



## MEETINGS

### Monday, April 27

Mayor's office hours - *canceled*  
 You can still reach Mayor Anderson at 952-985-4410 or [danderson@lakevillemn.gov](mailto:danderson@lakevillemn.gov).

### Monday, April 27

City Council Work Session, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 28

Economic Development Commission. 4 p.m.

Meetings are currently being held via teleconferencing. The public is invited to attend online. Agendas are available online at [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Lakeville Cares

During this COVID-19 emergency, our community has people who need help. We also have people that want to help. Lakeville Cares is a place where the community can come together.

- Are you a senior or a person with a compromised immune system that needs your groceries or prescriptions delivered?
- Are you a person that wants to help by making masks for others to wear?
- **Homemade Mask Drive:** We are asking those that like to sew to consider making masks for our community. **Masks can be dropped off on Saturday, April 25** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lakeville Fire Station 4 (9465 185th Street West) or Hosanna Church (9600 163rd Street West, door #1).
- Do you need masks?
- Are you a business that has services to offer?

For information on how to volunteer, or to ask for help, go to [LakevilleCares.org](http://LakevilleCares.org).

### Take a Virtual Art Class

The Lakeville Area Arts Center is making art accessible to you in your home by offering new virtual classes. Classes include Art Journaling, Art Kits To-Go and free online videos featuring a variety of home art projects. Go to [LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com](http://LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com) and click on Take a Class.

## Consider Local Water Sources When Caring for Your Lawn

Beautiful weather in Lakeville means residents can turn their attention to lawn care and maintenance for the upcoming months. When it comes to properly disposing of the resulting yard waste, here are a few things to keep in mind.

To protect local water sources, the City of Lakeville does not allow dumping of lawn clippings and other yard waste on City property. Dumping these materials in or near bodies of water—whether it's a stream, lake, pond or wetland—causes algae blooms in the water due to excess nutrients from the materials.

Natural phosphorus occurs in lawn clippings, which is beneficial to lawn care but detrimental to water sources. Leaving grass clippings on your yard can cut out one fertilizer application per year, but dumping clippings into bodies of water decreases quality and clarity of our local water sources.



## Become a Watershed Warrior in Your Neighborhood

Do you have what it takes to be a Watershed Warrior? Complete 10 kid-friendly challenge activities to find out!

The 50th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22 was a bit different with social distancing requirements this year—and our Watershed Cleanup Day/Earth Day Celebration scheduled for April 25 has been canceled—but that doesn't mean you can't make a difference in your own backyard. Compete with your neighbors to see who can complete the most challenges and take home the glory of being the greatest Watershed Warrior on your block!

The ideal solution for yard waste disposal is to compost these materials on your own property and away from contact with any wetland.

Yard waste pickup season is now in effect for all residential waste haulers in Lakeville for those who prefer not to leave clippings on their yard. Contact your local waste hauler to set up a weekly pickup plan or to schedule a one-time yard waste pickup.

An additional option for yard waste disposal is to drop off materials at sites around Dakota County. To find dropoff locations, go to [dakotacounty.us](http://dakotacounty.us) and look under Environment.

### Adopt-a-Drain Program

You can also help keep our local waters clean by signing up for the Adopt-a-Drain Program.

Since storm drains flow directly to local lakes, rivers and wetlands, they act as a conduit for trash and organic pollutants. Adopt-a-Drain asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash and other debris to reduce water pollution.

Go to [adopt-a-drain.org](http://adopt-a-drain.org) for more information and to find an adoptable storm drain near your home! Volunteer 15 minutes, twice a month, for cleaner waterways and healthier communities.

Some of the fun activities kids can participate in include:

- Going on a trash walk and helping to pick up litter from your neighborhood.
- Starting a rock collection by gathering 5-10 rocks from your neighborhood—do they look like any of Minnesota's common rock types?
- Calculating your family's water usage, comparing it to the U.S. average and learning ways to save water.

Go to [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov) and take all the challenges now!

## COUNCIL MEETING April 20, 2020

The City Council approved a resolution inducting Vernon and Tonette Jensen into Pioneer Plaza in downtown Lakeville. A formal ceremony will be held at a later date.

A Joint Powers Agreement was approved with Dakota County for several transportation projects across the City this summer, including Dodd Boulevard intersection improvements at Heritage Drive/Icenic Trail and 194th Street, 179th Street reconstruction and realignment, and County Road 46 trail improvements.

The Council held a public hearing and approved an off-sale 3.2 malt liquor license for the Holiday Convenience Store at 17280 Kenyon Avenue.

The Council received an update on City operations during the pandemic from Police Chief Jeff Long and Fire Chief Mike Meyer, as well as a presentation from Dakota County on their mental health resources.

## It's Easy to Complete the U.S. Census

Go to [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) now to complete your 10-question census online or by phone. Stay up to date with a map showing how our community is responding. Go to [2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html](http://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html).



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