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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.

## March Calendar

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

### Wednesday, March 4

Planning Commission Meeting

### Wednesday, March 11

LSCV Fire District at Fire Hall

### Thursday, March 12

Recycle Day

### Thursday, March 12

Middle SCV WMO meeting at Washington Conservation District Office

### Monday, March 16

City Council Meeting

### Monday, March 23

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

### Thursday, March 26

Recycle Day

Condolences to the family of Dan Buerskin.

## Unlawful Placement of Snow

Property owners need to be aware that state law prohibits snow from being plowed from your driveway and deposited onto public streets or rights-of-way (MN Statute 169.42 Sub 1). It states:

“No person shall throw, deposit, place, or dump, or cause to be thrown, deposited, placed, or dumped upon any street or highway or upon any public or privately owned land adjacent thereto without the owner’s consent...”

Violations are a misdemeanor, but civil penalties can also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow. Other hazards created by improper placement of snow on or near a public roadway include drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction and safe accessibility. Ensuring a safe roadway, free of snow and ice is the city’s goal during the winter months.

## Recycle Committee Members Needed

The City Council is now accepting applications from those who are interested in serving on the 2015 Recycle Committee. Get involved and help out your community!

## Winter Parking Restrictions ❄️

On street parking is prohibited throughout city:

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

The above conditions require that vehicles must be

**OFF THE PAVED STREET SURFACE.**

Citations may be issued for vehicles that obstruct snowplow routes.

## Automatic Payments – Water Billing

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

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

Spring is almost here, and daylight savings time is just around the corner on Sunday, March 8. The fire department reminds you, "Change your clock – change the batteries in your smoke detector!" Spring also brings our annual boat permit renewal, which has a deadline of March 15<sup>th</sup>, and the festive St. Patrick's Day celebration is on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>! Have fun and be safe.

Spring begins Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. The fire department also recommends that your house numbers be visible from the street.

Thanks,  
Mayor Tom

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Hello to All,

If you remember the awful flood and near floods here in LSCB then you may also remember how our LSCB homeowner-neighbors on the "other side of the highway" came over to help sandbag, etc. They knew the flood didn't threaten their westside homes. They came over to help their eastside friends from potential losses to their homes' values, the kind that flooding can do. Now our LSCB neighbors on the west side need the help of the eastside homeowners.

You see, Afton wants to locate a sewage treatment plant next to our LSCB western border. The plant would discharge its end product into the ground and I believe eventually it could find its way into the aquifers that run east, northeast. Yes that's right, under the highway and eventually into aquifers running underneath the whole northern half of the homes of LSCB eastsiders. If you have an open well there you should be paying close attention. If you are drinking that well's water you should sitting up straight by now. The westsiders need everyone's help and now!

The westsiders and myself have been fighting the regulatory machine and it's Afton supporters. I'm told, its supporters go deep into very high places in MN government and even locally, there's been some seemingly supportive coincidental stuff taking place lately.

Potentially, within less than 30 days of you reading this, there will be no more open dialog, no more comments, no more opposing this big 'ol septic system. Thereafter Afton, may have a permit in hand and the construction begins. Too bad, westsiders, eh? Or too bad all of us?

We've reasoned a regional solution and/or use of the second alternative Afton site, both of which would impact far fewer homes' values and individuals. No dice. Meanwhile, Afton's machine has driven this proposal through more turns than the three roundabouts on St Croix Trail. Its hard to keep up!

If you want to help, please send me a simple email with "Stop Afton's Septic System" in the subject line. We will keep you updated as to what you can do to help us, to help all of us.

[c6513405800@gmail.com](mailto:c6513405800@gmail.com)

Thanks,  
Councilmember Jim Unker

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**LSCB Flea Market**

The LSCB Playground committee will be hosting a flea market @ Pettitt park on Saturday May 30th from 8 am to 4 pm. All sellers are welcome to join us. Such as garage sale items, antiques, crafters etc.... The fee to reserve your 20 foot spot is \$20 with 100% for this fee going to our playground fund and is also tax deductible. If you would like to be a part of this Flea Market please fill out the form below and mail it to : Jeannie Paulson, 16681 16th St, Lakeland MN. 55043. Please make checks payable to Lower St.Croix Valley Foundation and make a note of the LSCB playground Fund in the memo line. Spots will be reserved on a first come first reserved basis.

