



City of Lake St. Croix Beach
City Hall
16455 20th Street South
Lake St. Croix Beach, MN 55043

Staff:
City Clerk-Administrator
Angel Smith
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Amy Truhlar

City Hall Hours:
9:30 – 1:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Call for an appointment at other times
Phone Number: (651) 436-7031
Fax: (651) 436-8310
Email: lscb@comcast.net
Website: www.lscb.govoffice.com

October, 2013

Issue No. 490

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.

October Calendar

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

Wednesday, October 2

Planning Commission – CUP Amendment Public Hearing

Tuesday, October 8

Park Commission

Wednesday, October 9

LSCV Fire District at Fire Hall

Thursday, October 10

Recycle Day

Thursday, October 10

Middle SCV WMO meeting at Washington Conservation District Office

Monday, October 21

Regular City Council Meeting

Thursday, October 24

Recycle Day

Monday, October 28

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

Volunteers Needed

The Yellow Ribbon Alliance of the Lower St. Croix Valley (YRALSCV) has fun-filled events with opportunities to interact with our military members the neighbors.

The events are:

1. Meat Raffle at the Bungalow Inn in Lakeland
- Saturdays – October 5, October 19, November 2, November 16

2. Veterans Recognition Dinner at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lake St. Croix Beach on Tuesday, November 12 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free dinner, music, prizes.

Volunteers are needed for both events. Please contact Cheryl Kopp for further details by sending an email to City offices.

Annual Fall Rummage Sale

Saturday, October 19

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Clothing and small household items

St. Croix Valley United Methodist Church

St. Croix Trail and 7th Street

Lakeland

Sponsored by the youth group

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... 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



Join our email list and receive updates about current Lake St. Croix Beach news and events. If you would like to be included, please submit your name, organization, phone number and email address to asmithlscb@comcast.net.

Swim buoys will be removed within the next couple of weeks, and the summer is winding down. Just a reminder to all boat permit holders that your boats, moorings, and docks must be removed by November 15.

Thanks to everyone participated in our Shoreland Park Clean-Up on Wednesday, September 18. Everything went very well, and everyone had a great time.

To help keep taxes low, the city relies on residents to help keep corners and rights-of-way clear for visibility and line-of-sight issues. Please help us by ensuring that your yard is clear of vegetation 10 yards from the paved street. This will also help with snowplowing. The snowplows need the right-of-way to push the snow. Otherwise, our streets become too narrow. The next brush day is October 5.

Have a Safe & Happy Halloween!

Mayor Tom McCarthy

.....
Hello,

Back in April, I wrote about my efforts to get homeowners to clean up their yards. That effort was delayed by many factors, not the least of which was the outgrowth of spring and summer foliage, which gratefully camouflaged much of the junk that people leave out in their yards. Now that the leaves are beginning to fall, they are revealing many properties that are out of code compliance.

During the next month, along with our new City Administrator, efforts will begin to identify and give final warning to residents that need to get rid of the unlicensed cars, boats, carpeting, tires, old beds, appliances, bags of trash, you name it... outside in their yards... where we have to see it!

We have a beautiful community and if not policed for these violations then we all lose our properties' beauty and value.

If you have a concern about a neighbor who you suspect is in violation of city codes I encourage you to either make a complaint at the city offices or contact me directly, using the information on the back of this newsletter.

Thanks,

Jim Unker
.....

Annual Notice to All Residential Utility Customers

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

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

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

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

Calendar of Events for Valley Library in Lakeland – October 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

October 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Dog Gone Reading

Tuesday, October 22, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Children in grades K-7 practice reading by reading aloud to Chase, a specially trained dog, and his owner. Reading sessions are 15 minutes in length. Sign up to read at the library.

Valley Book Club

Thursday, October 24, 5:00 p.m.

Book selected for this meeting is "Cannery Row" by John Steinbeck. Just read the book, come, and discuss.

Did You Know...

From Minnesota State Statutes, Section 168.011, subdivision 4: A Segway is considered an electric personal assistive mobility device, defined in Minnesota law as a self-balancing device with two nontandem wheels designed to transport not more than one person, and operated by an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to 15 miles per hour. Except as otherwise provided by law, a person operating an electric assistive mobility device has the rights and responsibilities of a pedestrian.

