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City of Lakeville Weekly Newsletter

MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 2

Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee - *canceled*

Thursday, October 3

Planning Commission - *canceled*

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

LFD Fire Prevention Open House

Tuesday, October 8, 6-8:30 p.m.
Fire Station 4 - 9465 185th Street
 Come see demonstrations including live fire sprinklers, a car extrication and car fire. Other activities include spraying water with a firefighter; experiencing a smoke-filled room in our Safety Trailer; practicing using a fire extinguisher; touring fire trucks, a police car and an ambulance; and safety displays from 911 dispatchers, CenterPoint Energy, Dakota Electric and car seat safety. You can also enjoy free root beer and purchase food from a local community group.

Metro Dining Cards - \$25 per box

Purchase one entree and get the second one for free! Each box contains 138 cards that can all be used monthly. Purchase cards at the Belgian Waffle Breakfast on Sunday, October 13 or anytime during regular business hours at the Heritage Center or City Hall.

Belgian Waffle Breakfast

Sunday, October 13, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Lakeville Heritage Center
20110 Holyoke Avenue
\$8 adults / \$6 ages 6-12 / free under 5
 Support your local Active Adults program at this annual fundraiser! Enjoy all-you-can-eat waffles, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Take-out will also be available. Purchase tickets in advance at the Heritage Center or at the door the day of the event.

Natural Ways the City Is Helping to Remove Invasive Species

Vegetation in East Community Park

The City has recently enlisted 100 goats to help manage about nine acres of woodlands in East Community Park, near the Spirit of



Brandtjen Farm area. The goats are grazing on and removing buckthorn, garlic mustard, poison ivy,

thistle and sumac, all vegetation that must be controlled or it will take over the woodland. In the past the City has used chemicals to try to manage this vegetation, but there were too many species of these problematic plants to manage effectively. Using goats was a much more ecologically sound way to manage the woodlands, since the goats love to eat these plants. The goats have been working in the park during September and are almost done clearing out the unwanted vegetation.

Largemouth bass in Lee Lake

The City has stocked Lee Lake with 1,000 largemouth bass to improve fisheries and subsequent water quality in the lake. Bullheads have overpopulated the lake and churn up sediment, which contributes to poor water quality. The largemouth bass are a predator fish that will hopefully



lower those fish species that degrade the water quality. Lee Lake had previously been listed as having impaired waters by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, but the lake has since been delisted, which is a rare occurrence but very good news. Our hope is that introducing the largemouth bass will help continue to improve the lake's water quality.

Carp tracking in East Lake

Common carp, which are present in East Lake, are known to contribute to poor water quality by churning up sediment which releases nutrients that were attached to the sediment. This year, 113 carp were implanted with tracking devices to determine if they were moving from the lake into North Creek, which connects to the Vermillion River. Surveys have shown that the carp are able to move into North Creek. Due to these findings, staff is considering potential carp management techniques to limit the water quality impact of this invasive species. Possible techniques include installing a physical barrier and removal of the carp.

Learn more about how our Environmental Resources staff is helping to maintain and restore Lakeville's natural areas and improve and protect local water quality. Go to lakevillemn.gov and find the new Environmental Resources Initiatives information (under Environmental Resources).

Purchase Tickets to "The Song Remains the Same"—A Tribute to Led Zeppelin

Jonny James and The Hall of Fames

Saturday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m.
Lakeville Area Arts Center
20965 Holyoke Avenue
Tickets: \$35 / \$31 balcony



When it comes to rock 'n' roll excess, nobody did it bigger and better than Led Zeppelin.

Don't miss Jonny James and The Hall of Fames as they return to the stage in Lakeville to pay tribute to one of the most innovative rock bands ever. The band will be rocking hard to classics such as "Black Dog," "Heartbreaker," "Whole Lotta Love," "Immigrant Song" and "Stairway to Heaven."

Purchase tickets online at LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com or by calling the box office during regular business hours at 952-985-4640.

STAFF UPDATES

Parks Maintenance Division

The Cherryview Park playground replacement project started last week. Staff removed the existing play equipment, wood border and benches, and will excavate and prepare the site for the new playground. The project is expected to be completed in late October.

Two Eagle Scouts recently installed landscaping around new park ID signs at Steve Michaud and Casperson Parks. Staff coordinated materials and plans for the projects.

Staff are in the process of applying fertilizer and weed control on park properties.

Streets Maintenance Division

Staff is mowing rural ditches and boulevards for the fourth and final time this season.

Apply to Be Appointed to Lakeville's Technology Work Group

The purpose of the Technology Work Group is to identify opportunities and make recommendations for improvements to City services through the use of technology. Examples include evaluating the City's fiber optic network, e-commerce offerings, and partnering with the business community on issues that may benefit our residents and businesses. This work group will be comprised of six to eight citizens, local business representatives, school district officials and Dakota County staff. The work group will meet as needed and will be supported by the City of Lakeville's Information Technology Manager.

To download an application, go to lakevillemn.gov and find the link under City News.

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