If you have any questions please e-mail Jeannie @ [jjjpaulson@gmail.com](mailto:jjjpaulson@gmail.com)

You will need to provide your own tables and tent if needed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Type of products \_\_\_\_\_

## Rinta Community Garden

Spring will be here soon, time for gardeners to get their hands dirty. The Rinta Community Garden has 20 plots available to residents of the Lower St. Croix Valley.

There is no charge for using a plot. Gardeners are asked not to use pesticides and to use organic fertilizers. There is no well water at the site, but 2 rain barrels collecting runoff from a small shed will hold 110 gallons of water for irrigation when necessary. The installation of a high fence last summer has thwarted hungry deer.

If you are interested in a garden plot at Rinta, please contact Afton City Hall for an application. The application is also available on the City of Afton website. Completed applications should be turned in at Afton City Hall. If you have additional questions, contact Barbara Ronningen at [bjronningen@yahoo.com](mailto:bjronningen@yahoo.com).

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## Recycling Picks up at Afton-Lakeland School

### Did you know that Afton-Lakeland school recycles food waste and milk cartons?

Food waste recycling started in the 2013 and cartons were added in 2014 and as a result, over 88% of all waste produced in the cafeteria is now recycled! These are exceptional results as on a typical day, only about 23 lbs. of trash is produced in the cafeteria, less than one ounce per student! The high level of recycling not only helps set a good example for students and other schools to follow but also saves the district money in trash hauling costs.



### So where does the food waste go?

Barthold Farms collects the food and drink waste every other day and transports it to their farm in St. Francis, MN. Once delivered to the farm, the waste is boiled for 30 minutes, cooled down, and fed to hogs. Barthold recycles about 1,000 tons of food waste each month from restaurants, senior housing facilities, and schools including those in the Stillwater district.

### What happens to the milk cartons?

Waste Management collects the milk cartons with other recyclables and sorts them at their recycling facility in Minneapolis. The cartons are baled and sent to Fox River Fiber in De Pere, WI. Fox River makes a high quality pulp that is

sold to other mills to make fine writing and printing paper and also tissue products.

### Volunteers needed

Although the students have caught on fast to the recycling changes, it is helpful to have volunteers oversee the sorting. If you are interested in helping over the lunch hour, please contact Laura Larsen at Stillwater Schools at 651-351-8382.



## Annual Notice to All Residential Utility Customers

Bills can pile up just like snow, but the Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills in winter. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from October 15 to April 15. The rule, established by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, means that your utility cannot disconnect your residential electric service during the winter if the customer meets the following requirements:

1. Utility disconnection would affect the customer's primary heat source;
2. The customer has declared inability to pay on forms provided by the utility (Note: Customers receiving "any form of public assistance," including energy assistance, are deemed to have qualified for inability to pay status);
3. The household income of the customer is less than 50% of the state median income level, as documented by the customer to the utility; and
4. The customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

If you have trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance. The state Department of Human Services recommends you call the county in which you live.

If you know you are going to have trouble paying your utility bills, please contact the utility to try and work out a payment schedule.

## Public Safety

(Including Reports)



### Law Enforcement Report

January, 2015

#### Complaints Investigated

4 Medical	1 Unwanted Male
4 Burglary Report	1 Identity Theft Report
4 Suspicious Vehicle, Texts, Activity	
2 Officer Information	1 Civil Issue
1 Family Domestic	1 Civil Assist
1 Domestic	1 Ordinance Violation
1 Suicidal Male	1 Vehicle Lockout
1 Fire Alarm	1 Lift Assist

Citations Issued: 2

#### • 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 37 runs in January, 7 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach.

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



### Animal Control

In the month of January, 1 dog and 1 cat were 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.**

## Building Permits



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

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

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

**Please note: The Building Department Office Hours**  
**Mondays 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Thursdays 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

## Solid Waste and Recycling

### Recycle Service

We use a single-sort recycle service. Only certain materials can be recycled. These items are listed on the lid of the cart. Please set your recycle cart at the curb by 7:00 a.m. every other **Thursday**.

Recycle Hauler is Waste Management 877-969-2783

## Garbage Service



The City of Lake St. Croix Beach currently has three garbage haulers who are licensed to collect garbage on **Wednesdays and Thursdays** only:

Highland Sanitation	651-458-0043
Maroney Service Inc.	651-439-7279
Waste Management	888-960-0008

Residents may choose a garbage hauler from those who are licensed with the City. All residents must have a contract with a garbage hauler or be able to prove that their garbage is taken to a proper collection site.

## 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

### Sites

**Woodbury:** Compost Concepts

Location: 4600 Cottage Grove Drive

Phone: 651-769-0531

**Cottage Grove:** Cottage Grove Compost Site

9600 Glendenning Rd.

Phone: 651-459-1556

### Calendar of Events for

### Valley Library in Lakeland – March 2015

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.

