenda Item 4
MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LEGRID, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEARE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Councilmember Reiter asked that the minutes for the regular City Council meeting on November 19, 2012 be pulled from the Consent Agenda. She noted that on page two, the minutes incorrectly stated that two government pensions can not be received at the same time. Two government pensions can be received at the same time, but not earned at the same time. She noted that her other concern would require a review of the recording of the meeting to determine what was correct. The minutes stated that a public hearing would be held to consider designating the former City Hall cite as park land. She stated her impression was that the land would be designated for park use, not park land. City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom clarified the distinction between park land and park use. Park land would permanently redesignate the land as a park, while park use would designate that the property could be used as a park, but not permanently changed to a park. He noted that the recording should be reviewed to determine what was said.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER LEGRID, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEARE, TO REMOVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19, 2012 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND TABLE THEM FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: REITER – AYE, LEGIRD – AYE, GEARE – AYE, KOPP – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

M/S/P (Legrid, Geare) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 15, 2012 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mary Parr, 1430 Quasar Court South, stated that the intersections were not plowed well after the snowfall on December 8, 2012.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Presented by Councilmember Kopp
Law Enforcement

- 26 calls, 0 citations

Animal Control

- 2 dogs reported lost
- No animals reported found

Jim Stanley, assistant chief of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire District, reported 26 total runs, 8 in Lake St. Croix Beach. The fire department received grant money to purchase two new computers to be able to communicate with the dispatch center and Washington County Sheriff's Deputies on the scene. The two computers cost \$6,500 and \$500 installation fee. The grant awarded was \$4,900. Mr. Stanley reported that the fire department will be moving forward with retrofitting their lighting fixtures with the Xcel Energy rebate program.

Kris Peterson, chief of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire District, thanked Councilmembers Legrid and Geare for their service and support to the fire department during their 4-year terms. Mr. Peterson explained that Mr. Stanley is a part-time employee of the fire department as well as a paid, on-call firefighter. Wages that are earned through his part-time employment duties are put toward his pension with PERA (Public Employees Retirement Association) as with any eligible public employee. Wages that are earned while on a call goes towards a pension through the Relief Association as with any paid, on-call firefighter.

The Pancake Breakfast was a great success. The Recognition Dinner (for firefighters and their spouses) will be held on January 18, 2013. During the dinner, the Woodbury fire department covers any calls to the area so the entire department can attend the dinner. Mayor McCarthy congratulated Mr. Peterson for 35 years of service.

- **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Land Survey Cost Estimate, Levee 1 & 2

City Clerk-Administrator DeRosia explained that the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) inspect the two levees in the city. The ACOE is requiring the city to remove all encroachments to the levee, with an emphasis on vegetation, within 15 feet of the levee toe. In order to perform this work, the city must first have survey work performed to determine where the levee boundaries are, as there is a lot of private property near the 21st Street Levee.

John Parotti, City Engineer with SEH, provided an estimate of \$5,673 for the land survey work. Mr. Parotti explained that only trees and roots within 15 feet of the toe of the levee should be taken out. The survey will help to distinguish between the levee and private property. The ACOE is further requiring verification of the elevation of the levee. No grants are available for help in this work, and no grants are predicted.

City Clerk-Administrator DeRosia explained that Lake St. Croix Beach residents adjacent to the 21st

Street levee were sent letters explaining the situation and the reason they may see survey crews and engineers on the levee over the next several months. St. Mary's Point residents adjacent to the levee did not receive this communication as the municipal boundaries are further away from the toe of the levee (approximately 200 feet). The vegetation must be removed by September 2014.

No action was needed on this item.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **2013 City Levy and Budget**

The proposed 2013 levy is \$495,999, and the proposed 2013 budget is \$564,995.

M/S/P (Geare, Legrid) TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2012-17, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2013 CITY TAX LEVY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$495,999, AND WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: REITER – AYE, LEGRID – AYE, GEARE – AYE, KOPP – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

M/S/P (Geare, Reiter) TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2012-18, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2013 CITY BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$564,995 AND WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: REITER – AYE, LEGRID – AYE, GEARE – AYE, KOPP – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

- **Approve Licenses for 2013**

City Clerk-Administrator DeRosia reported that he is waiting for some of the certificates of insurance for the garbage and recycle hauling. Councilmember Reiter asked whether one of the garbage haulers had increased their rates. She noted that in order to raise the rates, the garbage haulers were required to ask the city for permission.

