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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.

## July Calendar

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

### Thursday, July 4

Independence Day – City Offices Closed

### Friday, July 5

Recycle Day

### Tuesday, July 9

Park Commission

### Wednesday, July 10

Planning Commission-Public Hearing-  
Text Amendment to Ordinance 509.05

### Wednesday, July 10

LSCV Fire District at Fire Hall

### Thursday, July 11

Middle SCV WMO meeting at Washington Conservation District Office

### Monday, July 15

Regular City Council Meeting

### Thursday, July 18

Recycle Day

### Monday, July 22

LSCV Alliance – 4:30 p.m. at Fire Hall

**Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**LSCB – Heritage Day & National Night Out.**  
**Mark your calendar.**

## **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.

**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. . .

If you live along the bike path please remember to mow only to your property line, not all the way to the bike path. This is prairie restoration area, and the city received a grant making the city responsible for maintaining the prairie area. If mowing continues, the city could be required to repay the grant money.

## **Summer Parking Restrictions . .**

On-street parking is prohibited  
- Between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. May 20 through September 15 on any road east of County Road 18.  
- Where Posted "No Parking" Parking  
Tickets will be issued for parking on the streets.

Reminder: Saturday, July 6 is Brush Day at Aggregate Industries. Residents can drop off brush for free that morning until 11:00 a.m. with proof of residency. Please do your part and trim back trees and shrubs from corners and city right of ways. Many areas needing trimming will be marked with pink tape.

The Bluffland Restoration Project is a partnership program with the Park Commission, the City, and residents of Lake St. Croix Beach. Invasive vegetation and shrubs were removed and replaced with native, low growing plants. These native plants will send roots deep into the soil and help maintain and strengthen the bluff. The plan was drafted by the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization (WMO), approved by the DNR, and with the help of Sentenced-To-Service crews (STS) and volunteer residents, it was completed. Residents planted and raised money for the restoration. A special thanks to Tom and Mary Kingston for their help organizing this project.

This fall, we will complete the last remaining area south of 20<sup>th</sup> Street. It is about 80 feet, and that will complete the entire south bluff area. A special thanks to residents of Lake St. Croix Beach who gave both time and money on this project!

Have a safe and happy Independence Day!

Mayor Tom



**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.

## Calendar of Events for Valley Library in Lakeland – July 2013

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**

July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10:30 a.m.

### **Get Started with Geocaching**

Saturday, July 13, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

FREE program. Learn geocaching from local, seasoned geocachers. Find out what information and tools you will need to get started. Become familiar with GPS units, coordinates, waypoints, and more. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required. Sign up at library.

### **Lego Mania!**

Wednesday, July 17, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Join us for an open Lego build-a-thon. Who can build the biggest tower? Who can make the fastest Lego car? Best for kids 6 and up, but younger, adult-supervised children are welcome too. No registration required.

### **Bruce the Bug Guy**

Saturday, July 20, 11:00 a.m.

A lively, hands-on program about insects and related arthropods. LIVE critters and other fun props give you an opportunity to experience these fascinating creatures in a close-up, interactive manner. Open to all. No registration.

### **Dog Gone Reading**

Tuesday, July 23, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Children in grades K – 7 may practice reading by reading aloud to Chase, a specially trained dog (Chase is a Delta pet Partner certified therapy dog), and his owner. Reading sessions are 15 minutes in length. Sign up to read at the Information Desk or call 436-5882.

### **Diary of Wimpy Kid Book Party**

Wednesday, July 24, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Join us for some games and crafts based on the popular "Wimpy Kid" books. Make a journal, try your hand at cartooning, test your skill at the "cereal box toss" game, but whatever you do – don't get the cheese touch! For kids ages 8 and up. No registration required.

### **Valley Book Club**

Thursday, July 25, 5:00 p.m.

Visit Valley Library to pick up a copy of the book – "Pale Horse at Plum Run" by Brian Leehan. Valley Book Club will continue to meet every fourth Thursday of the month throughout the year. Just read the book, come, and discuss.