#### Preschool Storytime

March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; 10:30 a.m.

#### Jerry Frasier, Comic Magician

Saturday, March 7; 11:00 a.m. – noon

Experience Jerry Frasier's magical fun and comic energy as he performs close-up "miracles" and stage illusions during his magic show. Jerry's comedy is appropriate for all ages, and his enthusiasm for audience participation is infectious. No registration required.

#### MacPhail Center for Music Presents: "Rain Makes Music"

Monday, March 9; 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Explore the magic of music and play with early childhood music specialists from MacPhail Center for Music. Families with

children ages birth to 5 will experience the impact of music on learning and reading readiness through musical play, singing, rhyming, reading, moving, and creating. Register at the library.

### **Dog Gone Reading With Chase**

Tuesday, March 24; 4:00 p.m.

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

### **Valley Book Club**

Thursday, March 26; 5:00 p.m.

The book selection for March is "Once Upon a Time There Was You" by Elizabeth Berg. Just read the book, come, and discuss. Visit the library to pick up a copy of the book and a discussion guide.

### **"Moo!" Scavenger Hunt**

Monday, March 30; 11:00 a.m.

Help Cow find her friends in a special library scavenger hunt! This Once Upon A Reader program is part of Washington County Library's Month of "Moo!" celebration. No registration required.

### **March is the Month of "Moo!"**

In celebration of the Once Upon a Reader statewide one-book program for pre-kindergarten children, Washington County Library is declaring March the month of "Moo!" and will celebrate with events and activities.

Once Upon a Reader's first book selection is "Moo!" written by David LaRochelle and illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka, both Minnesota residents. Following the adventures of Cow after she decides to go on a wild ride, "Moo!" is the winner of the 2014 Minnesota Book Award in Children's Literature and is an American Library Association Notable Book.

The featured "Moo!" event is the traveling trunk show with David LaRochelle and Mike Wohnoutka. The author and illustrator will interview Cow about her travels, share a puppet show retelling of "Moo!," get everyone dancing with some original music, and follow up with a group storytelling and drawing activity. Suitable for families and groups with children ages 0-6, the show lasts approximately 45 minutes. No registration is required.

The show will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at Hardwood Creek Library, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 21 at R.H. Stafford Library, and 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 21 at Park Grove Library.

Washington County is also hosting the following events and activities during the month of "Moo!":

- "Moo!" Storwalk: Follow the pages of the book around the library during open hours at Park Grove Library March 8-14; Hardwood Creek Library March 15-21; and R.H. Stafford Library March 24-31
- Milk and Cookies Storytime: Gather for a special milk and cookies themed storytime celebrating "Moo!" Every family will go home with a free copy of the book
  1. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 11 at Hardwood Creek Library
  2. 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 2 at Oakdale Library
  3. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 10 at Park Grove Library
  4. 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 2; Tuesday, March 3; and Thursday, March 5 at R.H. Stafford Library
  5. 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 9 at Valley Library
  6. 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 9 at Wildwood Library

- "Moo!" Scavenger Hunt: Help Cow find her friends in a special library scavenger hunt throughout March at Hardwood Creek, Oakdale, Park Grove, R.H. Stafford, and Wildwood libraries. The program will also be at Valley Library 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 30
- Cow's Vacation Scrapbook: Check out a plush version of Cow to take home in a special backpack that contains a copy of "Moo!" and a scrapbook with places for drawing, writing stories, and adding photographs of Cow's adventures. Sign up for a week with Cow at a Washington County Library.

Washington County Library's month of "Moo!" is part of Once Upon a Reader, a statewide early literacy initiative that launched in 2014. Each year, communities in every region of Minnesota will be united through programming based on a book with a Minnesota connection. Once Upon a Reader is sponsored by the Council of Regional Public Library System Administrators and funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment. For additional information about this and other library programs, call Washington County Library at 651-731-1320, visit a local library, or see [www.co.washington.mn.us/library](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/library) for library locations and other programs. For more information about Once Upon a Reader, see [www.onceuponareader.org](http://www.onceuponareader.org).



The Lake St. Croix Beach City Council Meetings may be viewed on Channel 16. Meetings are also available on the city's website [www.lscb.govoffice.com](http://www.lscb.govoffice.com)

**Schedule:**

- Mar. 4 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Mar. 5 at 9 a.m.
- Mar. 11 at 4 p.m. and midnight
- Mar. 12 at 7 a.m.
- Mar. 18 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Mar. 19 at 9 a.m.
- Mar. 25 at 4 p.m. and midnight
- Mar. 26 at 7 a.m.