Public Safety

(Including Reports)



Law Enforcement Report

August, 2013

Complaints Investigated

6 Medical	1 Safety Concern
4 Theft	1 Suspicious Activity
3 Noise Complaint	1 Barking Dog Complaint
2 Parking Complaint	1 Dog Bite Complaint
2 Check Area/Welfare	1 Stolen Bike
1 Gas Drive-Off	1 Property Damage
1 Vandalism	1 Animal Concern
	<u>Citations Issued: 4</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 52 runs in July, 9 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach.

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



Animal Control

In the month of August, 3 dogs and 2 cats were reported lost, and 2 dogs were reported found.

Reminder: Animal License Renewals are now due. All dogs and cats over 6 months of age must be licensed. Licenses can be purchased at City Hall during normal business hours or by mail. **Application, payment, and proof of current rabies vaccination required.**

2013 – 2015 Animal License Application

Fee: \$10 neutered/spayed, \$25 not neutered/spayed

Proof of current rabies vaccination must accompany application.

Animal's Name _____ Age _____
Breed _____
Sex Male or Female Spayed/Neutered Yes or No
Weight _____ Color _____
Owner's Name _____
Street Address _____
Phone No. _____
Cell Phone (optional) _____
Email (optional) _____

*Mail to: City of Lake St. Croix Beach, 16455 20th Street South,
Lake St. Croix Beach, MN 55043*

Building Permits



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

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

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

Please note: The Building Department Office Hours

Mondays 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Solid Waste and Recycling

Garbage Service

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

Highland Sanitation 651-458-0043
Maroney Service Inc. 651-439-7279
Waste Management 651-437-9201

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

Recycle Service

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

Recycle Hauler is Waste Management 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):

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.

Lake St. Croix Beach City Hall

16455 20th Street South

Lake St. Croix Beach, MN 55043

Phone: 651-436-7031

Fax: 651-436-8310

E-Mail: lscb@comcast.net

Web Site: www.lscb.govoffice.com

Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday or call for an appointment.



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

Schedule:

Oct. 2	at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Oct. 3	at 9 a.m.
Oct. 9	at 4 p.m. and midnight
Oct. 10	at 7 a.m.
Oct. 16	at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Oct. 17	at 9 a.m.
Oct. 23	at 4 p.m. and midnight
Oct. 24	at 7 a.m.
Oct. 30	at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Oct. 31	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 August 19, 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, Angel Smith, Amy Truhlar

Others Present Jon Place, Bill Glampe, Janet Tyndall

- **Call To Order** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:02 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- **Approve Agenda** Agenda Item 3
M/S/P (Brown, Kopp) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Consent Agenda** Agenda Item 6
M/S/P (Brown, Reiter) 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 (Brown, Reiter) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 19, 2013 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Brown, Reiter) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING/CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2013 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Joe Riley, 1444 Ramada Avenue South, stated that he was in attendance representing Tom Johnson, who was unable to attend the meeting. The issue was listed on the agenda under 9B, Unauthorized Tree Clearing. Mr. Riley asked if he should speak at this time or when the issue came up on the agenda. City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom advised that the City Council could allow Mr. Riley to speak during the discussion or during the public comments portion of the City Council meeting. The City Council agreed to have Mr. Riley speak at this time.

Mr. Riley presented some documents for the City Council and staff to review. He noted that Tom Johnson owns lots 993 – 998. He stated that Mr. Johnson has never owned the lots to the south of his property on 18th Street South, as was suggested at a previous meeting. Mr. Riley stated that Mr. Johnson did not create the landlocked situation and asked what process Mr. Johnson should go through to gain access to his land. He noted that there is an unimproved street that would allow access to his property if it were to be improved.