## *Public Safety*

*(Including Reports)*



### Law Enforcement Report

May, 2013

#### Complaints Investigated

7 Medical	2 Citizen Concern
5 Suspicious Phone Call/Activity/Persons	
3 Neighbor Complaints	1 Property Damage
3 Threats Reports	1 Noise Complaint
2 Theft Reports	1 Vehicle Break In
2 Vehicle Lock Out	1 Unwanted Male
2 Animal Complaints	1 Missing/Suicidal Male
	<u>Citations Issued: 1</u>

#### • 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 42 runs, 8 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach in May.

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



### Animal Control

In the month of May, 6 dogs and 1 peacock 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,  
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## 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.**

## Parks Department



### Picnic Pavilion Reservations

The pavilion at the Riverfront Park is available for reservation on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The pavilion can be reserved from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. No alcohol is permitted in any City Park. Call the City Hall at 651-436-7031 to reserve the Riverfront Park pavilion for your special gatherings this summer.

### Seasonal Parking Permits

Seasonal parking permits are available to LSCB residents. This permit allows City residents to park in a designated area of the Redwing parking lot. The fee for the permit is \$10. No charge if a member of the household is over 65 years old.

## 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

### Brush Site

Thanks to Aggregate Industries who has agreed to provide a disposal site for brush from Lake St. Croix Beach residents again this year.

Aggregate Industries does not accept any construction materials. They will accept only brush such as limbs, trees, and shrub trimmings. No leaves or grass. The site will be open from 8:00 to 11:00 am on the following Saturdays (first Saturday of the month, excluding holidays):

July 6

August 3

September 7

October 5

November 2

## 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.

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Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday or call for an appointment.



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

**Schedule:**

- July 3 at 4 p.m. and midnight
- July 4 at 7 a.m.
- July 10 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- July 11 at 9 a.m.
- July 17 at 4 p.m. and midnight
- July 18 at 7 a.m.
- July 24 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- July 25 at 9 a.m.
- July 31 at 4 p.m. and midnight

*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 May 20, 2013 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, Amy Truhlar

**Others Present** Jim Stanley, Kris Peterson, Steve Zigan, Barb Kopp

- **Call To Order** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:02 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- **Approve Agenda** Agenda Item 3  
M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- **Consent Agenda** Agenda Item 6  
M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) 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, Brown) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 20, 2013 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Councilmember Unker reported that he received a call from David Pergande, resident, asking that once a year, wages for fire department employees, sheriff's deputies, City Councilmembers, and city staff be reported in the newsletter. Councilmember Reiter suggested this be brought up again when the City is reviewing the budget.

Councilmember Reiter explained that she received a letter from David Triemert. He asked that his letter be read into the public record. In the letter, he stated he would be in attendance at the July City Council meeting and would read the letter at that time if she was unable to read it in June. She stated the letter is quite long and felt that it was best to let him read it at the next meeting. She provided the letter to Interim City Clerk-Administrator Amy Truhlar in case others are interested in reading it before the July City Council meeting.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Presented by Councilmember Kopp  
Law Enforcement

- 53 calls, 1 citation

Animal Control

- 1 call, no warning letters
- 6 dog lost, 1 peacock lost, 0 animals found

Jim Stanley, deputy chief of the Lower St. Croix Fire Department, reported 42 calls in May, 8 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach. The Fire Department will start offering CPR training for residents. Dates, times, and costs will be submitted to city staff for inclusion in future newsletters. The new, redesigned website is expected to be available by July 1, 2013 and will have more information and links and will be more user-friendly. This new website will be hosted by a company specializing in fire department websites. The ISO inspection is expected to be completed in August. This inspection rates the fire department's water capacity. Budget information has been sent to city staff, and a fire board representative will attend the City Council meeting in July to present the information. AED training will be included in the CPR training or will be available as a separate training with city officials.