*Upon occasion, the transmission of these meetings may be delayed or not available due to technical difficulties. Check their website for more information [www.vactv.org](http://www.vactv.org).*



## **HIGHLIGHTS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL**

The following are unapproved minutes from the February 17, 2015 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, Michelle Kline, Cindie Reiter, Jim Unker
- Staff Present** John Parotti, Andy Pratt, Sue Schuler, Amy Truhlar
- Others Present** Mike Isensee, Lyle Sorenson, Dave Nelson, Steve Zigan, Gary Johnson, Mary Ashby, Lauren Welzenberg, Max Weiss
- **Call To Order** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:00 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- **Approve Agenda** Agenda Item 3  
M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Recess City Council Meeting** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:02 p.m.
- **Open Economic Development Authority (EDA) Meeting** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:0 2p.m.

Andy Pratt, attorney with the City Attorney's firm, Eckberg Lammers, reported that he had drafted the documents for the sale of the City Hall from the Lake St. Croix Beach Economic Development Authority (EDA) to the City of Lake St. Croix Beach. He explained that the EDA paid off the bond for the City Hall building on February 1, 2015. The EDA currently owns the property and the City Hall building and leases it to the City. Before the EDA can sell a piece of property, a public hearing must be held. After the public hearing, the EDA can transfer the title of the property to the City. He noted that the first notice of the public hearing published in the city's official publication, the Stillwater Gazette, was too small to be properly read. However, there is a statute that states that if, through no fault of the EDA, the public hearing notice is not able to be read, the process can still move forward. The notice was re-published on February 11, 2015.

He presented the documents for the transfer of ownership and explained some of the requirements.

- **Public Hearing Regarding Sale of City Hall From the EDA to the City of Lake St. Croix Beach**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:07 p.m.

Attorney Pratt noted that money was saved by paying off the bond early as the interest will no longer be paid on the loan.

- **Close Public Hearing** at 7:08 p.m.

- **Transfer of Ownership**

M/S/P (Brown, McCarthy) TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER EDA 2015-01, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF THE CITY HALL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH, MINNESOTA AND WAIVE THE READING. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

- **Adjourn EDA Meeting**

The EDA meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

- **Reconvene City Council Meeting** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:10 p.m.

- **Consent Agenda** Agenda Item 5

Councilmember Reiter noted that she had contacted staff earlier in the day to report some typographical errors. Staff reported that the corrections had been made to the official copy of the minutes.

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

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 20, 2015 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$440 FOR DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER AMY TRUHLAR AND CITY CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN SCHULER TO ATTEND THE MCFOA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (MARCH 17-20 AT TREASURE ISLAND)

AND THE EXPENDITURE FOR THE COST OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Councilmember Brown reported there were 34 calls to law enforcement in the month of January, and two citations were issued. In January there were no calls to animal control for service. One dog and one cat were reported lost, and one dog was reported found.

Deputy Sullivan reported that he had a very productive meeting with city staff where they clarified some issues surrounding code enforcement. Councilmember Reiter asked about the suspicious texts listed on the incident report. Deputy Sullivan stated that if he remembered correctly, the texts were asking for money in a suspicious manner. He reminded residents that the IRS will not try to collect through phone calls. Even if the caller id says IRS, if they ask for money or threaten litigation, this is fraudulent.

Mayor McCarthy reported that fire department representatives would be late, as they had another meeting to attend first.

- **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

John Parotti, City Engineer from SEH, reminded the City Council that this is the time of year to start thinking about getting quotes for drainage structure cleaning and street sweeping. He noted that soliciting for quotes now will allow for enough time to obtain them and have them ready in time for the services to be performed.

Mr. Parotti noted that the city has been very happy with the services from McPhillips for street sweeping the past several years. He could ask for an updated quote from them or he could solicit quotes from several vendors. There was discussion regarding whether they city needed to obtain multiple bids. Mr. Parotti explained that this service was below the \$10,000 amount requiring more than one bid. There was also discussion regarding the cost difference between spring and fall. The City Council agreed to get an updated quote from McPhillips for street sweeping.

The drainage structure cleaning has been performed by Miller Excavating the last several years. The last time they solicited multiple bids, only two were received. The City Council agreed to get an updated quote from Miller Excavating for drainage structure cleaning.

