



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

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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.

June Calendar

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

Wednesday, June 5
 Planning Commission

Thursday, June 6
 Recycle Day

Tuesday, June 11
 Park Commission

Wednesday, June 12
 LSCV Fire District at Fire Hall

Thursday, June 13
 Middle SCV WMO meeting at Washington Conservation District Office

Monday, June 17
 Regular City Council Meeting

Thursday, June 20
 Recycle Day

Monday, June 24
 LSCV Alliance – 4:30 p.m. at Fire Hall

Boats-Docks-Buoys

The date for all boats, docks, buoys in Shoreland Park to be in compliance is June 15th. If you are a permitted user and have difficulty in meeting this date – PLEASE CONTACT CITY STAFF AT 436-7031.

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. . .

Tuesday, August 6th
LSCB – Heritage Day & National Night Out.
Mark your calendar.

Help Keep Our City Clean

City ordinance requires you to pick up after your dog when on public streets, parks, and land. Please carry a plastic bag with you when walking your dog and help keep our city clean!

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:

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.

Summer has arrived and will officially be here on June 21st, the Summer Solstice, our longest day of the year. The river has risen with the rain we received in May, but we have scheduled a Shoreland Clean-Up for June 5 at 5:30. In case of rain, the alternate day will be June 12 at 5:30. People will be meeting at the top of the stairs along Riviera Avenue and heading down to Shoreland Park.

The pavilion at Riverfront Park is ready for use. This is a great location and facility for your summer gathering with the playground, beach, restrooms, grills, and tables available. Reservations can be made to use the pavilion for your event through City Hall.

Flag Day is June 14, the day Americans celebrate and show respect to our flag, so raise your flag on Flag Day and show your American Spirit!

Fathers do not ask for directions, and they are not supposed to shed tears, but they sure do like to get a hug. Father's Day is June 16th, and it is a perfect day to honor your father with that hug, phone call, or visit.

Remember that school will be out soon, so slow down and watch for our kids to keep them safe.

Mayor Tom

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Hello All,

It seems spring may have finally arrived, and that the melted snow has uncovered lots ofstuff in the community. For a few years now we have not had a City Clean Up Day, but it's not fair to our neighbors, our community to just store extra construction materials, furniture, cars, trucks, boats, trailers, etc in the yard or on the boulevard.

Most of us have seen decreasing property values – but now the real estate market has started to improve. Perhaps if we tidy up we can see some of the market value return – because the neighbor's house may sell for its asking price when people want to live here. Surely we do not want the restrictions of the planned developments but a neater presence is a positive for desirability. Let's try to help our community look like a place we care about and people want to live in – check out what is stored in our yard – from a neighbor's view or potential buyers prospective.

Clean up, clean up everybody do their part....to quote Barney, the purple dinosaur. Why wait for a complaint letter to arrive from the city.

Sunny Regards,

Cindie J Reiter
LSCB Councilmember

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Hello Everyone,

We, as your City Council, have tentatively agreed to parameters allowing meetings to be held at City Hall, during hours that the building is not usually open to the public. I expect that at the June 17th council meeting we will finally vote, clearing the way for members of our community and citizens groups to hold their meetings at the City Hall, without every time having to seek the prior review of and approval of the City Council. The process will be as simple as calling City Hall. reserving a time, filling out a form and finding a staff or council member willing to open up and lock up after you leave.

In light of this, I am announcing I will hold a listening/action session at City Hall June 15th from 9 am to 10:30 am for those with concerns about garbage houses in our community. Garbage houses defined as those with what appears to be trash and refuse behind or beside the garage or otherwise all over the property. Already several of you have shown concerns about neighbors, but also the process that we take as a city. Sometimes it seems our processes are falling short, leaving many of these houses in continual violation of the city code.

I invite you to come to the meeting to voice your concerns, one on one or as a group. I will tell you what I know about proceeding with your complaints and be your advocate in resolving these matters.

Jim Unker



THANK YOU to the 2013 graduates of Woodbury Senior High School who were thoughtful enough to volunteer their time to clean up our beach. Each and every volunteer worked hard to rake out dead leaf beds, and they policed the entire beach for litter. Your service is greatly appreciated!