Paula Caligueri, 16566 18th Street South, asked the City Council to consider the possibility of vacating the unimproved street or selling it to the neighboring property owners.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Presented by Councilmember Kopp
Law Enforcement

- 48 calls, 4 citations

Animal Control

- No calls
- 3 dogs lost, 2 cats lost, 2 dogs found

Kris Peterson, chief of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, reported there were 40 runs in the month of August. The annual ambulance inspection was completed the week of September 9, 2013, and their license was renewed. The Fire District is now certified by the State of Minnesota to be a training center for firefighters. Mr. Peterson noted that they will start training in January. They will then be put on the training rotation.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Cable Commission Report**

Richard Glasgow, chair of the Cable Commission, reported that funds were distributed to the five cities based on the number of cable subscribers in each city. Each city receives a quarterly check as well as an extra check at the end of the year.

Mr. Glasgow reported that the franchise agreement must be renegotiated. This process can be complicated, but the Cable Commission is hoping to get through the negotiations without an attorney. However, if an attorney is needed, a fund has been set aside for this expense, which could be up to \$15,000 or more. An attorney would be used at the end of the process to review the contract before it is signed and executed. Any attorney funds not used will be distributed to the five cities. One of the points to be negotiated is Public Education and Government (PEG) fees, which would cause an increase in the bill to each cable subscriber.

Councilmember Reiter pointed out that the quarterly and year-end distributions are paid for by the cable subscribers. She wondered if the franchise fee could be eliminated, lowering the subscribers' cable bills. She noted that the cable subscribers are subsidizing the city's budget with the franchise fee, and this seemed unfair. Mr. Glasgow stated that the franchise fees are generally used for things that benefit all the residents, noting that in Lakeland the fees are used for communication purposes. Councilmember Reiter acknowledged that in Lake St. Croix Beach, the fees are used for the same purposes. It was noted that since these fees are deposited into the general fund, property taxes are lowered due to this fee.

A resident asked if CenturyLink or any other company had made any progress with moving into the area as Comcast is the only cable available in Lake St. Croix Beach. Mr. Glasgow reported that no other cable company has plans to move into the area at this time. The current franchise agreement is a 10-year contract, and Mr. Glasgow would like the next agreement to also be for 10 years. Comcast would prefer a 5-year contract.

Mr. Glasgow stated that Councilmember Unker has not attended all Cable Commission meetings, and was discouraged by comments made at past City Council meetings by Councilmember Unker. Councilmember Unker stated he was angry that the Cable Commission spends money in a way that he felt was unwise, such as retroactive insurance for the commission which included a penalty fee. Mr. Glasgow responded that the retroactive insurance was obtained to protect the commission against possible lawsuits. He talked to several attorneys and was advised by all of them to obtain the insurance. He pointed out that he also did not want to spend the money, but felt that it was a necessary expense to protect them. Councilmember Brown asked how and why the insurance lapse occurred. Mr. Glasgow reported that the insurance company was difficult to work with, and there was some miscommunication, so when they were again asked if they wanted to renew the insurance, he took up the attorneys' advice. Only one company offers this type of insurance. Councilmember Unker also stated he had not been receiving meeting notices or minutes. Mr. Glasgow addressed this concern by agreeing to send the agendas and minutes earlier.

There was discussion regarding VEMO, which is a site that uses software to allow the city to take their monthly meetings and make them available for viewing on the city's website. The DVD of the meeting is converted and then imbedded in the website. It was noted that city staff looked into having the meetings available on their website, but the cost for the extra storage was prohibitive. With VEMO, the link is on the website, but VEMO offers the storage. Mr. Glasgow suggested that staff call him to make arrangements for him to bring the software and the license, and he will walk through the process with them for the first time.

- **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

o Levee – US Army Corps of Engineers Compliance - Update

John Parotti, City Engineer with SEH, reported that he met with city staff, Mayor McCarthy, and representatives from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE or COE) to discuss the results of the 2012 COE inspection of the Lake St. Croix Beach (LSCB) levees. He reviewed the key topics discussed at the meeting such as the field survey, vegetation management, utility pole relocation, depressions and ruts in the levee, stairs, system wide improvement framework (SWIF), and ownership of the land where the levees are located. Mr. Parotti noted that the COE has replaced SWIF with a simplified method of tracking the correction of noncompliant issues. The COE, the City, and the City Engineer agree on a plan to complete the work over a reasonable period of time. In light of this new approach, the next steps were reviewed, starting with responses to the COE as required by the 2013 routine inspection report and developing budget estimates for cost to correct noncompliance issues.