Pothole quotes can not be obtained until the spring street sweeping has been performed. There was discussion regarding 20<sup>th</sup> Street South and what has been called delamination, which is many smaller potholes close together.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS)**

Mike Isensee, administrator of the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization (WMO), explained that the WMO is in the process of updating its 10-year watershed management plan. As part of that, they have been trying to make the watershed standards simpler, flexible, and more consistent with other watersheds in the area. Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS) are simple, consistent, and flexible standards developed to replace more complicated standards for managing runoff from new and redevelopment projects. Mr. Isensee further explained that the WMO adopts standards with communities in the watershed then implementing those standards. The WMO applied for and received a grant to help communities implement the new standards. In order to take advantage of these funds, communities must make the decision to participate by March or April.

The idea behind MIDS is that old stormwater management techniques are not working so developing performance standards, design standards, and other tools to enable and promote the implementation of low impact development and other stormwater management techniques became necessary. Many cities are adopting these new standards, and they are improving water quality by keeping rainwater where it falls to minimize stormwater runoff and pollution.

The grant money will pay for technical consulting services to review the city's ordinances, redline them, and make recommended changes to integrate MIDS into the ordinances. The changes are first reviewed with city staff, more changes may be made, and then they are brought to the Planning Commission and City Council. Explanation will be given regarding the redlines and any proposed changes. The process to participate would be to designate a city representative to work with Mr. Isensee through the process, have the city attorney attend the MIDS attorney workshop (City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom attended this workshop), work with the WMO to develop a workplan and a timeline, with a formal commitment from City Council in March or April.

Mr. Isensee reported that Baytown Township and Bayport will be voting on the issue on March 2. He has received positive feedback from Oak Park Heights and Lakeland Shores. Afton will be voting on the issue soon. He stated it would be beneficial to have cities agree early. The grant is only available for a two-year period. Agreeing to the process early on will ensure that cities have enough time to schedule the technical assistance and go through the entire process in the two-year timeframe.

Councilmember Unker asked if there would be any immediate changes if the city chose to participate in this process. Mr. Isensee explained that MIDS is similar to the current practices, but are easier to understand and implement. No real changes will be necessary immediately.

Mr. Isensee reported that the Draft 2015 Watershed Management Plan has been sent to cities. This plan contains the full set of performance standards for the watershed for the next ten years. There is now a 60-day comment period.

He will work with City Clerk-Administrator Schuler to put together a formal resolution for the City Council to consider in March or April.

- o **Lower St. Croix Trail Initiative**

Dave Nelson, board member of the Lower St. Croix Valley Community Foundation, reported that the Foundation would like to reconstruct and improve the bike trail. The Foundation hired SEH, and Mr. Parotti performed a foot-by-foot review of the trail to determine the condition of the trail. They plan to spend 2015 getting plans in place, getting support from all the cities, and applying for grants and obtaining funding. Mr. Nelson noted that the trail is four (4) miles long, and they are figuring the cost to reconstruct will be approximately \$700,000. This figure is to get down to the base and reconstruct. They are exploring the possibility of the expanding the trail to a width of ten (10) feet because there are more grants and more funding opportunities available if the trail is 10 feet wide.

Part of the Foundation's work in 2015 includes getting all the cities involved in the project. Mr. Nelson asked the City Council to draft a letter of support and consider adding a line-item in the budget for trail reconstruction and maintenance. Their plans call for the cities to generate a 25% match, totaling approximately \$200,000. He noted that approximately \$100,000 of the total \$700,000 is for the bridge over the creek.

Councilmember Unker asked whether snowmobiles would still be allowed on the trail after the reconstruction. Mr. Nelson explained that snowmobiles are allowed in the county right-of-way along St. Croix Trail. One of the funding sources they are looking into is "Safe School" funding. The idea behind it is to provide a trail that is very safe for children to get to school by

walking or biking. This would require a plan to keep the trail free of snow in the winter. The snowmobiles would then need to stay off the trail, but could remain in the county right-of-way. Councilmember Reiter noted that plan may create resistance as there are many snowmobilers in the area. Mr. Nelson reported that the preliminary plan is to create a dedicated fund would be set up for maintenance and winter snow removal.

Mr. Nelson explained that the Foundation has a draft of a letter of support for the project that they will provide to cities. Councilmember Reiter asked how the cost (\$200,000) would be distributed as the length of trail in each city varies greatly. She also asked whether the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) was still in effect for the bike trail. Mr. Nelson reported that a few people mentioned a JPA, but the Foundation has not seen it. He suggested that the precedent of each city covering the cost of the trail in their own city could and perhaps should be reconsidered. It was noted that certain sections of the trail are in better condition than other sections, but no part of the trail is up to the standard for width (10 feet) required for many of the grants.