Calendar of Events for Valley Library in Lakeland – June 2013

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
 June 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Bookchalky: A Fun Summer Program
 Saturday, June 8, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Help kick off the 2013 Bookawocky Summer Reading Program by creating sidewalk chalk art. Everyone is welcome. No registration, just come and join the fun.

Elephant and Piggie Book Party
 Wednesday, June 19, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun afternoon of games and crafts based on Mo Willems' popular "Elephant and Piggie" books. For children pre-k – grade 2. No registration.

Magician Matt Dunn
 Saturday, June 22, 11:00 a.m.

An action-packed comedy magic show with a live rabbit, a live goldfish, audience participation, out-of-this-world magic, and fun for the entire family. No registration.

Dog Gone Reading
 Tuesday, June 25, 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 ses-

sions are 15 minutes in length. Sign up to read at the Information Desk or call 436-5882.

Valley Book Club
 Thursday, June 27, 5:00 p.m.

Visit Valley Library to pick up a copy of the book – any book by Bill Bryson. 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

March, 2013

Complaints Investigated

4 Medical	1 Stolen Vehicle
3 K-9/Public Assist	1 Fraud Report
2 Noise Complaints	1 Suspicious Activity
2 Domestic	1 Alarm
2 Accident Reports	1 Residence Check
2 Officer Information	1 Prowler
1 Custody Issue	1 Property Damage Report
	<u>Citations Issued: 3</u>

● **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 33 runs, 7 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach in March.
The Fire Department's Website is www.lscvfd.com.

Nuisance Complaints



Complaints Filed at City Hall

- 2 Excessive junk in back yards
- 1 No garbage service
- 1 Junk car



Animal Control

In the month of February, 1 dog was reported lost and 1 dog was 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 20th 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 or call 430-6655.

Yard Waste Dropoff & Compost

Site

Bayport: RSI

Location: 201 2nd 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):

June 1	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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The Lake St. Croix Beach City Council Meetings may be viewed on Channel 16.

Schedule:

- June 5 at 4 p.m. and midnight
- June 6 at 7 a.m.
- June 12 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- June 13 at 9 a.m.
- June 19 at 4 p.m. and midnight
- June 20 at 7 a.m.
- June 26 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- June 27 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 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 Jon Place, Will Glampe, Michelle Glampe, Deb Legrid, Mary Parr, Mick Conlan, John Buzick, John D. Buzick, Fran Wohlwend, Kathy Golden, Barb Kopp, Dave Triemert, Steve Zigan, Joe Kalik, Larry Meissner, Pete Geare, Linda Geare, Kris Peterson

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

- **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.

- **Approve Agenda** Agenda Item 3

Councilmember Reiter asked to add a recap of the last two meetings, which were not videotaped, after Open Comments from the Public and item 8B, Minnesota Vehicle Dealer License Relating to the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for A+ Lakeland Auto.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE ADDITION OF A REVIEW OF THE LAST TWO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS, WHICH WERE NOT VIDEOTAPED AND THE ADDITION OF ITEM 8B, MINNESOTA VEHICLE DEALER LICENSE RELATING TO THE CUP OF A+ LAKELAND AUTO. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Consent Agenda** Agenda Item 6

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

M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 15, 2013 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING ON APRIL 15, 2013 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO APPROVE THE 2012 AUDIT PREPARED BY CLIFTONLARSONALLEN AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jon Place, 2030 St. Croix Trail South, stated that Mayor McCarthy told him at a public meeting that he did not need to be there. He then stated that he had a complaint that the City Council would not be including citizens in a discussion regarding the Sheriff's substation relocating to City Hall and handed out his statement. Mr. Place stated he was appalled that the last two City Council meeting videotapes were missing and expressed concerns about back-door meetings with no disclosure and unclear topics listed on the agendas. He questioned whether the Sheriff's substation was in the Comprehensive Plan and whether a needs assessment had been completed. He stated that an agenda is to engage and inform citizens, not to hide or deceive, and if things were done incorrectly, the City should start the process over and include the public.

