

MEETINGS

Week of February 5, 2018

Monday, February 5
City Council, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7
Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee, 6 p.m.

Meetings take place at City Hall unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend. Agendas are available online at lakevillemn.gov.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Opportunity

Construction Representative

Provide construction observation on municipal improvement projects and assist in producing the necessary project documentation during construction. Assist in drafting construction plans, specifications and design documents. \$25-\$26.88 per hour starting salary. For more information and to apply online, go to lakevillemn.gov. Applications must be submitted online.

MVTA Super Bowl Weekend Shuttles

During Super Bowl weekend, MVTA will provide additional shuttle service from the Burnsville and Eagan Transit Stations to downtown Minneapolis. The shuttles will connect with the Blue Line light rail at the 28th Avenue Transit Station. For fare information and a complete schedule, visit www.mvta.com.

Dementia Friends Presentation

Wednesday, February 7 at 11 a.m.
Highview Hills

20150 Highview Avenue, Lakeville
Create a better understanding of and change the way people think, act and talk about dementia. For more information, contact Jess Luce at Dakota County at 651-554-6104.

Youth Ice Fishing Contest - FREE

Saturday, February 10
Noon-2 p.m.

Valley Lake Park

Youth are invited to fish through one of the many holes cut in the ice on Valley Lake. Register at the event. Bring your own fishing equipment and bait. Ages 13 and under are eligible for prizes. For more information, contact Parks & Recreation at 952-985-4600.

Snow Safety and Removal Tips

Clear Out Around Fire Hydrants

After a snowfall, remember to clear a three-foot radius around fire hydrants near your home. In case of fire, firefighters need to be able to quickly locate and access hydrants to protect people and property.

Clear Snow from Meters and Vents

Keep the area around your gas meter clear of snow and ice, carefully removing it by hand to avoid damaging the meter. Also make sure snow is not blocking furnace, water heater or dryer vents, which can cause the units to stop working or create a deadly carbon monoxide buildup in your home.

Keep Children Safe

Do not allow children to create tunnels or forts in snow piles in cul-de-sacs or snow banks in the streets. The weight and depth of the snow could cause a collapse and trap a child inside. It is also difficult for plow drivers to see children in a snow pile.

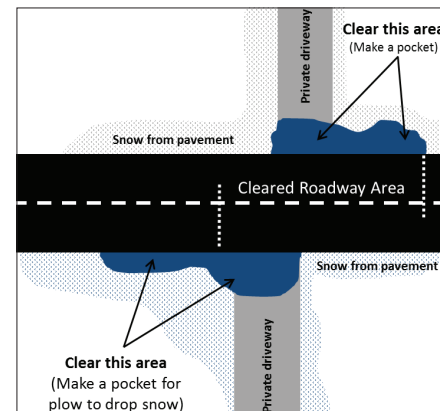
Don't Shovel Snow onto Streets

Minnesota state law prohibits plowing, blowing or shoveling snow onto public roadways from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots. This includes ditches and boulevards. This law is in place because

pushing snow onto the roadway can create a slippery area, frozen ruts or bumps that could contribute to a vehicle or pedestrian accident. Violations are misdemeanors and liability can extend to both the property owner and the person or company who placed the snow improperly.

Prepare for Plowing

People get frustrated when plows come by right after they've cleared their driveway. MnDOT suggests putting driveway and sidewalk snow upstream from the driveway and clearing an area downstream in the direction of traffic to create an open pocket for plowed snow.



Enjoy the Winter Weather with Outdoor Activities Available in the City of Lakeville

Outdoor Skating Rinks

Come out to skate on hockey or pleasure rinks at one of 10 outdoor skating rinks in Lakeville. Bring your own skates. Warming houses are at each rink. For a map of rinks and warming house hours, go to lakevillemn.gov.

Fat Tire Biking on West Lake Marion Mountain Bike Trail

The West Lake Marion Mountain Bike Trail at the Casperson Park trailhead opened last summer and continues to be open during the winter. The 5-mile trail was constructed for beginner, intermediate and advanced riders. When available, volunteers will groom the snowy trails for fat tire bike riders.

Snowshoe Rental

Snowshoes are available for rent from Lakeville City Hall. Three sizes are available: up to 150 lbs., 150-200 lbs. and 200-275 lbs. Rental is \$3 per day with a \$75 deposit per pair and a 3-day minimum rental on weekends.

Snowmobile Trails

Lakeville SnoTrackers maintains snowmobile trails in Lakeville. To see a snowmobile trail map and check on current conditions, visit lakevillemn.gov.

Cross Country Ski Trails

Ritter Farm Park has cross country ski trails. To download a map, go to lakevillemn.gov.

STAFF UPDATES

Park Maintenance Division

A pre-construction meeting was held with the contractor installing the field lighting at King Park. Installation of the pole bases is expected to begin the week of February 5.

Hockey rinks continue to be maintained and warming houses repaired as needed. Warm temperatures have prevented staff from installing red and blue lines on all hockey rinks.

Lakeville Area Arts Center

A new theater lighting control board has been ordered to replace the existing 17-year-old board. The new control board will allow technicians to add more LED and intelligent lighting, ultimately improving functionality and decreasing electrical costs.

Environmental Resources

Organic waste collection began in January at City Hall. The recycling rate in this building is currently at 66 percent. With the addition of an organics recycling program, that number could increase to 90 percent or more.

Free Radon Test Kits Available

Dakota County Public Health Department has free radon test kits available to county residents at the following locations.

- Western Service Center - 2nd floor
14955 Galaxie Avenue, Apple Valley
952-891-7500
- Northern Service Center - 4th floor
1 Mendota Road West, West St. Paul
651-554-6100

The test takes four to seven days to complete. After the kits are returned to Public Health, the results will be analyzed and mailed to the home.

Radon is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas that is produced by the natural decay of uranium and radium in the soil. Since radon is a gas, it can easily enter homes and other buildings through cracks in the foundation. Inside of homes, radon may become trapped and build up to dangerous levels. Exposure to radon increases your risk of developing lung cancer.

Two out of five homes in Dakota County have radon levels above the acceptable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency levels.