- o **Liability Coverage Waiver Form**

Attorney Pratt explained that the city can limit the amount of damages a person can collect in a lawsuit against the city. Typically the does not waive the monetary limits. If the city wishes to waive the limits, additional insurance would need to be purchased.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) SELECT THE COVERAGE LIMITS OF \$1,500,000 AND DOES NOT WAIVE THE MONETARY LIMITS ON MUNICIPAL TORT LIABILITY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- o **Portable Restroom Service**

Mayor McCarthy reported that Park Manager Bob Shearer has been very happy with the service provided by On Site for portable restrooms. Councilmember Reiter noted that once again the units should not be brightly colored.

M/S/P (Kline, Brown) TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARK COMMISSION TO USE ON SITE SANITATION FOR PORTABLE RESTROOM SERVICE FOR THE 2015 SEASON. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- o **Donation Check to Playground Fund**

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported that the city received a check from the American Legion for the Playground Fund. She noted that the City Council needed to accept the donation of \$2,500 and authorize city staff to write a check to the Lower St. Croix Valley Foundation for the Playground Fund.

M/S/P (McCarthy, Brown) TO ACCEPT THE DONATION FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION OF \$2,500 AND AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO ISSUE A CHECK TO THE LOWER ST. CROIX VALLEY FOUNDATION DESIGNATED FOR THE LSCB PLAYGROUND FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.

Councilmember Reiter noted that the check should be made to the Lower St. Croix Valley Foundation for the LSCB Playground Fund. She then asked if there was a plan for the playground at this time. Lyle Sorenson noted that the group collecting money has a general plan to replace current playground equipment that is old and is need of updating.

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

- **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Jim Stanley, Deputy Chief of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, reported that there were 37 calls in January, 7 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach. Mr. Stanley noted that I-94 corridor funding is again an option as a lobbyist has been hired to bring the issue forward. One vehicle (a 4-door

pickup) will be replaced soon. It was scheduled to be replaced approximately 5 years ago. He clarified that the State Fire Department hired the lobbyist.

Mayor McCarthy reported that the entire Lake St. Croix Beach City Council attended the meeting at the Fire Department regarding the Relief Association funding, except Councilmember Kline, who met with Mr. Stanley and City Clerk-Administrator Schuler to get the information.

M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-08, A RESOLUTION APPROVING LOWER ST. CROIX VALLEY FIRE RELIEF PENSION BENEFITS FROM \$3,100 TO \$3,250.

Councilmember Unker asked how many firefighters would receive this. Deputy Chief Stanley reported that each firefighter would receive this once they are vested. The state requires that Fire Relief Associations are 100% funded at all times. Each firefighter would receive \$3,250 per year of service. The department has 32 firefighters at this time. Even at the higher amount, the fund is 124% funded.

THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:  
UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Resolution 2015-09, A Resolution Granting Variances and CUP to Elevate And Remodel Structure at 1860 Riviera Avenue South**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Truhlar noted that there were several corrections made to the original resolution given to the City Council. The original resolution mentioned a detached accessory garage and second driveway several times. These sections were removed and changed. It was noted that a structural engineer would need to inspect the structure to ensure it could be lifted before work began. That report has not yet been submitted to the city. However, two years have been given to complete the project rather than one year to allow time for the inspection.

There was discussion regarding how the information from the structural engineer would be obtained. Councilmember Reiter stated that it should be in written form so it could be kept on file and referenced. City Engineer Parotti explained that the inspection would need to be performed by a structural engineer licensed by the State of Minnesota to practice as a professional engineer. The report would come in letter form stating whether the structure could withstand the pressure of being elevated. The City could require all the documentation and calculations used in making that determination or they could just require the determination in letter form.

Councilmember Unker asked whether the Quonset hut would be sitting on top of the structure. Gary Johnson, the applicant, stated he does not know the answer to that as he would need to wait to see the report from the structural engineer.

Councilmember Brown expressed concern over voting on this resolution without knowing whether the structure was salvageable. Councilmember Reiter agreed, stating that she also had reservations about approving the resolution without a structural engineer's report. City Attorney Pratt noted that the resolution contained a clause stating that the approval was conditional upon a structural engineer's approval of the project and a clause requiring the applicant to use the plan dated 12/29/2014, which is a plan for an elevation and remodel, not a teardown.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-09, A RESOLUTION GRANTING VARIANCES AND CUP TO ELEVATE AND REMODEL THE STRUCTURE AT 1860 RIVIERA AVENUE SOUTH.