- **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- **2013 Street Maintenance Projects**

John Parotti, City Engineer with SEH, reported that bids for crack sealing and seal coating were received. The low bidder for both projects was Allied Blacktop Co. The crack sealing projects was bid at \$6,678, and seal coating project was bid at \$23,532. Mr. Parotti noted that the crack sealing bid was approximately \$100 over the estimate, but the seal coating bid was over \$10,000 under budget. He explained that the estimate included soft costs, and estimates are often given months in advance. Demand and gas prices are two of the biggest items driving these types of bids.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO AWARD ALLIED BLACKTOP CO. THE CRACK SEALING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT \$6,678 AND THE SEAL COATING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,532. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Quotes for Annual Drainage Structure Cleaning**

One quote was received for the annual drainage structure cleaning from Miller Excavating for \$1,750. Miller Excavating has performed this work in the city for the past several years. A standard contract has been drawn up that has been used in the past for this work.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM MILLER EXCAVATING FOR DRAINAGE STRUCTURE CLEANING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,750 AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR MCCARTHY AND CITY STAFF TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR THIS WORK AS DRAFTED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Proposed Text Amendment to Ordinance 509.05**

Councilmember Reiter reported that City Engineer, John Parotti, had concerns regarding how restrictive language was in Ordinance 509.05. He proposed changes to the language as he felt it was not necessary to be so restrictive in most cases. Mr. Parotti explained that the ordinance for which he proposed changes dealt with grading permits and provided a list of exceptions for grading permits. He noted that the current language requires virtually any project requiring excavation to also obtain a grading permit in addition to a building permit. This issue arose due to some new twin homes being constructed in the Villas. A grading permit requires the city engineer to become involved in the project by ensuring proper grading on the project. However, when the land is fairly flat, as it is in the Villas area, Mr. Parotti felt there was no need to involve the city engineer. The grading can be done as is typical with the slope gradually moving away from the structure. No special grading would be needed on the property. The proposed language still allows the building inspector to involve the city engineer if necessary.

Councilmember Reiter asked about the text amendment process. City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom advised that the proposed change was substantial and the ordinance was a zoning ordinance. Therefore the proposed amendment required a public hearing before adoption. If the City Council felt this change was something they would like to consider, it should be sent back to the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing. After a public hearing is held, the City Council can then make a final approval at a City Council meeting.

M/S/P (Reiter, Unker) TO DIRECT THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 509.05. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Steve Zigan, a resident, asked whether this change would mean fewer grading permits. City Attorney Sandstrom explained that this change would allow for an additional exception to limit the number of grading permits needed, as it allows more backfilling without a grading permit.

- **Afton Sewage System Project, Resolution 2013-08, A Resolution In Opposition To City of Afton Sewage System Project**

Councilmember Reiter explained that at the invitation of elected officials from the City of Afton, she and others met at the site of a similar system in Lake Elmo. They also were shown the location in Afton where this system is planned. The City Council of St. Mary's Point adopted a resolution opposing the location of the Afton Sewage System Project. This resolution was presented to the Planning Commission, who made a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the resolution. This resolution was drafted by the city attorney for the City of St. Mary's Point. If Lake St. Croix Beach City Council approved the resolution, the two cities would share in the costs of drafting the resolution. City Attorney Sandstrom noted that the Planning Commission added in their recommendation that one of the reasons for the opposition to the proposed location is its proximity to a densely populated area in Lake St. Croix Beach. He suggested that this be added to the resolution as an additional clause starting with, "WHEREAS..."

Councilmember Kopp read Resolution 2013-08, a Resolution in Opposition to City of Afton Sewage System Project.

M/S/P (Kopp, Brown) TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-08, A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO CITY OF AFTON SEWAGE SYSTEM PROJECT WITH THE ADDITIONAL CLAUSE, "WHEREAS THE PROPOSED LOCATION OF THE COMMUNITY SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A DENSELY POPULATED AREA IN THE CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH.