The city could begin with removing the underbrush on the 21st Street levee to facilitate re-inspection by the COE to confirm toe of levee location. It was noted that the relocation of the utility poles may require some input from the City Attorney to determine whether the pole relocation costs are the responsibility of the city or the utility company. There is a possibility that a franchise agreement may be in place addressing who will pay for pole relocation.

o Striping Project

The City Hall parking lot striping project has been completed. The City Engineer helped design the layout. A resident asked that the City Council work on an overflow parking issue. The current overflow parking fix is to park across the street from City Hall. However, there is no light over there, making it hard to see in the dark.

There was further discussion regarding pole relocation and tree removal on the Riviera Avenue levee. It was noted that some trees need to be removed to maintain the integrity of the levee. Councilmember Reiter expressed concern that during high water events, levee walkers use the light on the levee. If the light is moved to the other side of the road, it will need to be angled to light the back side of the levee.

• NEW BUSINESS

o Tax Forfeited Parcels

City Clerk-Administrator Angel Smith explained that a letter was sent from Washington County regarding a parcel of land located in Lake St. Croix Beach. The parcel was forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of property taxes. The city has been asked to decide whether it would like to request a conveyance for public use or public purpose. The land could also be sold at public auction if the parcel is buildable or a private auction for sale to adjacent owners if the parcel is not buildable.

It was noted that the parcel appears to be in the right-of-way for CSAH 18. Councilmember Reiter stated that there is no water stop at the property, and due to the right-of-way issue and the fact that the parcel is only 100 ft. X 80 ft., it appears to be an unbuildable lot. City Clerk-Administrator Smith was asked to gather some information for the next City Council meeting such as who owns the property to the east of this parcel, whether the same people used to own both pieces of property, who owns the adjoining railroad right-of-way, where the bike trail is in relation to this parcel, and whether any portions of septic systems are located on this parcel.

• UNFINISHED BUSINESS

o Administrative Fines Process

City Attorney Sandstrom explained that if the City Council decided to go with a parking meter at the beach parking lot, an ordinance would need to be adopted to allow for administrative citations to be issued to those who do not pay. The ordinance would be written to allow administrative citations to be written by staff. He asked the City Council if they would like an ordinance written allowing this. The language would establish who could issue the citations, the fee for non-payment, those who would be authorized to issue the citations, and a hearing process for people to challenge the citations. It was noted that if the ordinance were written, staff could issue citations for any parking violation.

Councilmember Reiter expressed concern about an enforcement mechanism for paying the tickets. Councilmember Kopp noted that there would be issues in tracking the owners of the vehicles which had been issued citations. City Attorney Sandstrom explained that the ordinance could authorize Sheriff's Deputies to issue tickets for non-payment, but then this would become a criminal matter. Another suggestion was that the ordinance could be written to allow the city to tow cars, especially for repeat offenders. Councilmember Reiter noted that the parking lot is small, and it could be difficult for tow trucks to get into the lot. Becky Brewster, member of the Park Commission, expressed her opinion that this was a good idea and suggested a part-time employee, over 18, to be an assistant to the park manager.

M/S/P (Unker, McCarthy) TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS.

City Attorney Sandstrom noted that this ordinance is not a zoning ordinance, so a public hearing will not be needed. Enforcement methods will be included in the ordinance. It was noted that repeat offenders should be tracked and those who have not paid the citations should also be tracked. Councilmember Reiter stated she felt it was bad community spirit to not offer a program where young teenagers could obtain a job.

MOTION PASSED, 3 AYES, 2 NAYS (KOPP, REITER).

o Unauthorized Tree Clearing

It was noted that this issue was discussed during the public comments portion of the meeting. Tom Johnson cut down several trees on city property without permission in order to gain access to his property. City Attorney Sandstrom explained that Mr. Johnson's attorney contacted him, but had only been informed by his client of the generalities of the issue. Mr. Sandstrom told Mr. Johnson's attorney that his client was not allowed to cut vegetation on city property without obtaining permission from the City Council. There was discussion that the property may not be buildable due to the parcel size and the lack of a water stop at the property.