Councilmember Unker expressed reservations about approving this project on such a small space, which may create many more projects like it. However, he noted that it may be better than what is currently there. Councilmember Reiter liked the idea of the garage under the structure to floodproof, but was concerned about the additional story on top. She felt this will be very tall with a small footprint and not fit with the neighborhood. She then asked about item g on page 3 of the resolution, which talked about impeding sight lines. City Engineer Parotti noted that the language was taken directly from the city's code regarding line-of-sight and the vision triangle.

Councilmember Unker asked that a condition be added not allowing further outbuildings. City Attorney Pratt suggested adding Item l on page 3 stating that no accessory buildings will be allowed.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER UNKER, SECONDED BY MAYOR MCCARTHY, TO ADD ITEM I TO PAGE 3 OF THE RESOLUTION PROHIBITING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES ON THE PROPERTY AT 1860 RIVIERA AVENUE SOUTH.

THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:  
UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

Councilmember Reiter asked Mr. Johnson whether he would be interested in acquisition of the property if the city received another grant for mitigation in the floodplain. Mr. Johnson stated he would take information on that and consider it.

- **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**

- **Councilmember Brown's Report**

Councilmember Brown reported that he attended the Cable Commission meeting and year-end and first quarter funds will be approved at the March Cable Commission meeting. Councilmember Unker asked about franchise fees negotiations. Councilmember Brown noted that the negotiations are completed, and they are waiting for Comcast executives to sign it. The agreement is only for three years due to the possible merger of Comcast and TimeWarner. Councilmember Brown reported they did not further discuss the fire department sign.

- **Councilmember Kline's Report**

Councilmember Kline reported she attended the Park Commission meeting. Lyle Sorenson was elected as Chair of the Commission, and they discussed the Pettitt Park pavilion, a flea market, tables for the pavilion, ball field banners, and a bid for the electrical panel. Mayor McCarthy added that Park Manager Shearer would like to put the electrical panel inside the water pump building and bring the panel up to code.

- **Councilmember Reiter's Report**

Councilmember Reiter reported that she attended the WMO meeting, and she pointed out that the watershed covers much of Stillwater and including the new bridge area. She noted that there are many ponds and small lakes in the area, and it is interesting that they all feed into the St. Croix River. These ponds and lakes are being monitored for excess levels of phosphorous, adding to the phosphorous levels in the river.

Councilmember Reiter asked that the city invite Mary Planten-Krell to attend the March City Council meeting to discuss the Youth Service Bureau and the services they provide, as they are asking for a donation again in 2015.

- **Councilmember Unker's Report**

Councilmember Unker reported that he has met several times with the Golden regarding the Afton Septic System. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that she had looked into several questions that Jim Golden had asked. She then asked Mr. Golden and Councilmember Unker for some ques-

tions they would like to ask Afton representatives. She would like to give these questions to Afton City Administrator Ron Moorse so he can attend a meeting prepared to answer the questions in a non-confrontational manner. Mr. Moorse has agreed to this meeting, but City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported she has not yet received any questions.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler spoke with Kevin Kain, from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), regarding comments written to the original plan and what is done with them now that there is a new plan. She explained that comments will not follow the new plan, but will be kept as fact with the original file/plan. New questions/comments should be submitted for the new plan. People who commented on the first plan will be sent a letter providing this information.

Councilmember Unker suggested that the City Council direct City Attorney Sandstrom to resend everything that has already been sent. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler noted that the petition was asking to have an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) performed. Therefore, the petition concern has been met. She added that an EAW is always the same, whether it is voluntary or mandatory. The requirements are still the same. There will be a 30-day comment period on the EAW starting on March 2, 2015. The comment period for the new plan and the comment period for the EAW will be run at the same time. No permit has been issued. City Attorney Pratt suggested the city focus the comments on the EAW during the 30-day comment period. He noted that there will be a City Council meeting during the comment period, so the City Council will be able to discuss it at that time.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported that she found a great tool on the MPCA website, which she had forwarded to Councilmember Unker and Mr. Golden. It is a worksheet that shows how to follow the EAW and facilities plan process and what steps can be taken.

Councilmember Unker asked whether the comments would have to be addressed or if they would just be added to the file and not considered. City Attorney Pratt explained that comments will be noted and finding of facts provided in regards to the comments. He noted that the City Council could hold a workshop to discuss the comments that they would like submitted.