M/S/P (Reiter, Geare) TO APPROVE THE LICENSES FOR MARONEY SANITATION, INC., WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MINNESOTA, AND HIGHLAND SANITATION (GARBAGE AND RECYCLE HAULING) FOR 2013 CONTINGENT UPON THE CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE BEING RECEIVED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, Geare) TO APPROVE THE LICENSE FOR THE BEACH BAR (LIQUOR ON SALE, LIQUOR OFF SALE, LIQUOR OMN SALE SUNDAY, OPTIONAL LIQUOR 2:00 A.M., AND CIGARETTE) FOR 2013 CONTINGENT UPON RENEWAL FORM FROM SHERIFF BEING SIGNED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Geare, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE LICENSE FOR FREEDOM VALU/ERICKSON OIL PRODUCTS (CIGARETTE) FOR 2013. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **2013 Animal Impound Services Contract**

M/S/P (Reiter, Geare) TO APPROVE THE 2013 ANIMAL IMPOUND SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE ANIMAL HUMANE SOCIETY. MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 NAY (LEGRID).

Councilmember Legrid explained that she would like to the city to look into "no kill" facilities in the future.

o **Amend Snow Removal Services Agreement**

City Clerk-Administrator DeRosia requested that this item be tabled. He explained that the city's snow-plow contractor had requested this item, but had not provided details. The City Council tabled this item until more information is received.

• **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

o **City Vehicle Use Policy**

City Clerk-Administrator DeRosia reported that he had drafted a new City Vehicle Use Policy, but the City Council had not had time to review it. This item was tabled to allow time for the City Council to review the City Vehicle Use Policy.

o **Annual Renewal of Conditional Use Permit and Certificate of Compliance**

It was noted that at the November City Council meeting, one conditional use permit (CUP) and the certificate of compliance were not renewed due to missing paperwork and no contact. Since then St. Francis of Assisi submitted the required paperwork and fee for the certificate of compliance. John Bohnhoff has not submitted his fees or paperwork for the CUP for his duplex. City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom explained that statutes state that the CUP will remain with the property until one of the conditions on the CUP is no longer being met. However, Mr. Bohnhoff is in violation of the city's provisions relating to the payment of the renewal fees and submission of the paperwork.

M/S/P (Reiter, Legrid) TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH AND TABLE THE RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR JOHN BOHNHOFF (DUPLEX). MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**

Councilmember Geare's Report

Councilmember Geare reminded residents to call City Hall first if they have issues with snowplowing as staff will be the ones to work with the contractor to resolve any issues. She thanked residents for the opportunity to serve on the City Council for the past four years.

Councilmember Kopp's Report

Councilmember Kopp reported that the Yellow Ribbon Alliance is getting ready for events in 2013. The Environmental Advisory Commission will hold a meeting in January or early February.

Councilmember Legrid's Report

The Cable Commission will begin negotiations for the franchise fees agreement in 2013. Councilmember Legrid thanked residents who cleared a tree that had fallen into the street. This saved the city money and helped people avoid a hazard. She thanked everyone for the past four years she served on the City Council. She urged incoming Councilmembers to serve in the best interests of the city and not their own agenda.

Councilmember Reiter's Report

Councilmember Reiter did not attend the Water Management Organization (WMO). Instead she attended a Washington County Property Tax Workshop that was held for local officials. The appraisal and taxing processes were explained. She thanked Councilmembers Legrid and Geare for their service to the city for the past four years.

Mayor McCarthy's Report

Mayor McCarthy thanked Councilmembers Legrid and Geare for serving on the City Council. He also thanked everyone who served on any commission or committee in 2012 and all the newsletter sponsors who help to keep costs down. Mayor McCarthy reminded residents to remove garbage and recycle bins from the street, especially now that the snow has begun to fall. He noted that letters will be sent and tickets issued to residents who leave their bins at the street.

City Attorney's Report

Nothing further to report.

City Clerk-Administrator DeRosia's Report

Nothing further to report.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar's Report

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Truhlar presented the bills for the month of December totaling \$64,172.67. It was noted that this included the final water system core facility payment of \$22,500 and the payment for the fire hall of \$14,452.

M/S/P (Reiter, Geare) TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO PAY THE REST OF THE BILLS THAT COME IN BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2012.