Mr. Place provided another handout to the City Council and residents in attendance. He voiced his concerns with a Sheriff's substation at City Hall including safety concerns such as line-of-sight issues leaving City Hall versus leaving the Fire Hall, street width, and costs associated with this option.

Deb Legrid, 2065 Quant Avenue South, expressed disappointment that the agenda did not include anything regarding the proposed Afton septic system. She noted that the land that this proposal uses is right next to her property, and she is very concerned about this. She questioned whether the City Engineer would be reviewing the City of Afton's plan. Noting that property values will go down and many people in the area will be selling their homes, she asked how the City Council would be acting on this proposal.

Mary Parr, 1430 Quasar Court South, voiced her disapproval of the snow plow service for 2012 – 2013 season. She felt the streets were not plowed quickly or often enough. She asked why nothing was on the agenda regarding a new City Clerk-Administrator and why the March and April City Council meetings were not videotaped.

Kathy Golden, 1920 Quarry Avenue South, stated that she was very concerned about the proposed Afton septic system. She wondered if the City Attorney could look into the matter to determine whether they, as citizens, had any rights in this matter. She also urged citizen involvement in the Sheriff's substation as well City Council action regarding the Afton septic system.

Larry Meissner, 1840 Riviera Avenue South, noted that the City of Afton will be spending \$4,000,000 on the septic system and pipe it over or under Valley Creek and through the wetlands. He stated this was a bad idea as the area could easily become polluted should anything ever go wrong with the system. Mr. Meissner pointed out that the water treatment plant in Hudson stinks on hot, summer days. He noted that the same thing will happen in Lake St. Croix Beach if Afton installs this system.

Mr. Meissner stated that he was against the Sheriff's substation at City Hall due to safety concerns. He felt that the fire department does not want them located at the Fire Hall any longer, and that is why they are looking for a different location. He stated that the Sheriff's office has other options that should be explored and felt the City Council should investigate the concerns expressed by residents and felt that this would create an opportunity for the deputies to profile the patrons at The Beach Bar more easily. Mr. Meissner felt the substation should not be located at City Hall.

Councilmember Reiter reported that she had received two written comments regarding the proposed Sheriff's substation at City Hall. John Sievert, 1580 Riviera Avenue South, was supportive of the idea of a Sheriff's substation located at City Hall. He also expressed support of increased police presence,

especially in the summer, and felt this would be a good way to achieve that result.

Kate Wilkinson, 1935 Quebec Avenue South, stated that there was no difference whether the sheriff's deputies were located at the Fire Hall or at City Hall for logistics. She felt it was safer for Lake St. Croix Beach residents if the deputies stayed in the city. She was in favor of the proposal as it would mean a sharing of services, creating lower costs for the taxpayers. Ms. Wilkinson stated this would benefit the city directly and would maintain the presence of the Washington County Sheriff's deputies.

There was concern that the topic listed on the agenda as "City Hall Use Policy" was ambiguous. Councilmember Reiter noted that this is an agenda item continuing from previous months.

Councilmember Reiter reported that the March and April City Council meetings were not televised due to water damage in the City Hall Council Chamber area. The video equipment had to be uninstalled for repair work to be completed. New carpeting and City Council dais was installed in the chamber area. The area was carpeted and the dais installed April 12-14. The City Council meeting was on April 15. The video equipment must be reinstalled with the videographer, who, due to scheduling conflicts, was unavailable to install the equipment before the City Council meeting. It was noted that the meeting was audiotaped, and residents who would like to have the recording can come to City Hall during open office hours with a flash drive.

Councilmember Reiter stated that a representative from the Washington County Sheriff's Office attended the April City Council meeting and requested permission from the City Council to move forward with researching the option of relocating the substation at City Hall. The Sheriff's Office received a donation through a Washington County resident's will to be used for public safety in the Lower St. Croix Valley. The Sheriff's office would like to get the vehicles and computer equipment out of the elements and parked in a heated garage as was done previously in Stillwater. Having a substation in the Lower St. Croix Valley 5-city area (Afton, Lake St. Croix Beach, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, St. Mary's Point) allows the deputies to use all their contract time in the valley area rather than some of that time spent driving back and forth to Stillwater. Councilmember Reiter pointed out that keeping the vehicles with the equipment in a heated location in the winter months extends their life. It was noted that contractors and representatives from the Sheriff's office were at City Hall earlier in February looking at this site and two others to determine the best location. Once they had determined that this provided the best opportunities, they came before the City Council to ask permission to move forward in the process.

