



Focus on Lakeville

City of Lakeville Weekly Newsletter

MEETINGS

Week of April 30, 2018

Wednesday, May 2

Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee, 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

Planning Commission, 6 p.m.
 Planning Commission Work Session, after the regular meeting

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chicken-Keeping Ordinance Discussion

At the Thursday, May 3 Planning Commission Work Session (after the regular 6 p.m. meeting), the Commission will discuss amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow the keeping of chickens on urban residential properties. The public is welcome to attend this meeting and provide input.

Food Truck Ordinance Discussion

At the Monday, May 7 City Council meeting, the Council will consider changes to the Lakeville City Code concerning food trucks, including the option of annual or daily licenses, expanding operation days to Wednesday through Sunday, allowing trucks on Upper 208th and 209th Streets between Holyoke and Howland Avenues, reducing the amount of liability insurance from \$2 million to \$1 million and requiring a license to locate in City parks. The public is welcome to attend this meeting and provide input.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Central Maintenance Facility
 7570 179th Street West**

Open to all Dakota County residents—a drivers license is required. Some fees will apply. Go to lakevillemn.gov and find more information on the calendar.

Citywide Garage Sale

Saturday, May 19 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Submit the address of your garage sale to be included on a map of sale locations. Go to lakevillemn.gov to register your sale.

2018 Watershed Cleanup Day and Earth Day Celebration Recap

Over 1,450 people volunteered this year to remove trash throughout Lakeville's parks, roadsides, waters and trails. Due to this year's snowy conditions, the actual cleanup will take place when the groups can find the time to reschedule a cleanup for their designated locations. If you see people picking up trash over the next several weeks, be sure to thank them!

There were over 70 groups signed up to participate in the 2018 Watershed Cleanup Day. Groups consisted of church groups, Girl Scouts, Boy/Cub Scouts, school groups, environmental groups, businesses, as well as families and individuals. The City of Lakeville thanks everyone for taking pride in our

community and our environment and volunteering your time to keeping Lakeville looking its best.

Lakeville Streets and Parks staff will pick up the bags collected by volunteers over the next several weeks.

The Earth Day Celebration education portion of the event still took place on April 21 at the Central Maintenance Facility and was well attended, with over 650 participants.

On display at the event was the City's new sewer truck, also called the televising van. The truck and its equipment allow us to

televis sewer lines to see pipe deficiencies that normally would not be detected by just cleaning the line. This allows us to fix a small problem before it becomes larger.

The van also helps to find leaks in sewer pipes that can be repaired quickly before water is wasted.

Watch for the new televising van around town!



Changes to Utility Billing Auto Pay Option

All auto pay customers were taken off auto pay in March and April 2018 due to a change in the City of Lakeville's utility billing payment portal.

If you have a payment that wasn't taken out automatically and is now past due, register for online billing and payments with PSN, our new payment processor. Go to lakevillemn.gov and click on the Utility Bills icon for instructions.

You can make a payment online or mail a check for your current amount due and sign up for auto pay for future payments. If you have problems with online registration, making a payment, setting up recurring auto pay or don't have a computer, call PSN at



1-877-885-7968 and press 0 during business hours for additional help.

If you have additional questions, call Utility Billing at 952-985-4580. Due to the high volume of calls we are receiving, our response time may be delayed.

STAFF UPDATES

Public Works

Construction is expected to begin on Kenwood Trail/County Road 50 on Monday, April 30 (weather permitting). Initial work includes grading and private utility relocation. The road will be closed from 185th Street to Jaguar Avenue. The Jaguar Avenue temporary bypass road is expected to open the week of May 14.

The Streets Division completed streetlight inspections last week. A total of 143 streetlights were identified as needing repairs. This list will be provided to Xcel Energy and Dakota Electric to complete repairs.

The Utilities Division completed 287 Gopher State One Call locates so far in April and has completed 425 water meter replacements in 2018.

Park Maintenance

The Aronson Park restroom improvement project has been slowed due to recent colder temperatures, but the contractor still anticipates completing the project in early June as planned.

Recreation

Adult spring softball leagues have been delayed due to snow on the fields. The season will begin on May 1, after the fields have been prepared.

Blue Zones Project Presentation

**Thursday, May 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
 Brackett's Crossing**

The Blue Zones Project (www.bluezonesproject.com) is a community-wide well-being initiative designed to make healthier choices easier. The project is based on principles identified during a ten-year worldwide longevity study commissioned by National Geographic and detailed by Dan Buettner in his New York Times best-seller, *The Blue Zones Solution*. By helping people live longer and thrive through behavior change, communities can lower healthcare costs, improve productivity and enjoy a higher quality of life where we live, learn, work, grow and worship.

This is a free event but you must reserve tickets online at lakevillemn.gov.