Councilmember Kopp asked about some banking fees that were incurred. City Clerk-Administrator DeRosia explained that there is an annual fee charged by the 4M Fund for the city's account.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (Geare, Legrid) TO ADJOURN AT 8:13 P.M.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Acronyms and abbreviations that may appear in this newsletter.

CC	=	City Council
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
SEH	=	Short Elliott Hendrickson (City Engineer)

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

DO:

- 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'T:

- 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.)

Floor Cleaner:

- 1/8 cup liquid soap
- ¼ to ½ cup white vinegar or lemon juice
- ½ cup herb tea (peppermint has antibacterial qualities)

Combine ingredients in pail with 3 gallons of warm water. Swirl until it is sudsy. Rinse with 1 cup vinegar in 3 gallons of cool water.

Wood Floor Cleaner:

Use ½ cup vinegar per gallon of water. Wipe dry.

Furniture Polish:

- ½ teaspoon olive oil
 - ¼ cup vinegar or lemon juice
- Mix the ingredients in a glass jar. Dab a soft rag into the solution and wipe onto wood surfaces.

Carpet Spot Remover:

Blot immediately. Sprinkle with baking soda, cornstarch, or borax and let dry. Wash with club soda and vacuum.

Window Cleaner:

- ¼ cup white vinegar
- ½ teaspoon liquid soap or detergent
- 2 cups water

Combine the ingredients in a spray bottle and shake to blend.

Oven Cleaner:

- 1 cup or more baking soda
- A squirt or two of liquid soap

Sprinkle water generously over bottom of oven, then cover the grime with enough baking soda so surface is totally white. Sprinkle more water over top. Let sit overnight. Wipe up the grease the next morning; then with a bit of liquid soap on a damp sponge, wash remaining residue from the oven.

Soft Scrubber: Basin, Tub, and Tile:

- ½ cup baking soda
- Enough liquid soap or detergent to make frosting-like consistency
- 5 – 10 drops antibacterial essential oil, such as lavender (optional)

Place baking soda in bowl; slowly pour in liquid soap, stirring continually. Add essential oil. Scoop mixture onto sponge, wash surface, and rinse.

Rust Remover for Sinks and Tubs:

Sprinkle a little bit of salt on the rust, squeeze a lime over the salt until it is nicely soaked in lime juice. Leave the mixture on for two or three hours. Use the leftover rind as a handy scrubber. Rust is gone.

Unclog and Deodorize Drains:

Sprinkle a generous amount of baking soda in and around the drain opening. Follow with a cup of white vinegar. Repeat if needed and finally flush with very hot water.

Toilet Bowl Cleaner:

Use Bon Ami cleanser with a non-scratching scrubber sponge.

Bacteria, Mold, and Germs:

A straight 5% solution of vinegar – such as you buy in the supermarket – is effective for eliminating harmful bacteria, mold, and germs. Keep a spray bottle of vinegar in your kitchen and in your bathroom.

Save Energy By Insulating Your Attic

The single most effective way to make your home more comfortable year-round is to add insulation to your attic. A properly insulated attic reduces your energy needs. If you have less than seven inches of fiberglass or rock wool insulation, or less than six inches of cellulose insulation in your attic, consider adding more. Also, be sure to insulate under floors above unheated spaces, like crawlspaces.

Icy Roads and Salty Water

When it comes to winter weather, it seems that there are two kinds of Minnesotans. The first curses the snow as it billows in, cranks up the thermostat to combat the frigid air and buys plane tickets for a tropical destination. The second group of Minnesotans secretly relishes the adventure of winter. With the snow comes the opportunity for sledding, skiing and snowmobiling. Sub-zero temperatures also mean the lakes will be amply covered in ice for skating and ice fishing.

Not sure yet whether you love or hate winter? Don't worry; you'll have plenty of time to make up your mind. Winter in Minnesota lasts a long, long time. In fact, it may seem odd to talk about water quality at this time of year, when our lakes are buried under a layer of ice, our swimsuits are wadded up at the bottom of a dresser drawer, and the spring fishing opener is still months away. Even in the winter, though, there are things we can do to ensure that our lakes and rivers will be fishable and swimmable come summer.