Councilmember Unker noted that this system will have the capacity for 85 homes and businesses, and it will move septic systems out of the floodplain. He raised concern that the Metropolitan Council could require the removal of septic systems from the floodplain in Lake St. Croix Beach in the future. Councilmember Unker stated that if this is the case, an addition to the system in Afton could be the best option. He also noted that the parcel is 25 acres and wondered if the system would be noticeable.

Councilmember Reiter reported that City Attorney Sandstrom had drafted a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), not yet signed, that would require any expansion to the system be approved by the City of St. Mary's Point and the City of Lake St. Croix Beach. If septic systems located in the floodplains of St. Mary's Point and Lake St. Croix Beach were required to be moved, this JPA would allow for that. She noted that if the JPA were approved by Afton, St. Mary's Point, and Lake St. Croix Beach, the opposition to the system would be revoked.

City Attorney Sandstrom noted that there were two components to the JPA suggested by St. Mary's Point. One component would eliminate the opposition to the system being placed on the property if there were an agreement in place which would prohibit the expansion of the system without first getting approval from the City Councils of St. Mary's Point and Lake St. Croix Beach. The second component required that if the three cities (Afton, St. Mary's Point, and Lake St. Croix Beach) mutually agreed to the expansion of the system, St. Mary's Point and Lake St. Croix Beach would be able to have homes in the floodplain attach to the system as well.

Councilmember Brown suggested that the biggest fear in the community is the fear of the unknown. No one knows what is going to happen, and he empathized with residents near the proposed location. There is a fear of noxious fumes and pollution to the wetlands and the creek.

Councilmember Reiter agreed that there are many unknown issues with this proposal. She did not think odor would be an issue as she did not notice any odor near the Lake Elmo site, but did note there was fear that a catastrophic event could occur which would contaminate the ground water in the area. She has received many calls from concerned residents and felt there was enough concern that the City Council should support this resolution. She pointed out that the City Council is elected to do as much as they can to support residents and address their concerns.

City Attorney Sandstrom is looking into whether the St. Mary's Point or Lake St. Croix Beach can do anything to stop Afton from building this system in the proposed location on its own property. However, if the system is visually intrusive or odors are emanating from it, creating a nuisance, the City of Afton does not have the right to create a nuisance, even across city borders, which affects the properties and values of neighbors in Lake St. Croix Beach.

THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN;  
UNKER – NAY, REITER – AYE, BROWN – AYE, KOPP – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

Councilmember Reiter noted that the JPA may be presented to the City Council at a future City Council meeting.

o **LSCV Fire District Appointment for Term Ending June 30, 2015**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER REITER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KOPP, TO APPOINT TOM MCCARTHY FOR THE LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH FIRE DISTRICT APPOINTMENT WITH A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015.

Councilmember Reiter explained that she received a call from a resident who expressed concern that the city appointed a resident to the fire board who did not then report back to the City Council. She noted that Sally Thompson is being paid for attending the meeting as a member of the board, and Mayor McCarthy is paid per diem for attending each meeting. The resident felt that money would be saved if only Mayor McCarthy attended the meetings.

Jim Stanley stated that Ms. Thompson has been on the board for 14 years. She participates with the Ambulance Committee and is available during the day. Mr. Stanley pointed out that he and Kris Peterson, Chief of the Lower St. Croix Fire District, attend the meetings to make reports because they are involved in the operations of the fire department. Councilmember Reiter stated that the board is involved in the administration of the fire department.

Mayor McCarthy noted that the representative appointed in Lake St. Croix Beach has always been a resident. Councilmember Reiter stated that St. Mary's Point and Lakeland have City Councilmembers appointed to the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire District Board. Mayor McCarthy stated that he only gets \$10 per diem for every meeting from the city, but if was noted that he would get paid from the board if he were the appointed representative. Mayor McCarthy expressed concern that he already attended too many meetings and did not want to be responsible for more than he already was. Councilmember Reiter stated Councilmember Unker could be appointed as he is already the first person listed under the Councilmember appointments.