Councilmember Unker asked if the City of Lake St. Croix Beach were to file suit against the MPCA, along with St. Mary's Point, would there be some special process to go through. City Attorney Pratt explained that when filing a lawsuit against a state agency, there is a special process that will be followed.

#### **Mayor McCarthy's Report**

A burn permit will be issued for the city so Sentenced-To-Service (STS) crews can burn the brush pile by the city garage on Friday, February 20, 2015. Councilmember Unker asked that the Afton Septic System be added to the agenda each month as suggested in January. Mayor McCarthy suggested it be placed under Councilmember Unker's report so less staff time could be used on this issue. He noted that both the City of Afton and Lake St. Croix Beach have levee systems that need to be upgraded. He felt the city needed to be working on its own levee system as required by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). Councilmember Reiter noted that residents on the west side of St. Croix Trail are very concerned about this issue and have attended City Council meetings to express their concerns. Mayor McCarthy agreed, and stated he would like for Councilmember Unker to take the lead on the issue and gather and bring information to the City Council rather than staff gathering the information. Councilmember Unker stated that this issue was not less important than other issues the city is dealing with. Councilmember Kline suggested taking Attorney Pratt's advice and holding a separate City Council worksession regarding this issue, where the public could submit their questions and comments. She stated all things could

be taken care of. City Clerk-Administrator noted there was a difference between the questions and the comments. The questions are from residents that want some answers from Afton. The comments will be submitted to the MPCA in regards to the EAW and new Facilities Plan. She agreed that the worksession was a good idea. Councilmember Unker stated that the comments would be to try to stop progress on the septic system.

Councilmember Brown announced that the City Council meetings are now online on the city's website, starting with October 20,14 and going forward.

#### **City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Pratt had nothing further to report.

#### **City Clerk-Administrator Susan Schuler**

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported that of 14 complaint letters sent by Interim City Clerk-Administrator Mitch Berg, all but two properties had come into compliance. She will be meeting with Washington County Sheriff Hutton regarding the contract, which has not been done since 1999. She will also be discussing issues of civil disputes vs. code violations. She noted that she has received a few complaints that have a lot of history behind them, and she wants to clarify the line between civil disputes and code violations.

Ms. Schuler pointed out that the city's water infrastructure is 19 years old. The city receives no income from water service even though the city owns the infrastructure and it is their responsibility to maintain it. It costs \$8,000 to replace a fire hydrant without installation costs. The city has no funds for problems with the water infrastructure.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that she will not be providing the City Council with a weekly administrator's report. She will keep the City Council updated on important issues, but will not report on what the staff is doing on a weekly basis. Councilmember Brown stated everyone works differently, and saw no problem with this. He stated that if something didn't seem to work, it could be addressed. Councilmember Unker stated he would like a report every couple of weeks to have answers if residents should ask. He asked that if a City Councilmember sent an email to staff asking them to distribute to the rest of the City Council that it be done.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler stated she did not feel it was her job to give an opinion, but it was her job to give the City Council (or any Commission) correct information so they can make a good decision. She will not make suggestions on their votes or express her opinion.

A couple of workshops are being planned: Land Use and Planning and Zoning with help from the city attorney and LMC; City Council roles and responsibilities and what City Councilmembers can and should do and not do; Afton Septic System. She noted members of commissions will be invited to these workshops as well. She asked City Councilmembers to send available dates to her for these workshops.

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

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar presented the bills for the month of February totaling \$46,173.92. That amount included nearly \$13,000 for the first quarter of fire protection.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kline) TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS PRESENTED TOTALING \$46,173.92. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Reiter asked if the check range could be given so the City Council could approve the bills in that way.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler asked the City Council to allow city staff to apply for a credit card, which would be used only by city staff with a strict policy and only on items pre-approved by the City Council. Councilmember Reiter suggested going through US Bank for this service, as that is the city's depository.

M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO ALLOW CITY STAFF TO APPLY FOR A CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH CREDIT CARD.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINE, TO PLACE A \$2,000 LIMIT ON PURCHASES.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (Brown, McCarthy) TO ADJOURN AT 9:26 P.M.  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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



***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 placed as to be easily and clearly seen from the street when approached from either direction.

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Do not park cars in the street during this time so the snowplow drivers can plow the full width of the street.

**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.

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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
- Land Use Review Committee – Varies
- LSCV Fire District – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at Fire Hall

Please call the City Hall at 651-436-7031 for the address of any meeting held outside of the City. Check the City's Posting Box for up to day information on City meetings.

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