

## MEETINGS

### Monday, June 17

City Council, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 19

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

### Thursday, June 20

Planning Commission, 6 p.m.

Meetings take place at City Hall unless otherwise noted. The public is invited to attend. Agendas are available online at [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov).

### Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor Doug Anderson has office hours on Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m. at City Hall. To schedule an appointment, call 952-985-4403.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### St. Paul Farmers' Market

Come to downtown Lakeville to shop at the St. Paul Farmers' Market!

- Wednesdays from noon to 5 p.m. at Market Plaza
- Saturdays beginning June 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lakeville Area Arts Center

### Dakota County Citizen Participation Survey

Do you have concerns about your neighborhood, city or county? Help Dakota County set its priorities for 2020-2024! Take a brief online survey to share your ideas and opinions about ways to improve our neighborhoods, promote housing affordability and enhance the delivery of public services to local residents. Go to [dakotacda.org](http://dakotacda.org) and find the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Survey under Latest News.

### Puppet Wagon

Kermie the Frog, Chuck the Bunny, Myron and the whole puppet crew are gearing up to entertain Lakeville children this summer in City parks. Shows begin Monday, June 17 and run weekdays through Friday, August 9 (with some exceptions in July during Pan-O-Prog). For show times and locations, go to [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov).

## Emerald Ash Borer Prevention Injection Treatment Program Is Available

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a non-native (invasive) insect from Asia that kills ash trees. Trees become infested when adult beetles lay eggs on the bark. The eggs hatch into larvae that bore into the tree, eventually killing it.

Due to the discovery of the insect in Lakeville, the City Council adopted an EAB Management Plan which includes a combination of proactive ash removals and treatments. The City has a contract with Rainbow Treecare to protect public ash trees (including trees along boulevards). EAB kills unprotected ash trees, which do not have resistance to the pest.

A citywide discount is being offered to Lakeville homeowners through 2019 for treatment of trees on private property that are at least 10" in diameter and in good physical condition. Rainbow Treecare will inspect your tree(s) at no cost, confirm they are ash and help you to determine if treatment is the best option. Treatments are done from June through early September.

If you have an ash tree, now is the time to decide what to do. Ash trees can be protected or removed. Lakeville is encouraging residents to treat significant, well-placed, healthy private ash trees as part of our EAB prevention program. Often it takes 3-5 years of EAB infestation for an ash to start showing symptoms.

Considerations for treatment include the following:

- The tree trunk is greater than 10" in diameter
- The tree is not competing with other trees or infrastructure



- The tree shows no more than 30% of canopy decline if infestation is suspected
- The tree is in good physical condition

Keep in mind that as ash trees die from EAB, they become brittle and break apart easily. In response to a new ordinance aimed at mitigating the effects of epidemic level pests, forestry staff will mark infested ash on City and private property each winter so they can be removed by the property owner, ideally before they become hazardous. If your ash is already dying back and you want a confirmation on EAB, you can contact City forestry staff for an inspection. Removals are best done October through April when the beetle isn't flying.

Treating an ash tree costs less than removal and replacement and maintains the value of having a mature tree on your property!

For more information on EAB management, preparing for EAB in your yard and how to request an inspection from Rainbow Treecare or City forestry staff, go to [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov).

## STAFF UPDATE

### Public Works/Engineering Division

Private utility relocations near the Dodd Boulevard and Flagstaff Avenue roundabout project continued this week. Due to some private utilities not being relocated in time, the intersection closure and construction will begin on Monday, June 17.

### Streets Division

Staff has been preparing gravel roads for dust coating in June.

### Environmental Resources Division

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) inspections began over Memorial Day weekend at Lake Marion and Orchard Lake boat launches. This is the second year of working with Dakota County on the coordination and funding of inspections at the launches. AIS inspections are focused around weekends and holidays.

Staff recently delivered barley straw to Adopt-A-Pond participants. The straw is used to improve water quality in storm water ponds.

## When Do Outdoor Warning Sirens Sound in Dakota County?

Dakota County policy activates outdoor warning sirens on the first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. for testing, during tornado warnings and when wind speed is expected to meet or exceed 70 mph.

When you hear the sirens and are unsure what they are sounding for, go indoors and turn your radio or TV to one of the Emergency Alert Stations (all TV stations and most radio stations in the metro region are EAS equipped) and listen for essential emergency information. Do not call local fire or police agencies to ask why the sirens are sounding.