• **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Presented by Councilmember Kopp
Law Enforcement

- 32 calls, 0 citations

Animal Control

- 1 call, no warning letters
- 1 cat lost, 0 animals found

Kris Peterson, Chief of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, responded to the rumor that the fire department does not want the Sheriff's deputies there any longer by stating that no such request has ever been made. They have no opinion on where a substation is located. The fire department allows the deputies' vehicles to be parked in their garage 6 months out of the year, but the Sheriff's Office wants a year-round indoor parking space.

There were 37 calls to the fire department in the month of April, 4 of which were for Lake St. Croix Beach. The burn ban will be lifted on Friday, May 24.

The Sheriff's substation has been located at the Fire Hall for 4-5 years. After a question regarding whether the contract for the Sheriff's substation was ending, Mr. Peterson noted that it was an open-ended lease. He was unsure of the amount paid in rent for Sheriff's substation to be located in the Fire Hall.

Councilmember Reiter asked whether the burn ban was in effect for all fires. Chief Peterson noted that recreational fires were allowed during that time. Only permitted fires were not allowed. Recreational fires are rarely banned, only during red flag alert times. The sign outside of the fire department will be finished June 1, 2013.

- **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- **Street Patching**

John Parotti, City Engineer from SEH, reported that some of the worst of the potholes were patched with pothole mix. This is typically a temporary fix, but works well to repair the worst of the potholes. The annual street patching, which will be for lesser travelled roads or roads scheduled for seal coating in 2013. City Engineer Parotti requested a quote from RCM Specialties, Inc. for the remaining street patching needed. This will be done using spray emulsion patching, which has proven to be very effective.

The quote from RCM Specialties, Inc. for the remaining potholes is for \$8,275.

M/S/P (Brown, Reiter) TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM RCM SPECIALTIES, INC. FOR STREET PATCHING FOR 2013 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,275. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Crack Sealing and Seal Coating Projects - Update**

As directed by the City Council, City Engineer Parotti is preparing documents for bidding for seal coating and for requesting quotes for crack sealing. These projects will be done in conjunction with St. Mary's Point and Bayport again this year. Mr. Parotti reported that he seeking approval from the City Council to advertise for bids for seal coating and to request quotes for crack sealing. Bids will be opened in mid-June at Lake St. Croix Beach City Hall. Work will take place June – August. He provided estimates for both of these projects. Councilmember Reiter asked if the amount budgeted for these projects by the City Council. Mr. Parotti stated that the project amount should fall under the available budget.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SEAL COATING AND REQUEST QUOTES FOR CRACK SEALING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Spring Load Restrictions**

Spring load restrictions were lifted on May 5, 2013. The load limit signs have been removed.

- **St. Croix River Key Elevations**

The gauge at Stillwater has not been working properly, so readings are less frequent than usual. On Friday, May 17, 2013, the river elevation was 679. A two foot rise is predicted over the next week.

Mr. Parotti noted that a map was included with the City Council packet materials detailing which streets were scheduled for seal coating and crack sealing in 2013. A portion of Riviera Avenue South between 20th Street and 19th Street is included in the project. Mayor McCarthy directed Interim City Clerk-Administrator Amy Truhlar to contact Parks Manager Bob Shearer to tell him to hold off on the street painting he was planning on for this season.

It was noted that there are approximately 8 potholes near Upper 12th Street South and Quinlan Avenue South. Mary Parr reported a large pothole at the intersection of 15th Street South

and St. Croix Trail South in the northwestern corner by the turn lane.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Phase 2 South Bluff Restoration**

Mayor McCarthy explained that this project is an extension of the project that was done last year on the bluff at the far south end of city property. This phase extends the restoration northward. Invasive species have been removed and composite mulch has been added. The Park Commission is requesting \$500 to purchase plants for the project. The plants have deep roots and will help to stabilize the bluff. Area residents will be donating money to purchase the remainder of the plants.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$500 TO PURCHASE THE NECESSARY PLANTS FOR PHASE II OF THE SOUTH BLUFF RESTORATION PROJECT.

