



# FOCUS ON LAKEVILLE

City of Lakeville Weekly Newsletter

## MEETINGS & HOURS

### Monday, July 20

City Council, 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 22

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

### Thursday, July 23

Planning Commission - *cancelled*

Meetings take place at City Hall or virtually. Check each agenda for details. The public is invited to attend in person or by phone. Agendas are available online at [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov).

### Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor Doug Anderson holds office hours on Mondays (with some exceptions including holidays) from 3 to 5 p.m. at City Hall. Appointments are required—call 952-985-4403.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 3rd Annual City-wide Blood Drive

*Tuesday, August 18, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.*  
*Juniper Commons, 17630 Juniper Path*  
 As a result of the COVID-19 virus, the nation's and Minnesota's blood supply is critically low. This is an opportunity for all citizens of Lakeville to respond to this critical need in our community. Each donation can save up to three lives. Last year we collected 178 units of blood. Our goal this year is to collect 300 units! We are asking for your support, please sign up today. Appointments are needed and masks are required. Sign up at [mbc.org/searchdrives](http://mbc.org/searchdrives) and use sponsor code 4450, or call 651-332-7170.

### Candidate Filing for City Council

Candidate filing for Lakeville City Council Member will begin Tuesday, July 28, 2020 during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). Candidates must be at least 21 years of age and eligible to vote in Lakeville. Filings will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. An affidavit of candidacy and \$40 filing fee is required. For more information go to [MNvotes.org](http://MNvotes.org) and click on Election Administration, or call the Lakeville City Clerk at 952-985-4404.

## Save Water By Assessing Your In-Ground Irrigation System



If you have an in-ground irrigation system, did you know that just one broken or missing sprinkler component could waste as much as 1,000 gallons of water per week? Making repairs to your system could save thousands of gallons of water and hundreds of dollars in water costs over a six-month irrigation season. That's why it is so important to keep your sprinkler system operating properly.

The Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program and "Find It-Flag It-Fix It" campaign are promoting a checklist to help you conduct periodic checkups on your system during the year. Some of the tips include looking for the following issues:

- **Leaks:** Leaks can occur at irrigation valves, connection points, joints and sprinkler heads or drip irrigation lines. Walk through the landscape while the system is running and look for water pooling on the surface or water spraying where it shouldn't.
- **Broken or missing sprinklers and drippers:** Pedestrians or machinery can damage irrigation components, which can cause water to go where it shouldn't. Run a test of the system and look for missing

sprinklers, those that do not pop up fully, drip lines that have been cut or moved out of place, or small geysers.

- **Sprinklers aimed incorrectly:** Sprinklers pointed toward walls and hardscapes miss the landscape and waste water. Look for sprinklers that overspray or spray water onto areas outside the landscape. In most cases, you can turn the nozzle to face the correct direction.
- **Irrigation schedule not adjusted for the seasons:** Plant water needs change with the season, and the schedule should as well. Select the weather-based mode on the controller if available, or, for timers, post or set a reminder to change the schedule as the season changes.
- **Significant overwatering:** Runtimes that are too long or frequent, or irrigating after rain, can keep water from infiltrating the soil. Check for pooling water or runoff after irrigation. Shorten runtimes, increase the time between them, or consider a weather-based or soil moisture-based irrigation controller.

For more information and to download the complete checklist, go to [epa.gov/watersense](http://epa.gov/watersense).

## City Watering Ordinance Is Now in Effect

Odd/even and time-of-day watering restrictions are in effect now through September 30.

Water only on odd-numbered days if your house number ends in an odd number, or even-numbered days if your house number ends in an even number. Also watering is only allowed before 11 a.m. or after 5 p.m.—

watering during the heat of the day wastes water.

There are some exceptions to the ordinance, including limited hand-watering of plants using a hose and watering of new landscaping, sod or seed within 30 days of installation. For exceptions for new sod or seed, notify the Utility Department at 952-985-2700.

## STAFF UPDATE

### Planning Department

Plans were submitted for The Pillars of Lakeville, a 100-unit senior living facility consisting of independent, assisted living and memory care units with a connection to Crossroads Church located west of Glacier Way and south of 175th Street. The project also includes the Four Square Day Care facility, which will have capacity for 240 children and will be attached to the south side of the facility.

### Recreation Division

The Heritage Center re-opened on July 13 for a limited number of programs. COVID-19 modifications include one-way hallways, repositioning furniture, revising check-in procedures and installing restroom door stops.

### Lakeville Area Arts Center

The 2020/2021 Arts Center playbill will be delivered to all Arts Center subscribers, and City of Lakeville and Lakeville school district residents at the end of July.

### Forestry Division

Forestry staff continue to respond to oak wilt and ash/EAB inspection requests from residents on private property. Notices will be sent to residents with Dutch elm disease and oak wilt on private property so they can get technical assistance from staff and/or hire a private contractor.



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