



MEETINGS & HOURS

Monday, February 17

City offices closed for Presidents Day

Tuesday, February 18

City Council, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19

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

Thursday, February 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 Landscape & Home/ Consumer Showcase Expo

Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Lakeville North High School

See over 150 exhibitors covering everything you need for home improvement projects and services. Staff from City departments such as Building Inspections, Planning, Forestry, Police and Fire will also be on hand to answer your City-related questions.

Apply for Seasonal Jobs and Internships

- Communications Intern
- Engineering Intern
- Maintenance I & II - Parks
- Maintenance II - Streets
- Maintenance II - Fleet
- Maintenance II - Utilities
- Program Leader II
- Puppeteer

For complete job descriptions, salary ranges and to apply online, go to lakevillemn.gov.

Landscaping for Clean Water - FREE

Monday, April 6 at 6 p.m.

Water Treatment Facility

Attend this free workshop to see dozens of beautiful, inspirational and affordable garden designs using native plants that help clean our waters and attract pollinators. Register online at dakotaswcd.org or call 651-480-7777.

Annual Arbor Day Tree and Shrub Sale Begins on February 24

Beginning on Monday, February 24, you will be able to download descriptions of available trees and shrubs and begin ordering online. You also have the option to donate a Prairie Distinction Oak or Heritage Oak to a City park. Quantities are limited—orders are processed on a first-come, first-served pre-pay basis and will be accepted through April 6.

Trees and shrubs will be available for pickup on Saturday, April 25 between 9:30 and 11 a.m. at the Central Maintenance Facility. *This is the only day available for pickup.* Most of the trees are potted this year but a few of them are bare root. If you select a bare root tree or shrub, plan to plant it within two days of pickup.

While you're there, you can also participate in the City's Earth Day Celebration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit the Forestry booth for free shrub seedlings donated by Dakota Electric in honor of Arbor Day, and learn some insider tips from the City Forester on trees and how to handle emerald ash borer.

Here are just some of the trees and shrubs available:

Sunburst Honeylocust - \$40 (#10 gallon pot)

Purchase size 6'-8' tall/mature height 35'/mature width 30'-35'

This seedless, thornless, fast-growing cultivar offers an irregularly rounded canopy shape. Small leaflets provide a dappled shade, allowing a lawn to thrive under the drip line. Small fragrant flowers appear in May/June and provide a source of food for pollinators.

Tamarack (American Larch) - \$35 (#5 gallon pot)

Purchase size 3'-5' tall/mature height 40'-50'/mature width 15'-30'

Tamarack is a native tree to Minnesota with horizontal to drooping branches and is pyramidal in form. The needles are a bluish-green before turning a brilliant yellow in the fall and then dropping. Tamarack will grow in average to wet conditions and prefers acidic soil. Needs full sun to part shade.

MN Strain Redbud - \$40 (#10 gallon pot)

Purchase size 6'-8' tall/mature height 20'-35'/mature width 20'-35'

This strain is grown from seed collected at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. It can tolerate a variety of soils if kept mulched with wood chips. Special features include showy pink-purple flowers appearing before leaves, and bright yellow fall color. Needs sun or part shade for best flower development.

Some of the other trees available include:

- Autumn Gold Ginkgo - \$40 (bare root)
- Autumn Splendor Buckeye - \$35 (bare root)
- Hackberry - \$40 (#7 gallon pot)
- Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry - \$40 (#10 gallon pot)
- Ironwood - \$40 (#7 gallon pot)
- Kentucky Coffeetree - \$40 (#10 gallon pot)
- Prairie Distinction Oak - \$40 (#7 gallon pot)
- White Pine - \$35 (#5 gallon pot)

Varieties of shrubs available include:

- American Hazelnut - \$7 (bare root)
- Black Chokeberry 'Viking' - \$10 (#1 gallon pot)
- Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle - \$10 (#1 gallon pot)
- Ninebark 'Dart's Gold' - \$15 (#2 gallon pot)
- Pagoda Dogwood - \$30 (#7 gallon pot)
- Red Twig Dogwood - \$10 (#1 gallon pot)

Visit lakevillemn.gov on Monday, February 24 to see all the trees and shrubs available and place your order online!

STAFF UPDATE

Finance Department

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Lakeville for its 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The City has received this award for its CAFRs for the years ending 1988 through 2018.

In January 2020, the City of Lakeville adopted a Financial Sustainability and Resiliency Policy (PDF). The purpose of this policy is to establish strategic financial sustainability and resiliency principles for the City, which may be used when developing the annual budget, long-term financial plans, and when making critical financial, economic development and community development decisions.

Park Administration

Staff met with Dakota Valley Recycling and Environmental Resources staff to discuss recycling and waste collection in the parks system. Staff will be working to develop a plan to meet new requirements established by Dakota County.

Community & Economic Development

The City has issued building permits with a total valuation of \$14,500,129 through January. This compares to a total valuation of \$16,849,114 for building permits issued in January of 2019. Thirty-nine of those permits were for single-family homes. This compares to 33 single-family home permits in January of 2019.



Tamarack
(photo courtesy of American Conifer Society)