Councilmember Reiter noted that the city still owes a portion of their share of the first phase of the south bluff restoration. At the April City Council meeting, \$750 was approved for this phase of the project. Amy Carolan, of the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization (WMO), is no longer the administrator. Before she left she did acknowledge that the city still owed some money for the project to the WMO, but the amount is unclear.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Conditional Use Permit – 1770 St. Croix Trail South**

Mick Conlin, attorney for John Buzick who owns the property at 1770 St. Croix Trail South (formerly A+ Lakeland Auto), explained that Mr. Buzick is interested in seeking auto dealer tenants for the property. The tenants would have offices at the site and conduct the sale of used automobiles. A form is needed by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, which is a zoning verification request. This needs to be completed by the Zoning Administrator. The City Attorney recommended getting approval from the City Council.

In order to get a dealer's license from the State of Minnesota, a physical location is required. Multiple tenants with dealer's licenses will have office space at 1770 St. Croix Trail South. They will be entitled to space for five automobiles, but will conduct sales throughout the state of Minnesota. Mr. Conlin noted that the site is under a conditional use permit (CUP), which states that casual automobile sales are approved at the location.

City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom explained that this site has in the past been primarily used as an auto salvage yard. The sale of automobiles and parts has historically been an incidental use of the business. The law does not allow for expansion of a use, and this could be seen as an expansion of the use as it relates to auto sales. However, since sales have taken place at the site in the past, it would be an acceptable use. City Attorney Sandstrom noted that dealer licenses have been approved for the property in the past. If the City Council chooses to approve this use, the motion should include language that the use of used automobile sales is authorized.

Councilmember Reiter asked how many dealers would be located at the site. Mr. Buzick explained that he will be getting numerous dealers at the site, each with five stalls allowed. If more office space is needed, he will apply for a building permit. Dealers will have the option of having more than five stalls if desired. It was pointed out that there have been complaints about noise coming from the car crusher previously used at the site. This will be a quiet business with limited business hours.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE MINNESOTA VEHICLE DEALER LICENSE ON THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE PROPERTY AT 1770 ST. CROIX TRAIL SOUTH.

City Attorney Sandstrom recommended that a second motion be made to approve future requests for licenses at the property.

MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) THAT FUTURE PERMIT REQUESTS THAT ARE RECEIVED WITH A SIMILAR BUSINESS STRUCTURE OPERATING AT THE SAME LOCATION ARE AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **City Hall Use Policy**

It was noted that this has been an item in discussion in the City Council meetings since February, and it was discussed earlier as well. Mayor McCarthy noted that this item refers to groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or individual Councilmembers having meetings in City Hall. He explained that there is concern due to open areas in the reception area and the printer area as well as the video equipment. He would prefer to allow these groups to meet only if a City Councilmember or City staff person were available to be in the building with them. City staff and City Councilmembers are the only ones who have keys or the code to get into the building. Members of commissions and committees do not have the code, and the City Council was not in favor of giving the code to others.

Mary Parr pointed out that the Villas hold their annual homeowners' association meetings at City Hall. She has made arrangements with staff to get into the building. If a key has been given to her, she returns it the next day. Councilmember Reiter noted that the homeowners' association exists by planned unit development agreements with the city. Their annual meeting is held by city requirement. The charge was discussed for outside group.

Pete Geare, resident, noted that it sounds like the City Council is looking for accountability no matter the group. Jon Place reported that he ran a banquet hall for years, and he used a contract which set out responsibilities of both parties.

Councilmember Unker explained that former City Clerk-Administrator Michael DeRosia was concerned that a meeting held by an individual Councilmember at the City Hall would be seen as being endorsed by the entire City Council. City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom stated that any policy should clearly state that the City Council is not endorsing any activity that occurs in the City Hall. Mr. Sandstrom also noted that a policy should include who would be charged for the use of City Hall. Councilmembers agreed that the policy should include language for a contract for use, a refundable damage deposit, which groups would be charged, and the city should maintain the calendar.

