



## MEETINGS

### Wednesday, November 2

Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee - *canceled*

### Thursday, November 3

Planning Commission, 6 p.m.

Meetings take place at City Hall. The public is invited to participate in meetings in person and/or by phone. Agendas are available online at [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Special Assessment Prepayments

A reminder to residents and businesses in the 2022 Street Reconstruction, 210th Street-Kensington-Cedar and Ipava Avenue-192nd/CSAH 50 improvement projects—you have until November 15 to pay off assessments without interest. Go to [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov) under Latest News to find a link to the eProperty Special Assessment Lookup to find the amount you owe or call 952-985-4500 with any questions.

### Pumpkin Composting Event—FREE

**Saturday & Sunday, November 5 & 6**  
**Police Department, 9237 183rd St. W.**  
 Don't throw your holiday pumpkins in the trash—compost them! Drop off pumpkins in the composting bins in the Police Department's parking lot. They will be transported to a local organics recycling facility. Remove all candles and other non-organic materials. Painted pumpkins cannot be accepted.

### Winter Parking Begins November 1

Lakeville's winter parking ordinance will be enforced beginning on November 1. No cars can be parked on the street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. even if there is no snow. There is also no on-street parking when it's snowing, until the roads have been cleared.

### 2023 Utility Rate Structure Changes

Lakeville's utility rate structure will change in 2023. Information about the change can be found at [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov)—select the Utility Bills icon. If you have other questions, contact Utility Billing at 952-985-4580 or [utilitybilling@lakevillemn.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@lakevillemn.gov).

## Emerald Ash Borer Surveying to Begin in November

Starting in November, Lakeville's Forestry staff will be surveying, marking and requiring the removal of ash trees infested with emerald ash borer (EAB), in accordance with our Shade Tree Epidemic Pest Control Ordinance. EAB is an invasive insect that kills all species of ash trees. EAB was found in Minnesota in 2009 and was first identified in Lakeville in 2017.

Last year, Lakeville's Forestry Division visited over 500 private properties and marked over 400 ash trees for removal. For private property owners, EAB can result in costly tree removals if ash trees are not managed.

There are several steps that Lakeville residents can take to avoid losing their trees to EAB. The first thing to do is to determine if you have any ash trees on your property. Look for trees with branches and leaves that grow directly opposite one another (see image at right). Ash trees have compound leaves with 5 to 11 leaflets, and grey-brown diamond-patterned bark.

If you identify ash trees on your property, the next step is to determine if they are infested with EAB. Signs of infestation include heavy woodpecker activity, canopy dieback or

sprouts along the tree trunk. If your ash tree is not showing signs of infestation, or is in the early stages of infestation, the tree may be saved with an insecticide injection that has been proven to be extremely effective. Injections are usually performed every other year during the summer. (The City provides discounted rates for injections. Go to [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov) and search on "prepare for EAB" for more details.)



If you want help determining if your ash tree is infested, the City of Lakeville performs inspections for EAB. Schedule an appointment by calling 952-985-2711.

## Voting By Direct Ballot Begins November 1

On Tuesday, November 1, direct balloting begins. This means voters can place their ballot directly into the ballot tabulator to be counted (just like on Election Day). This process is always available one week prior to an election.



These are the direct balloting hours that will be available at Lakeville City Hall, 20195 Holyoke Avenue:

- Tuesday, November 1: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 2: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 3: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Friday, November 4: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 5: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Monday, November 7: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, November 8: Election Day—vote at your polling place**

For more information about voting in the November 8 General Election, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) or call City Hall at 952-985-4400.

## STAFF UPDATE

### Lakeville Area Arts Center

A new interactive public art map showcasing Lakeville's public art was made live last week. New works include the installation of the 2022 Lakeville Art Festival community art project, outdoor art on the Arts Center grounds and three new commissioned art benches in several of our parks. The interactive map allows you to view the location, photos and descriptions of all of the artwork. You can find the map online at [LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com](http://LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com).

### Park Administration/Maintenance

Final grading of the base material for the Casperson boat launch and upper parking lot was completed last week.

Staff continues to meet with the design team for the Antlers Park project on refining the plans and specifications.

The warm weather last week allowed the contractor to install the surfacing on the tennis courts at East Community Park.

All park building restrooms have been closed for the season and staff have started winterizing the plumbing systems.

## Thank You to Lakeville's Manufacturing Businesses

October was Manufacturing Month in Minnesota. Manufacturing is a dynamic and robust industry and is crucial to the health and strength of Minnesota's diverse economy, providing more than 310,000 highly skilled, well-paying jobs, which significantly contribute to Minnesota's economic vitality. We want to thank the many manufacturing businesses in the City of Lakeville for all you provide to our community.

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