Mr. Stanley reported that Ms. Thompson is the secretary and creates all minutes for the fire department. Kris Peterson pointed out that the reason the fire district prefers resident representatives and longevity in the appointments to the board is that there are complex operations and budget creation involved in the administration of the fire department. If Councilmembers were always appointed, there would be a lot education needed every time a Councilmember was not re-elected. Mr. Stanley and Mr. Peterson have told Ms. Thompson and Mr. Granat (the other resident appointment from Lake St. Croix Beach) that they would report to the City Council in their place.

Councilmember Reiter stated that part of the resident appointment to the fire district board was reporting back to the City Council about the meetings, and she felt some concern that the city's representatives are not reporting back to the City Council. She noted that as an officer, Ms. Thompson does get paid more than someone who was not an officer, but elected officials can not be officers on the fire district board.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO RE-APPOINT SALLY THOMPSON TO THE LOWER ST. CROIX BEACH FIRE DISTRICT BOARD FOR THE TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Resolution 2013-09, A Resolution Accepting Donations of Money for Plants for the South Bluff Restoration Project, Phase 2**

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Amy Truhlar explained that some of the residents from the area where phase 2 of the Bluff Restoration Project was taking place donated money for the purchase of plants for the project. Mayor McCarthy reported that many residents helped in planting on Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

Councilmember Brown read Resolution 2013-09, A Resolution Accepting Donations of Money for Plants for the South Bluff Restoration, Phase 2.

M/S/P (Brown, McCarthy) TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-09, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF MONEY FOR PLANTS FOR THE SOUTH BLUFF RESTORATION, PHASE 2. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, BROWN – AYE, KOPP – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

• **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

o **City Hall Use Policy – Contract With Outside Groups to Use City Hall for Meetings or Events**

Several example policies were provided to the City Council for review. The City Council agreed that they liked the policy and agreement form used by Birchwood Village.

M/S/P (Unker, Brown) TO CHANGE THE POLICY AND AGREEMENT FROM BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS: REMOVE THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY CLUB FROM THE SCHEDULING PRIORITY LIST, REPLACE "A RESIDENT OF THE CITY MUST SPONSOR AND BE PRESENT FOR THE EVENT..." TO "A CITY COUNCILMEMBER MUST PROVIDE ACCESS TO OR BE PRESENT FOR ...," AND REMOVE ITEM NUMBER 3 ON THE RENTAL AGREEMENT. THE POLICY AND AGREEMENT WILL THEN BE PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR REVIEW AT THE JULY CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **City Clerk-Administrator Position**

City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom explained that 4 candidates were interviewed on June 12-13, 2013 by the Personnel Committee for the City Clerk-Administrator position. The Personnel Committee felt strongly enough about Mitch Berg to recommend forgoing second interviews by the City Council and entering negotiations with him. The Personnel Committee also provided their second choice – Angel Smith. Mr. Sandstrom noted that this is only a recommendation from the Personnel Committee, and the City Council could choose to interview any or all of the candidates.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER REITER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER UNKER, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO OFFER THE POSITION OF CITY CLERK TO ANGEL SMITH, CONTINGENT UPON REFERENCE REVIEWS AND A BACKGROUND CHECK, OFFER A RATE OF PAY AS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING ON APRIL 1, 2013, AND ALLOW THE CITY COUNCIL TO INTERVIEW MS. SMITH.

Councilmember Reiter stated that as referenced by the City Attorney, Mitch Berg is the former City Administrator for the City of Bayport. He was also the City Administrator for Afton, Manohmen, and North Hudson. Councilmember Reiter stated that she suggested offering the position to Ms. Smith because Mr. Berg was getting his doctorate in Public Administration, and she felt that was far more education than was needed for Lake St. Croix Beach. She noted that Mr. Berg is good at what he does, but did not feel that he would want to stay at Lake St. Croix Beach for very long because of the rate of pay. She expressed her concern regarding the turnover of staff in the city.