Interim City Clerk-Administrator stated she would gather some examples of draft policies and contracts for the use of City Hall.

- **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**

- **Councilmember Brown's Report**

Councilmember Brown was unable to attend the Park Commission meeting, but noted that the railing at stairway #9 is complete. He stated that the south end of the bluff area is looking very nice.

- **Councilmember Kopp's Report**

Councilmember Kopp reported that the Yellow Ribbon Alliance held a "Welcome Home" for area Vietnam vet, Willie Isaacson. She gave a thanks to all veterans who have worked to give the country the freedom it has.

- **Councilmember Unker's Report**

Councilmember Unker reported that the Cable Commission met and approved the quarterly distribution to the cities.

- **Councilmember Reiter's Report**

Councilmember Reiter reminded residents that if they are building anything, they should contact the building inspector. Any cutting of trees/branches in the Riverway requires a vegetative cutting permit, which is free from the city, but needs approval from a tree inspector. She suggested that the snowplow policy should include a set amount, which automatically sends the snowplow contractor to plow the streets, including but not necessarily limited to the main thoroughfares. She pointed out that, as noted earlier in the meeting, Amy Carolan, administrator of the WMO, has taken a new position for a watershed working out of Forest Lake. Councilmember Reiter noted that Ms. Carolan was very good at finding grants for cities and residents to take advantage of. The WMO will be posting the open position.

On May 6, the City of Afton held a public hearing concerning their group septic system. The plan is for the system to be installed on property just west of Lake St. Croix Beach. The meeting had to be held outside due to the large number of people in attendance. Councilmember Reiter pointed out that the City Council of Lake St. Croix Beach has no vote on the issue as the property is in Afton, and they can only express their concerns to the City of Afton. She explained that approximately 80 properties will have their wastewater pumped to the facility, which will have three tanks on the 25-acre site to be pumped in rotation once per year. The rationale behind the plan is to get septic systems out of the floodplain. She noted that her biggest concern is the creek. The city of St. Mary's Point is drafting a resolution expressing their concern with the location and placement of the system.

Elected officials from adjoining cities have been invited to go on a field trip to a like-kind system located in Lake Elmo and to see the location on the property for the system on Wednesday, May 22 at 3:30. More information can be found on the Afton City website under the hazard mitigation grant program tab on the far left side of the home page. There is a grant for this as getting the septic systems out of the floodplain is favorable. It was noted that the facility in Hudson is a wastewater treatment facility. Since there is not the three day required notice period, only Councilmember Reiter and Mayor McCarthy will go on this field trip. Councilmember Reiter will take the lead on learning the details of this project.

- **Mayor McCarthy's Report**

Mayor McCarthy reported that he attended the Alliance meeting, where Chris LeClair from Washington County Public Health, gave a presentation. Mr. LeClair stated that the county is working on getting information on systems that they have no information for, and bringing non-compliant systems into compliance.

Mayor McCarthy suggested a special meeting to address resident concerns regarding the Sheriff substation at City Hall. Councilmember Reiter suggested forwarding Mr. Place's concerns/questions to the Sheriff's office to get answers and then hold a citizen information meeting. Mr. Place expressed his concern that the Sheriff's office will not address the questions/concerns.

M/S/P (Unker, Kopp) TO FORWARD THE QUESTIONS/CONCERNS FROM JON PLACE TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO BE ADDRESSED BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL MOVES FORWARD WITH THE PROPOSAL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next brush day is Saturday, June 1 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Aggregate Industries. He urged residents to take advantage of this service and take the large branches and oth-

er brush that fell during the last snowstorm. Councilmember Reiter noted that many branches fell from trees near the right-of-way (ROW), and that is why she is urging the city to consider trimming the trees in the ROW.