Mr. Riley noted that there is an unimproved street that would allow access to the property and asked whether property owners had a right to access their properties. City Attorney Sandstrom noted that although property owners have rights to access their property, it does not mean they can always drive a vehicle onto their property through an unimproved street. Mr. Sandstrom noted that the property owner could walk through the right-of-way to gain access to the property, but could not cut vegetation on the city right-of-way without permission from the city.

City Attorney Sandstrom explained that the City Council could decide to improve the road and determine how to improve it (gravel, pavement, etc). Mr. Sandstrom could assess Mr. Johnson for this improvement as he is the only person who would benefit from this roadway. If the street were vacated, Mr. Johnson would be landlocked. He is currently not landlocked even though the street is unimproved.

Mr. Riley asked if the City Council would authorize Mr. Johnson to clean up the area in the city right-of-way where he did the cutting. He would not cut any more, but would clean up the wood that is still lying in the right-of-way. The City Council stated Mr. Johnson could not do this, and he should leave everything the way it is.

City Clerk-Administrator Smith explained that staff had looked into valuation for the trees. Black locusts, cedars, and elms were identified in the area. Ms. Smith looked into nurseries to find the trees and what the cost was to replace each of these trees. There was no nursery in Minnesota that offered all three types of trees. There was a nursery in Georgia that offered all three types ranging for \$79.99 to \$329 each. A certified arborist would need to be consulted for a valuation of the trees. The fees she was quoted for this service ranged from \$200 - \$1,500. The minimum fee only consisted of time and travel. The more detail the city wanted, the greater expense that would be incurred.

Mr. Riley stated that Mr. Johnson told him he had talked to city staff who had told him he could do this. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Truhlar explained that Mr. Johnson did come into the city offices and asked if he could trim trees and clear buckthorn on his property. She told Mr. Johnson that he could do this on his property. Mr. Johnson was not given permission to clear city property.

City Attorney Sandstrom suggested that Mr. Johnson submit an application to the city with his plans clearly stated. The plans should include a timeline, the scope of the project, and details of the plan. After the plan is submitted and reviewed by staff, Mr. Johnson could be invited to the October City Council meeting to determine the next steps. Staff was directed to send a letter with this information to Mr. Johnson.

- **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**

- **Councilmember Brown's Report**

- Nothing further to report.

- **Councilmember Kopp's Report**

- The Yellow Ribbon Alliance of the Lower St. Croix Valley (YRALSCV) will be creating a website. They are making plans for the Veterans Dinner at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi on November 12, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. Councilmember Kopp noted that YRALSCV meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at Sail Away Café.

- Mary Parr reported that YRALSCV has been invited by the Bayport Legion to participate at the Bungalow Inn when the legion runs the pull tab booth on Saturdays. There is a raffle that will take place the first and third Saturdays of every month starting in October 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. If YRALSCV staffs the raffle, they will get a share of the proceeds.

- **Councilmember Unker's Report**

- Councilmember Unker stated that he has not been notified of all of the Cable Commission meetings. He stated that he had concerns regarding the way the Cable Commission spends money. He wondered if there was a limit to the Cable Commission's ability to spend money and whether this was addressed in the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA).

- **Councilmember Reiter's Report**

- Councilmember Reiter reported that the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization (MSC WMO or WMO) approved a budget for 2014, which remains the same as the 2013 budget. At the next WMO meeting, there will be an update from MnDOT regarding the progress at the bridge site. On Wednesday, September 18, there is a workshop at the Bayport Library. This workshop will be held to inform people who make land decisions about the best practices for Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS). This will help people to

make land decisions to keep water clean and reusable. She suggested that City Clerk-Administrator Smith should attend if she is available.

All the trees in the south bluff restoration area, which was replanted with the help of a grant from the WMO, have died. The City is responsible for maintaining the area for 10 years. Information will need to be obtained from the WMO regarding how many trees, which kind of trees, the cost, and the best time to replace them. Councilmember Brown acknowledged that some of the trees are dead, but did not think they were all dead.