Mayor McCarthy noted that Angel Smith is also very educated, originally from Florida, and had very strong problem-solving skills. He felt that Mr. Berg was a stronger candidate in knowledge and skills. Both candidates had experience with disaster preparations, working with FEMA, and grant writing. Councilmember Unker expressed concern that Mr. Berg did not stay very long at any one position. Councilmember Reiter

pointed out that Mr. Berg was an administrator. In Bayport the Assistant City Administrator runs elections and zoning administration.

Councilmember Brown pointed out that Ms. Smith is also a doctorate candidate. Mr. Berg is in a program that will take 7 years to complete. He needs to be employed while going through the program.

Councilmember Reiter expressed concern that Mr. Berg would not be satisfied with the salary range offered by the city. It was noted that the salary range was included in the job posting.

City Attorney Sandstrom pointed out that the City Council could choose to perform second interviews with both of the finalists recommended by the Personnel Committee. Councilmember Reiter noted that the minutes of the April 1, 2013 Special City Council meeting stated that the City Council would conduct second interviews with the candidates suggested by the Personnel Committee. Councilmember Kopp suggested reposting the position and starting over with new candidates, as she was concerned that neither of these two candidates had election or zoning experience. Mayor McCarthy noted that the Personnel Committee felt that Mr. Berg and Ms. Smith were the best candidates for the position. Councilmember Reiter noted that the Planning Commission requested that the Personnel Committee consider a candidate with strong zoning administration experience.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

M/S/P (Reiter, Unker) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TO CONDUCT SECOND INTERVIEWS WITH MITCHELL BERG AND ANGEL SMITH. MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 NAY (KOPP).

There was discussion regarding the process and date for the second interviews. It was decided that the interviews would be immediately followed by a Special City Council meeting to determine which candidate would be offered the position.

The interviews will be conducted on June 24, 2013 with a Special City Council meeting immediately following the second interview. It was suggested that the interviews take place in the City Council Chamber area, as these interviews will be open to the public. City Attorney Sandstrom will not be in attendance, but will present possible questions for the interview and advise the City Council on questions they could not ask.

#### • COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS

##### Councilmember Brown's Report

Councilmember Brown reported that he worked with Sentenced-To-Service (STS) crews clearing out the area of the Bluff Restoration Project on May 28, 2013. He worked with seniors from Woodbury High School for their Senior Service Day on May 29, 2013. They raked leaves off the embankment in the beach area.

##### Councilmember Kopp's Report

The Yellow Ribbon Alliance of the Lower St. Croix Valley will have a presence at the Afton Strawberry Festival (June 22-23) and July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. They are asking for volunteers to decorate the float for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and to staff the booths at the Strawberry Festival and the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration after the parade in the Afton Town Square Park.

##### Councilmember Unker's Report

Councilmember Unker reported that there was no Cable Commission meeting in June, and he was unable to attend the Fire District Board meeting. Councilmember Reiter asked if there had been any progress on the franchise agreement. Councilmember Unker explained that the franchise renewal was not needed until 2014, and would be similar to the agreement that was in place with the City of Stillwater. Coun-

cilmember Reiter asked if there would be a clause included to provide free access to the government channel for non-cable subscribers. Councilmember Unker stated that he would look for a clause granting that access as subscribers to satellite television also did not access to the government channel at this time.

##### Councilmember Reiter's Report

Councilmember Reiter reported that the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization (WMO) completed their move to their new location in Oakdale. The application deadline has now passed for the open WMO Administrator position. The Partnership Team will meet in July.

##### Mayor McCarthy's Report

Mayor McCarthy offered condolences to the Rileys for the recent death in their family. He also expressed his thanks for all the volunteers who donated time and money to help with the Bluff Restoration Project, Phase 2.

Mayor McCarthy noted that the city received a grant from the Minnesota Twins to extend the top of the backstop. He and Park Commission Chair Lyle Sorenson met with someone who does fence work. He provided a quote approximately 3 years ago. He will honor that quote, but the city will need to trim some trees behind the backstop before the work can begin. It was suggested that two bids be obtained for this work.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$500 TO TRIM THE TREES AT PETTITT PARK OVER THE BACKSTOP. MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

Mayor McCarthy reminded residents that there is no parking on city streets east of County Road 18 (St. Croix Trail South) beginning on May 20. Vehicles must be entirely off of the pavement.

