



FOCUS ON LAKEVILLE

City of Lakeville Newsletter

MEETINGS

Monday, September 19

City Council, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21

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

Thursday, September 22

Planning Commission, 6 p.m.

Meetings take place at City Hall or virtually. Check each agenda for details. The public is invited to participate in meetings in person and/or by phone. Agendas are available online at lakevillemn.gov.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come to the Lakeville Art Festival

September 17, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

September 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Lakeville Area Arts Center
20965 Holyoke Avenue

This free festival will host approximately 100 juried exhibiting artists, ongoing artist demonstrations, and hands-on community art projects for both adults and children. In addition, there will be a diverse lineup of performing artists, great food vendors, and fine wine and craft beer from Lakeville Liquors. Go to lakevilleartfestival.org for more details.

Tour of Lakeville Bike Ride

Saturday, September 17, 9-11 a.m.

Meet at Pioneer Plaza (20801 Holyoke Avenue)

Ride the trails and bike lanes of Lakeville with Lakeville Friends of the Environment. The event includes a 3-mile ride for kids and an 18-mile loop. The 18-mile route includes the highest point in Lakeville, the newest paved trail and roads in Airlake Industrial Park. For ages 6 and up. Bring a helmet and water bottle.

Job Opportunities

Come work for the City of Lakeville! Current job opportunities include:

- Liquor Store Assistant Manager
- Seasonal Warming House Attendant
- Seasonal Warming House Supervisor

For more details and to apply online, go to lakevillemn.gov.

News From the City Forester

Oak Wilt

Lakeville has seen a large surge in oak wilt this summer. Oak wilt is a fungal disease that kills oak trees. Oaks in the red oak family can die in as little as four weeks, while oaks in the white oak group can live with the disease for five to 20 years. While white oaks are more resistant to the disease and can be treated with a therapeutic fungicide injection, red oaks cannot be saved once they become infected. This season, forestry staff completed over 60 oak wilt inspections on private residential properties. The most effective way for you to prevent oak wilt infecting your property is to only prune your oaks from late November through early March, when the beetles that spread oak wilt are dormant. For more information on identifying oak wilt and how to manage it, go to extension.umn.edu and search for "oak wilt."

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) update

The time period for therapeutic ash injections has passed for the year, but you can still call ahead and schedule your ash to be injected in the spring with a tree care contractor. While ash preservation injections happen from June through September, ash pruning and removals should only occur October through April when EAB isn't active. If you have already invested in injections, now is a good time to have an ISA certified arborist assess any pruning needs. If you have chosen to remove your ash tree, remember that it is easier for contractors to remove ash trees before they have died from EAB. Once they die, trees become brittle and high risk, increasing the removal costs.

Forestry staff or a designated contractor will be surveying for EAB infested trees during the fall and winter, when it is easiest to see

woodpecker activity and galleries in the upper part of the tree. They will contact you if it is determined your tree has EAB and needs to be removed. In 2021-2022, forestry staff found over 400 ash trees on private properties that were infested and needed to be removed. We expect this number to grow this fall/winter since EAB is spreading throughout the southern metro. Starting in winter, you can request a free inspection if you notice woodpecker activity or bark splits on your ash tree. Call us at 952-985-2711 to schedule an inspection.

Proper disposal of yard waste and brush

Yard waste can be composted in your yard, picked up by a trash hauler or taken to a yard waste collection site. It is illegal to dispose of yard waste like grass clippings, leaves, twigs and branches in the garbage or on natural areas of City property, such as woodlands, wetlands or storm water ponds.

Grass, leaves and twigs can be composted. Some yard waste like grass clippings and mowed or shredded leaves can be distributed on your lawn. When using a mulching mower, grass and leaves break down and create a natural fertilizer for your grass, shrubs and trees. Yard waste and compost piles should not be placed near water sources and drainage areas. When placed near a water source, yard waste can leach phosphorous into our water which causes algae blooms and other problems for our ecosystem.

If you don't want to compost your yard waste in your yard, contact your trash hauler for yard waste pickup options or find a local yard waste collection site on Dakota County's website at co.dakota.mn.us under Environment.

Lakeville Fire Department Fire Prevention Open House



Tuesday, October 11
6-8 p.m.

Fire Station 4 - 9465 185th Street

Activities include a Close the Door campaign demo, showing how quickly a fire will spread whether a bedroom door is open or closed; spraying water with a firefighter; experiencing a smoke-filled room in our Safety Trailer; practicing using a fire extinguisher; touring fire trucks; informational safety displays; and more!

STAFF UPDATE

Planning Department

A conditional use permit application and plans have been submitted by Border Foods for a Taco Bell convenience food restaurant with a drive-through window to be located in front of the Lakeville Emagine Theater in the northwest corner of Keokuk Avenue and 207th Street.

A conditional use permit application and plans have been submitted for Affinity at Lakeville, a 174-unit independent senior living apartment project located east of Cedar Avenue and south of 179th Street.

Public Works Department

Utilities staff are in the process of replacing the final 200 commercial meters to make them compatible with the new water meter reading system. There are about 1,000 residential meters left to replace to make them compatible with the new system.

Park Maintenance Division

Staff completed replacing deck boards on the boardwalk bridge at East Community Park and also repaired portions of the railing that were loose and unsafe.



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