The Planning Commission reviewed the plan for 1445 Ramada Avenue, the public hearing in October to amend the city's conditional use permit (CUP), the parking meter, and the clear cutting of trees on city property.

- **Mayor McCarthy's Report**

- Mayor McCarthy reported that the family of a resident who died recently offered to donate some items to the city, such as a wheelbarrow, rakes and shovels. City staff was directed to add a resolution to accept the donation on the consent agenda at the October City Council meeting. Mayor McCarthy noted that there was still money in the budget for street signs.

- M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO ORDER 10 STOP SIGNS, AND 5 30-MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Quotes were obtained to remove some dead trees in the rights-of-way and the bluff, the brush pile behind City Hall, and the canopy of the largest, lowest-hanging branches.

- M/S/P (Brown, Reiter) TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM GREEN TREE & STUMP TO REMOVE DEAD TREES IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY, THE BRUSH PILE BEHIND CITY HALL, AND SOME IDENTIFIED CANOPY ISSUES CONTINGENT UPON PROPER LIMIT OF INSURANCE INCLUDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Mayor McCarthy asked residents to not leave free items in the right-of-way. Yard markers should be fiberglass and not located in the right-of-way. Councilmember Reiter noted that the right-of-way is where snow is to be placed when plowed.

- **City Attorney's Report**

- Nothing further to report.

- **City Clerk-Administrator Smith's Report**

- City Clerk-Administrator Angel Smith presented City Council with a staff report with some items that city staff has been working on over the past month. There was damage to the equipment shed at Pettitt Park. She is in contact with the insurance agent to determine the amount of damages. The city has received the application for Tree City USA. The deadline of the application is December 31, 2013. She also stated she would be contacting each City Councilmember to set up individual meetings with each of them.

- Shoreland Clean-Up is on Wednesday, September 18. Staff is preparing the October City Newsletter. Submissions are due by noon on Monday, September 23. She reminded City Councilmembers and residents that she is in the process of setting up a community list-serve to keep residents informed of events in the city. Anyone interested in receiving updates should get their email information to city staff.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar's Report

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Truhlar presented the bills totaling \$68,391.36. She noted that \$40,000 of this amount was for the crack sealing and sealcoating of city streets.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS PRESENTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,391.36. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (McCarthy, Brown) TO ADJOURN AT 9:32 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Acronyms and abbreviations that may appear in this newsletter.

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

Junk Cars

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

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

Reminder:

All property owners are required by law to have garbage service, if you have a personal means (such as business ownership) to dispose of household trash it should be on notice with the city. The recycle container provided by Waste Management (yellow top) is to be used for recycle items only. PLEASE READ THE TOP OF THE CART FOR ACCEPTABLE ITEMS.

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. Some areas have been marked with pink tape. At corners, clear vision is essential within 15 feet of the intersecting street right-of-way lines.

Ordinance 724.04 Outdoor Implements . . . any power lawn mower, snowblower, power hedge clipper, power saw, or such other implement designed primarily for outdoor use, shall be operated only between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays, or between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and State and Federal Holidays. . .

Reminder:

Do not leave recreational fires unattended at any time.

Burning garbage and/or brush and leaves is not allowed in Lake St. Croix Beach.

Exterior Storage

- **Trailers, Boats, RV's, Lawn Equipment, Utility Trailers, Etc.....**
- **Should be stored in rear yard or side yard.**
- **Your yard might not be big enough!**
- **There are limits.**
- **Watercraft & Watercraft Trailers: Licensed & owned by resident occupying residential property.**
 - Boats -25 Feet**
 - Boat Trailers – 35 feet**
- **Vehicles – Current registration & operable.**
- **Other items may require that they be stored within a building or fully screened.**

Save Energy By Insulating Your Attic

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



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.

Beware Winter/Spring Threats to Septic Systems

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

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

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

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

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

Already had your tank pumped but are experiencing a back up in your home? Then it is even more likely that the pipe between the house and tank is frozen, and you should call a professional to assess the problem.