Road salt poses one of the larger threats to water quality during the winter. Salt splashed from the road kills nearby vegetation and can leave a border of dead and dying trees and shrubs along major roadways. Excess sodium from the most commonly used road salt, sodium chloride, destroys soil structure, which reduces its ability to retain water and increases the amount of erosion. Both sodium and chloride can also leach into subsurface groundwater supplies, impacting the water we drink.

At your home, you can prevent pollution to local lakes and rivers by limiting the amount of salt and deicers you use on your driveways and sidewalks. As a rule of thumb, if there is a layer of salt remaining on your driveway after the ice melts, you used too much salt. If you do have excess sand or salt, sweep it up and throw it away so that it is not washed into the storm sewer or a nearby lake.

Whether you spend your winters on top of the ski hills or under the covers, we can all make smart decisions to protect the quality of the natural resources we enjoy throughout the year.

Beware Winter/Spring Threats to Septic Systems

Arctic cold and spring thaws can both present challenges to people who have individual septic treatment systems. People don't usually think about taking precautions with their septic systems until they have a problem at their own home. But by then the damage is done, and problems can be expensive to correct.

Even if you did not take precautions before the start of winter, it is not too late to do so now. You can do the following to help protect your septic systems from freezing and backing up into your home:

- Place a layer of straw, leaves, or hay over the pipes, tank and drain field for insulation.
- Use your water regularly. Regular water use, especially warm or hot water helps prevent a system from freezing.
- Do not drive any vehicles, snowmobiles, or ATVs over your system. This is particularly true when the ground is softened by spring thaws.
- Have your tank pumped if you plan to be gone for an extended period of time. Also have a neighbor come over and flush toilets or run warm water down your system periodically while you are gone.
- Fix any leaky plumbing fixtures that may send a constant drip of cold water into your system.

Contact a professional septic pumper if you have already experienced a problem or fear you may have one starting. They are qualified to pump your tank if needed and/or determine how best to thaw out any frozen areas. If one of the pipes is frozen, the pumper will need to use a steamer to clear the ice. The tank is usually not what freezes; it is the pipe between the house and the tank or the drain field that freezes.

If your drain field (the open area, or piping network in which the surrounding soil absorbs the liquids from a septic tank) is already frozen, there is little that can be done except to have a certified septic pumper check and pump the tank regularly until the weather warms.

Already had your tank pumped but are experiencing a back up in your home? Then it is even more likely that the pipe between the house and tank is frozen, and you should call a professional to assess the problem. A number of fact sheets are available on the MPCA website for more information on how best to prepare and maintain your septic system throughout the year at www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/lists/index.html. Additional information about the proper care of septic systems is available on the University of Minnesota Extension Service's website at <http://septic.umn.edu/homeowner/index.html>.

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. . .



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.

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.

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.

Hazard Mitigation Topic



Line of Sight

Property owners are urged to check their corners for overgrown shrubs and low-hanging tree branches to ensure a clear line of vision. No vegetation should be allowed to grow in such a manner as to impede vision for pedestrians or vehicle drivers. In most cases, the right-of-way runs about 10 feet from the paved street. At corners, clear vision is essential within 15 feet of the intersecting street right-of-way lines.

Treasurer's Report

Period Ending December 18, 2012

Fund	Fund Description	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance
100	Routine Operations	\$ 510,586.59	\$ 191,140.32	\$ (39,762.97)		\$ 661,963.94
205	Pettitt Park Improvement	\$ 1,393.76	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,393.76
300	Debt Service MWP91	\$ 59.71	\$ -	\$ (22,500.00)		\$ (22,440.29)
305	Debt Service MWP92	\$ 15,531.81	\$ 10,967.81	\$ -		\$ 26,499.62
360	EDA Debt Service	\$ (18,801.85)	\$ 19,188.00	\$ -		\$ 386.15
400	Flood Fund	\$ (6,148.62)	\$ -	\$ 187.50		\$ (6,336.12)
402	Streets Fund – CIP	\$ (29,846.80)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ (1,722.20)		\$ (6,569.00)
	Gen Fund – Bluffland Grant	\$ 1,785.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,785.00
Total All Funds		\$ 474,559.60	\$ 246,296.13	\$ (64,172.67)		\$ 656,683.06

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Meeting Schedule

- Planning Commission – 1st Wednesday
- 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 Mon (2nd Mon in Jan & Feb)
- Land Use Review Committee Varies
- LSCV Fire District – 2nd 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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