M/S/P (McCarthy, Brown) TO GET THE CODE CHANGED FOR DOORS AT CITY HALL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor McCarthy reported that the city is two years behind on the Tree City program. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Amy Truhlar will print documents used in the past applications and find a contact person. The swim buoys will be installed before Memorial Day (May 27, 2013) weather permitting. Woodbury Senior High School seniors will be in the city to clean the beach on Wednesday, May 19, 2013. They are here for 3 - 3.5 hours in the morning. Councilmember Brown stated he would work with them. Mayor McCarthy extended his thoughts and prayers to the victims of the tornado in Oklahoma.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom reported that approximately 12 applications were received for the open position of City Clerk-Administrator. The applications have been scored. Chosen applicants will be interviewed by the Personnel Committee.

Interim City Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer Truhlar's Report

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Amy Truhlar presented the bills for May totaling \$25,150.79.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS PRESENTED FOR A TOTAL OF \$25,150.79 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 16035-016062 AND ALL ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS FOR PERA, FEDERAL AND STATE TAXES, AND PAYROLL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Truhlar reported that the city was awarded the matching grant from the Minnesota Twins in the amount of \$1,200, and the Park Commission will begin making plans for the work to extend the backstop. Mayor McCarthy thanked Pete Geare for aerating the ball field and playground area at Pettitt Park.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (Brown, Unker) TO ADJOURN AT 8:57 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

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.

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.



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.

Playground Safety Tips

- Cover areas under and round play ground equipment with soft materials such as wood chips, wood mulch, pea gravel or sand. Materials should be 9-12 inches deep and extend six feet on all sides of play equipment.
- Do not suspend more than two swing seats in the same section of a swing support structure.
- Check equipment for signs of deterioration or corrosion, rust, chipped paint, splitting or cracked plastic components or loose splinters.
- Avoid putting play equipment close together. For example, stationary climbing equipment should have an uncluttered fall zone of at least six feet in all directions of equipment.
- Slides and platforms for climbing equipment should not exceed heights of six feet for school-age children or four feet for pre-school children.
- Beware of entrapment or entanglement hazards. A child's head can be trapped in openings between 3 ½ and 9 inches wide. Pull out drawstrings in children's outerwear; remove all necklaces, purses and scarves before play.
- Avoid elevated platforms, walkways, or ramps that lack adequate guardrails or other barriers.
- Watch for possible tripping hazards such as rocks and roots. Always supervise children when using playground equipment.

As the weather becomes warmer and days are longer, keep this information in mind when enjoying the outdoors as much as you can.

Lawn and Garden Safety Tips

- Keep children inside the house or well away from the area you are mowing.
- Never let children ride on tractor mowers and make all power tools off limits to young kids when being stored. Always wear closed-toe shoes when mowing.
- Before mowing, prepare your lawn by walking over it, checking for broken limbs, stones, toys and anything else that could shoot out from under the mower or damage the blade. Before you start your mower for the first time, check to make sure that all guards are in place.
- Refuel mowers outside, when the engine is cool, and well away from any heat source, flames or sparks. Be sure to properly clean up any spilled gasoline.
- Never reach under the mower unless it is turned off and the blade had completely stopped turning.
- Store pesticides and herbicides in original containers, on high shelves or inside locked cabinets, out of the reach of children.
- Garden tools such as rakes, spades, forks, pruning clippers, files, and metal plant stakes should not be left laying around when not in use. Store items with sharp points aiming down.
- Wear proper eye protection when using any power tool and don't wear any loose or dangling clothing that could be caught in moving parts.

Exterior Storage

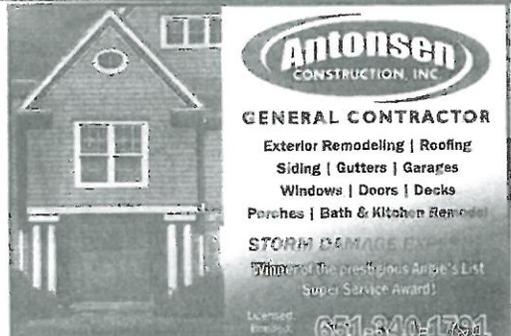
Trailers, Boats, RV's, Lawn Equipment, Utility Trailers, Etc...

- **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
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- **Vehicles – Current registration & operable.**
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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

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