



MEETINGS

Monday, March 30

Mayor's office hours - *anceled*
 You can still reach Mayor Anderson at 952-985-4410 or danderson@lakevillemn.gov

Tuesday, March 31

Economic Development Commission - *anceled*

Wednesday, April 1

Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee - *anceled*

Thursday, April 2

Planning Commission - *anceled*

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 Update

The last day to order trees and shrubs is Monday, April 6. Go to lakevillemn.gov for more information and to place your order online. Over 300 trees and shrubs have sold to almost 90 households. There are still several species available and planting in your yard is a perfect activity to do while staying home! Forestry staff are currently working on an alternate pickup plan to ensure residents get their trees and shrubs while following CDC guidelines. Residents who ordered trees will be contacted directly by email regarding the updated plan for pickup.

Lakeville Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 8

10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Location TBD

Amid concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, blood centers are experiencing critically low blood and platelet appointments—your help is urgently needed. To schedule an appointment online, go to mbc.org/searchdrives and enter sponsor code 4450.

The City of Lakeville's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

The City of Lakeville has been working with the County, School Districts, State and Federal Government on a regular basis and has developed and implemented a plan of response.

Essential City services will continue without interruption. City employees will be available by telephone and email during our facility closures. Some departments will be working split-shifts, meaning you may see City employees working during non-customary hours.

City facilities closed to the public until further notice:

- Lakeville City Hall, Lakeville Area Arts Center, Heritage Center, Hasse and Ames Arenas, Central Maintenance Facility, Water Treatment Facility, all four fire stations and the lobby of the Lakeville Police Department. (Lakeville Liquors Heritage location is currently closed for a planned remodeling project through April 5.)

Canceled events:

- [April 3](#): Free Family Fun Fest
- [April 25](#): Watershed Cleanup Day and Earth Day Celebration

Postponed events:

- [April 6](#): Landscaping for Clean Water Workshop will now be offered online at dakotaswcd.org
- [May 2](#): Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day

Service updates:

- [Lakeville LOOP Circulator Bus](#): To protect passengers and drivers, until further notice, DARTS LOOP bus capacity is one rider per trip. Instead of scheduled stops, riders must call 651-455-1560 to schedule a pickup. Trips in Lakeville will continue to be on Thursdays.

For up-to-date information on Parks & Recreation and Arts Center programs, classes and events that may be canceled or postponed, go to lakevillemn.gov.

Be Wary of COVID-19 or Coronavirus Scams

Some of the latest scams going around are preying on the fear and confusion surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Some of them to be particularly careful about include the following:

- IBM Security last week discovered a particularly malicious email spam campaign that appears to be sent by the Director of the World Health Organization.
- The FBI is warning against phishing emails related to charitable contributions, general financial relief, airline refunds and fake cures, testing kits and vaccines. Do not verify any of your personal information or agree to pay for shipping for virus-related products. The goal of these scams is to get your credit card information. Do not click on any links in these emails.

Complete 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 mailed invitations to every household to participate in the Census, which consists of only 10 questions.

You may complete the Census on any smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer; by calling the U.S. Census Bureau; or by completing a paper form (after April 1).

Are you curious about how many people in our community are responding to the 2020 Census? Stay up to date with a map of self-response rates from across the United States. Go to 2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html.

STAFF UPDATE

Streets Division

Staff is performing pothole maintenance with hot mix as needed throughout City streets and parking lots. Staff has applied 18 tons of asphalt mix since March 5. To report a pothole online, go to lakevillemn.gov.

Staff is cleaning winter debris from the concrete medians and boulevards in preparation for street sweeping as weather permits. Street sweeping started March 9 along mains and collectors. Downtown sidewalks and Holyoke were swept last week. A total of 42 center lane miles have been completed so far.

Environmental Resources

Grant proposals for the Dakota County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) grant have been submitted for 2020 funding consideration. Requested funding includes: \$18,450 for invasive aquatic plant treatment on Orchard Lake and Lake Marion, coupled with monthly AIS searches, and \$17,000 for Level 1 Watercraft Inspections at the Orchard Lake and Lake Marion public boat launches (with 2020 being the third year of the watercraft inspection program).

Coming Soon—Free Online Art Instructional Videos

While the Lakeville Area Arts Center remains closed to the public, instructors are starting to offer free instructional videos online using common household items to create art at home. These projects can be adapted in countless ways, for a wide variety of age groups. Updates will be posted for additional virtual programs on the Arts Center's website at LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com and on social media.