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City of Lakeville Weekly Newsletter

MEETINGS

Monday, March 16

City Council, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

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

Thursday, March 19

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

Annual Arbor Day Tree and Shrub Sale

New species are being offered this year. Trees that are bare root are light and easy to transport. Trees and shrubs offered in pots require more space to transport. All trees and shrubs reflect a savings off typical retail prices. Consider diversifying the species in your yard now that emerald ash borer has been found in Lakeville. Go to lakevillemn.gov for more information and to place your order online by April 6. Pick items up on April 25 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Central Maintenance Facility, then stay for our Earth Day Celebration!

March Food/Membership Drive

Support our local food shelves by donating non-perishable food items at any Lakeville Liquors location during the month of March! You can also donate \$12 for a new/renewal of a Wine or Brew Club membership, or donate \$24 for a new/renewal of a Premier Club membership.

Lakeville Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fire Station 4 - 9465 185th Street
To schedule an appointment online, go to mbc.org/searchdrives and enter sponsor code 4450.

State of the City Presentation

Wednesday, April 22
City Hall - 20195 Holyoke Avenue
7:30 a.m. - refreshments
8 a.m. - presentation
The public is invited to attend this event, presented by Mayor Doug Anderson.

April 25: Watershed Cleanup Day and Earth Day Celebration



Volunteer for Watershed Cleanup Day 9-11 a.m.

Do your part for the Earth and register yourself, your family or group to remove litter from parks, waterways and roadways. Your pickup location will be determined by your desired area and availability. Parks are reserved first for groups of children and then by Adopt-A-Park participants. Volunteers will get a free t-shirt and pizza lunch at the Earth Day Celebration afterwards. Register online at lakevillemn.gov or call 952-985-4500 by Friday, April 10.

Earth Day Celebration

Central Maintenance Facility - 7570 179th Street West

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Everyone is invited to participate in this family-friendly event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day! Come for the educational stations, interactive activities and prizes!

- 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.
- Learn about water conservation, aquatic invasive species, mosquito control and more.
- **New this year!** Pre-order a rain barrel (\$79 + tax) and/or compost bin (\$66 + tax) and pick them up at the Earth Day Celebration. Dakota County residents are eligible for a 30% discount by using the code "Dakota" at checkout. Order online at recycleminnesota.org.

Shade Tree Epidemic Pest Control Program

City Forestry staff are implementing the City of Lakeville's new Shade Tree Epidemic Pest Control Program to manage tree pests like emerald ash borer (EAB), oak wilt and Dutch elm disease that cross property lines and impact the community forest. This program involves providing inspections and technical support to residents dealing with these pests. Staff will now begin surveying and contacting property owners who have EAB infested trees. City ordinance requires removal of infested trees before they spread EAB and become brittle and hazardous.

For more information about EAB and how to manage it, go to lakevillemn.gov and search for Emerald Ash Borer. You can also contact us at 952-985-2724 or LAshadetree@lakevillemn.gov if you have any questions about the program.

Watch for Your Invitation for the U.S. Census

It's important that everyone complete the Census and be counted—when we understand where population growth is occurring, we know where to build roads, parks, libraries, schools, fire stations, hospitals and businesses.

The U.S. Census Bureau has begun mailing invitations to every household to participate in the Census, which consists of only 10 questions that need to be answered for each person living in a household, regardless of age or relationship to others in the household.

You will be able to complete the Census on any smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer. You will also be given the option to provide your information by calling the U.S. Census Bureau or completing a paper form (after April 1).

STAFF UPDATE

Streets Division

Staff is performing pothole maintenance with hot mix as needed throughout City streets and parking lots. To report a pothole online, go to lakevillemn.gov.

Street sweeping began on March 9 around lakes and along mains and collectors as the ice is melted from the curbs.

Park Administration and Maintenance

Staff reviewed and provided comments on plans and specifications for the Orchard Lake Beach restroom improvement project.

Staff met with a group of residents living near Independence Park to obtain their feedback on proposed playground replacement plans for the park. The playground is expected to be replaced later this year.

Staff completed upgrades to the Valley Lake fishing pier. The pier was set back into position on the lake with the assistance of a crane.

Garbage and Recycling Bin Placement and Storage

Be sure to place your garbage and recycling bins on the curb, rather than in the street where they can become a hazard to snowplows and other vehicles. Also, follow Lakeville's City Code regarding storage of the bins after pickup—do not leave them on the curb for extended periods of time and do not store them in front of your garage. Bins should be stored inside your garage, or in your side or back yard, unless your property is on a corner lot or rear frontage lot—in those cases you can only store bins in an area that does not abut a street.

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