It was noted that the City Council approved \$500 for the new City Council dais. Mayor McCarthy was able to obtain the new dais for no charge. He suggested using that money to wire up the computers for agenda presentation to the City Council or as television. Councilmember Brown suggested wiring them for the City Council first.

Councilmember Reiter noted that a way for residents in attendance or watching the meeting should be available as well. Mayor McCarthy reported he obtained a quote for the wiring of the monitors on the Council dais for \$1,600 from Johnny's TV.

M/S/P (McCarthy, Brown) TO SPEND UP TO \$1,600 TO WIRE THE MONITORS AT THE CITY COUNCIL DAIS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor McCarthy noted that typically mileage is requested at the end of the year by members of the City Council. He asked if he could request it before that. Councilmember Reiter stated that the policy should be reviewed and amended to allow for this.

Brush Day is July 6 at Aggregate Industries. Mayor McCarthy reminded residents that this is a free service, and although the lines pay appear quite long, they do move quickly.

##### City Attorney's Report

Nothing further to report.

##### Interim City Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer Truhlar's Report

Interim City Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer Amy Truhlar presented the bills for June totaling \$26,018.36

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,018.36. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Truhlar reported that a representative of the Sheriff's office would be in attendance at the July City Council meeting to present plans for remodeling the garage area at City Hall for the proposed Sheriff's substation.

The City Council was asked if they would like to request an extra patrol at the beach over the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup>. The City Council decided against this service for 2013 as July 4<sup>th</sup> is a Thursday.

• **CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Sandstrom reported that the City Council would enter into a Closed Session to discuss a lawsuit brought against Mayor McCarthy and the Sheriff's Department by David Triemert. The City Attorney and the City Council will discuss the pending litigation as allowed by State Statute.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION AT 8:55 P.M. MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

The City Council closed the Closed Session and re-entered the Regular City Council meeting at 9:10 p.m. City Attorney Sandstrom reported that the only matter discussed during the Closed Session was the lawsuit brought against Mayor McCarthy and others by David Triemert.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (Brown, Kopp) TO ADJOURN AT 9:11 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CC	=	City Council
EAC	=	Environmental Advisory Commission
FAC	=	Floodplain Advisory Commission
FEMA	=	Federal Emergency Management Agency
LSCVA	=	Lower St. Croix Valley Alliance
LSCV FD	=	Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department
M/S/P	=	Moved, Seconded, and Passed
M/S/F	=	Moved, Seconded, and Failed
SEH	=	Short Elliott Hendrickson (City Engineer)
STS	=	Sentenced-To-Service
WMO	=	Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization

**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 1003.010**

It shall be unlawful to operate any motorized vehicle, motorized foot scooter, or motorized bicycle upon any public bicycle or public hiking trail within the municipal limits of the City of Lake St. Croix Beach. (Passed September 2005)

**High Temperatures Can Bring Harmful Algal Blooms**

When the summer sun shines and temperatures climb, conditions are ripe for Minnesota lakes to produce harmful algal blooms. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is reminding people that some types of algae can harm pets, livestock, and even humans.

Algae are microscopic aquatic plants and are a natural part of any aquatic ecosystem. Most algae are harmless, but under the right conditions, certain types of algae can pose health risks. People or animals may become sick if they come into contact with or ingest affected water. In extreme cases, dogs and other animals have died after exposure to lake water containing toxic blue-green algae.

"High rainfall results in nutrient-rich runoff entering our lakes, which fuels algae growth. As sunlight increases and temperatures warm, we can anticipate blooms of blue-green algae on many of our lakes," said MPCA lakes expert Steve Heiskary.

There are many types of blue-green algae. They are found throughout Minnesota, but thrive particularly in warm, shallow, nutrient-rich lakes. Often blown toward downwind shorelines, it is under these conditions that humans and animals most often come in contact with blue-green algae and where the risk of algal toxins is greatest.