A number of fact sheets are available on the MPCA website for more information on how best to prepare and maintain your septic system throughout the year at www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/ists/index.html. Additional information about the proper care of septic systems is available on the University of Minnesota Extension Service's website at <http://septic.umn.edu/homeowner/index.html>.

Non-Toxic Cleaning Recipes

Basic Supplies:

- Baking Soda
- Bon Ami Cleanser
- Borax
- Lemon or Lime Juice
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Vegetable Oil
- Washing Soda
- White Vinegar
- Non-scratch scrubber sponge

DO:

- Read and follow all label directions on all products you purchase
- Label all containers with ingredients, intended use, and date made
- Keep all containers out of children's reach
- Keep all containers closed when not in use
- Use only non-chlorine bleach if you feel you must use a bleach product. Use it by itself
- Control pests by eliminating their food, water, and access

DON'T:

- Use food or beverage containers for cleaning chemicals of any type
- Avoid using bleach and ammonia. **Never** mix these products with each other – or with any other product
- Avoid using chemical pesticides

All-Purpose Cleaner:

- ¼ cup white vinegar
- 2 tsp. Borax
- 3½ cups hot water
- 20 drops lemon or lavender essential oil
- ¼ cup liquid dish soap

In a 32-oz. spray bottle, mix the vinegar, Borax, and water thoroughly. Add essential oil if desired. Add dish soap last. (Abrasive and may cause scratching.)

Floor Cleaner:

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

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

Wood Floor Cleaner:

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

Carpet Spot Remover:

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

Window Cleaner:

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

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

Please Support These
Sponsors!



To Place your ad, please
contact City Hall at 436-
7031!

 <p>STORM DAMAGE EXPERTS!</p> <p>Winner of the prestigious Angie's List Super Service Award!</p> <p>Lic. # 206-38317</p>	 <p>Antonsen CONSTRUCTION, INC.</p> <p>GENERAL CONTRACTOR</p> <p>Exterior Remodeling Roofing Siding Gutters Garages Windows Doors Decks Porches Bath & Kitchen Remodel</p> <p>Window Installation 10% off</p> <p>Licensed, Bonded, Insured</p> <p>651-340-1791</p>
--	---

BOOM BOOM

Septic Services & Excavating

Lake St. Croix Beach, MN

Annie Chaves

OFFICE

Fudd Chaves

651-436-2969



\$2.00 Taps Everyday

\$5.00 Lunch Specials

Call 651-436-5065



- Family Owned Since 1976
- Residential Septic Systems Pumped and Backflushed
- Commercial and Industrial Waste and Sandtraps Pumped
- Portable Toilet and Sink Rental

651-459-0162

LICENSED BY MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY



BROCHMAN
LACKTOPPING CO.
In Business Since '72

www.brochmanpaving.com

- DRIVEWAYS
- PARKING LOTS
- SEALCOATING
- LIMEROCK
- SPORTS COURTS
- PATCHING
- DRIVEWAY BASE
- WORK & GRADING

Free Estimates

STILLWATER 651-439-5379

Mike Brochman

New to Lakeland!
Lakeland Family Chiropractic & Acupuncture

Dr. Rosann Froehle, DC
76 St. Croix Trail North
Lakeland, MN 55043

651-436-6000

www.lakelandmnchiro.com

MANTYLA WELL DRILLING INC.

Your Local Well Driller, Pump Sales & Service
MDH Certified Well Abandonments
1392 N. St. Croix Trail, Lakeland 651-436-7600

PAIEMENT LAW OFFICE, L.L.C.

**Licensed in MN/WI

Joseph M. Paiement, Attorney
Constance J. Paiement, Attorney

- Business & Commercial
- Estate Planning & Probate
- Personal Injury
- Criminal Defense
- Real Estate
- Income Taxes

(651) 967-5050
www.paiementlaw.com
221 E. Myrtle Street
Stillwater, MN 55082

FLOOD RUN, INC.

Spring Flood Run: 4/20/13 Fall Flood Run: 9/21/13

Al's Automatic Transmission

General Auto Repair

Cars--SUVs--Light Trucks

16283 8th Street No., Lakeland, MN 55043

651-436-7620



www.bayportbank.com

BAYPORT | STILLWATER | OAK PARK HEIGHTS
BOUTWELLS LANDING | HUDSON



- Licensed in Minnesota & Wisconsin

- The **only** on site cremation service
in the St. Croix valley

- Funerals as unique as the families we serve

www.oconnellfuneralhomes.com - 715.386.3725



AFTON
ON THE ST. CROIX

The Friendliest Marina on the St. Croix

Full Service Marina & Ships Store
Complete Service Department
Gas Dock~Pump Out~Bait~Ice

Public Launch Ramp

Weekdays \$15 for 24' & under

Weekdays \$20 for 25' & over

Weekends \$22 for boats 24' & under

Weekends \$30 for boats 25' & over

651.436.7744

windmillmarina.com

Featherstone Excavating, Inc.

Septic · Driveways · Excavation · Silt Fencing
Erosion Control & Prevention

651-436-1987

Custom Welding Available.

COLBURN CARPENTRY, INC.

Bringing 39 years of remodeling experience to your doorstep

CRAIG COLBURN- OWNER

MN LIC# BC130878, TEL. (651)470-4270

2117 RACINE AVE. SO. ST. CROIX BCH. MN, 55043

City Directory

City Council

Tom McCarthy

Mayor, 436-5686

E-Mail: lscbmccarthy@gmail.com

Charles Brown

Councilmember, 612-889-7588

E-Mail: chazbrown@comcast.net

Cheryl Kopp

Councilmember, 214-9665

E-Mail: ck66575@gmail.com

Cindie Reiter

Councilmember, 436-8244

E-Mail: cindie55043@gmail.com

Jim Unker

Councilmember, 340-5800

E-Mail: C6513405800@gmail.com

Services

Animal Control 715-386-7789

Building Inspector 651-436-1405

City Hall 651-436-7031

Fire Hall (non-emergency) 651-436-7033

Lakeland Water Utility 651-436-8044

Police (non-emergency) 651-439-9381

Street Lights Out - Xcel Energy 1-800-960-6235

Well Water Test Kits - Wash. Co. 430-6655

U. S. Post Office - Lakeland 651-436-5469

Waste Management (Recycling) 877-969-2783

Maroney's Sanitation 439-7279

Highland Sanitation 458-0043

Waste Management (Garbage) 437-9201

Fire, Medical & Sheriff Emergency 911

Representatives

Gary Kriesel

Washington County Commissioner 651-430-6213

Kathy Lohmer

Minnesota Representative (District 39B) 651-296-4244

E-mail: rep.kathy.lohmer@house.mn.us

Karin Housley

Minnesota Senator (District 39) 651-296-4351

E-mail: sen.karin.housley@senate.mn

Mark Dayton

Minnesota Governor 651-201-3400

E-mail: mark.dayton@state.mn.us

Betty McCollum

U. S. Representative (District 4) 202-225-6631

E-mail: betty.mccollum@mail.house.gov

Amy Klobuchar

U. S. Senator 612-727-5220 or 202-224-3244

E-mail: klobuchar@senate.gov

Al Franken

U. S. Senator 651-221-1016 or 202-224-5641

E-mail: info@franken.senate.gov

Meeting Schedule

- Planning Commission – 1st Wednesday
- LSCV Alliance – 4th Monday at Fire Hall at 4:30
- Middle SCV WMO – 2nd Thursday at Washington Conservation District Office
- Park Commission 2nd Tuesday
- Recycle Committee Varies
- LSCV Partnership Team – Varies
- City Council 3rd Mon (2nd Mon in Jan & Feb)
- Land Use Review Committee Varies
- LSCV Fire District – 2nd Wednesday at Fire Hall

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

Future Newsletter Articles should be submitted to: Newsletter Editor at the Lake St. Croix Beach City Hall.

"Choosing to save a river is more often an act of passion than of careful calculation. You make the choice because the river has touched your life in an intimate and irreversible way, because you are unwilling to accept its loss." - David Bolling, 1994

U. S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT NO. 2
LAKE ST CROIX BEACH
LAKELAND, MN 55043

POSTAL PATRON
CITY OF LAKE ST CROIX BEACH
LAKELAND MN 55043