Not all blue-green algae are toxic, and there is no visual way to predict whether a blue-green algal bloom contains toxins and is harmful to humans or animals. Harmful blooms are sometimes said to look like pea soup, green paint, or floating mats of scum, and they often have a bad odor. "You don't have to be an expert to recognize an algae bloom that might be harmful," Heiskary said. "If it looks bad and smells bad, don't take a chance. Stay out, and keep children and pets away from the water until the bloom subsides."

An animal that has ingested toxins from an algae bloom can show a variety of symptoms, ranging from skin irritation, vomiting, severe disorders involving the circulatory, nervous, and digestive systems. In worst cases, the animal may suffer convulsions and die.

Humans are rarely affected, probably because the unpleasant odor and appearance of a blue-green algal bloom tend to keep people out of the water. Human health effects can include irritation of skin, eyes, and nasal passages, nausea, and vomiting. Extreme cases can produce paralysis and respiratory failure.

These factors make it important to take a preventive approach to dealing with potential harmful algal blooms. There are currently no short-term solutions to correct a blue-green algal bloom. Once a bloom occurs, the only option available is to wait for weather changes, such as significant rainfall, wind shifts, or cooler temperatures to disrupt the algae's growth. According to Heiskary, the key to solving algae problems long-term is to improve water quality by decreasing the amount of nutrients that run-off carries into lakes.

## **Good bug, bad bug**

Not all bugs are created equally. Everyone loves butterflies, despite the fact that they are clearly insects; they have three body parts (a head, a thorax and an abdomen), six legs, and antenna on their heads. Make a few changes in a butterfly, though – fuzzy antenna and body, preference for flying at night – and suddenly you send campers diving into their sleeping bags screaming, "Close the tent flap, the moths are getting in!"

In our gardens, we may be tempted to treat all bugs as enemies. There are hundreds of species of beneficial insects, however. Familiar to most people is the ladybug beetle, which eats aphids, mealybugs and spider mites. Less familiar are the assassin bug, big-eyed bug and syrphid fly larva, all of which also eat aphids, as well as caterpillars, leafhoppers and mealybugs. If you've ever been frustrated by insects such as cabbage moths or corn borers attacking your vegetable garden, then you'll be a fan of the trichogramma wasp. Its larva parasitizes the eggs of over 200 pest insects, devouring their growing bodies from the inside out. Now that's a fun way to imagine your insect enemies dying!

Use caution when applying insecticides to your yard or garden, as many brands sold in garden centers are non-targeted, meaning they will kill good and bad insects alike. Research suggests that the widespread use of insecticides is partially responsible for the decline in pollinators such as bees and butterflies over the past 50 years. Nearly all insecticides have the potential to significantly alter ecosystems, many are toxic to humans and others are concentrated in the food chain.

The best way to fight insects and other pests is to control them before they get a foothold in your yard and garden. One way to do this is by planting native trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses, which are more resistant to our Minnesota pests than plants from Europe or Asia. You can use the plant selector tool on [www.BlueThumb.org](http://www.BlueThumb.org) to find the best native plants for the soil and shade conditions in your yard. The website also has links to local retailers selling native Minnesota plants in our area. Other techniques for discouraging insect pests in your garden include watering in the morning and using mulch to reduce weeds, which often harbor pests.

If you decide to use a pesticide in your yard, take a little time to accurately identify the pest and look for a pesticide that kills just that pest, and not beneficial bugs as well. You may also want to consider using a biological pesticide, usually a bacteria that attacks the insect pest, to reduce your environmental impact. Never spray chemicals near water (this goes for herbicides and fertilizers as well) and avoid spraying on windy days and near paved surfaces, where the chemical can be washed into the storm sewer and contaminate nearby lakes and streams.

It is important to remember that for every caterpillar munching on our vegetable leaves, there is a wasp munching on a caterpillar's insides, and for every horsefly buzzing in our hair, there is a bee buzzing in our garden and helping our flowers and vegetables to grow.

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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

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