



Focus on Lakeville

City of Lakeville Weekly Newsletter

Positioned to Thrive

MEETINGS

Week of October 30, 2017

Wednesday, November 1

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

Thursday, November 2

Planning Commission, 6 p.m.

Meetings take place at City Hall unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend. Agendas are available online at lakevillemn.gov.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pumpkin Composting

**Saturday & Sunday, November 4 & 5
 Lakeville Police Station, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.**

Drop off your pumpkins during this free event. All pumpkins will be transported to a local organics recycling facility. Remove all candles and other non-organic materials. Painted pumpkins cannot be accepted.

**Lakeville LOOP Circulator Bus Service Begins on Thursday, November 9
 Operates Thursdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
 \$3 all-you-can-ride daily fare**

The City of Lakeville has partnered with DARTS to provide the Lakeville LOOP Circulator Bus service to Lakeville seniors. The LOOP is a reliable, continuous transportation service for people age 62 and older, providing accessibility from senior housing locations to Lakeville amenities like retail, groceries, senior center and the local library.

Special Assessments Reminder

A reminder to residents in the 2017 Street Reconstruction and the Holyoke Avenue Improvement Projects—you have until November 15 to pay off assessments without interest. Go to lakevillemn.gov under City News to find a link to the eProperty Special Assessment Lookup to find the amount you owe, or call 952-985-4500 with any questions.

Winter Parking Begins November 1

Lakeville's winter parking ordinance will begin being enforced on Wednesday, November 1. No cars can be parked on the street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. There is also no on-street parking when it's snowing, until the roads have been cleared.

Lakeville Awarded a Minnesota GreenCorps Member for 2017-2018

The City of Lakeville is fortunate to be one of only 40 Minnesota host sites to be awarded a full-time GreenCorps member to serve for the 2017-2018 season.

Minnesota GreenCorps is an AmeriCorps program coordinated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The program focuses on environmental topics such as energy conservation, green transportation, stormwater, urban forestry, local foods, living green, and waste prevention and recycling. Minnesota GreenCorps members are partnered with a host site and work on projects within those environmental topics.

Hannah Tuomi is the Minnesota GreenCorps member that is serving with Lakeville until August 2018. She will be working with the City Forester on projects related to urban forestry.

The projects include maintaining canopy and forest health, preparing for emerald ash borer (EAB), and educating and doing outreach to the community. So far, Hannah has been helping with the tree inventory of City parks and properties as well as shadowing the City Forester on tree inspections.

Since EAB has now been detected in Lakeville, a good portion of Hannah's time will be spent helping the City tackle this issue.

The City was required to apply to the program with proposed projects that a GreenCorps member would work on. Lakeville was one of 100 to apply as a potential host site. There is no cost to the City for this position. The only requirement is the City Forester spending time training Hannah. We appreciate the extra help Hannah will provide to Lakeville!



Hannah Tuomi, in the neon vest, at a recent tree planting event at Casperson Park.

See Miracle on 34th Street at the Lakeville Area Arts Center

**Expressions Community Theater
 November 10-11, 16-18 at 7:30 p.m.
 November 12 & 19 at 2 p.m.
 Tickets: \$13**

This is a heartwarming holiday story that we want to believe in, where love and generosity of spirit are their own rewards.

By chance, Kris Kringle gets a job working as Santa for Macy's. Kris unleashes waves of good will with Macy's customers. Seen as deluded and dangerous by Macy's vocational

counselor, Kris ends up in a court competency hearing. At stake is one little girl's belief in Santa concluding in a dramatic decision by the court.

Purchase tickets online at LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com or by calling 952-985-4640.



STAFF UPDATES

Public Works - Maintenance/Fleet

The Streets Division changed out over 150 signs last week, removing water restriction signs and installing winter parking ordinance signs.

The Fleet Division remains busy with regular preventative maintenance and preparing all equipment for the winter season.

Public Works - Utilities Division

Utilities has completed 845 Gopher State One Call locates so far during the month of October.

Utilities continues with its 2017 water meter replacement program and has completed 820 meter replacements to date.

Park Maintenance

Highview Heights playground replacement is nearly complete. The new trail has been prepared for asphalt installation and the site has been graded for seeding.

Parks & Recreation

The winter/spring Parks & Recreation and Arts Center brochure is being drafted. It is expected to be mailed to homes mid-November.

Help Keep Leaves Out of the Street

When cleaning up leaves in your yard this fall, remember that anything that enters a storm drain goes to a local lake or river. Leaves are a source of phosphorus, the plant nutrient that turns lakes and rivers green with algae in the summer. This crowds out other water plants and reduces oxygen available to fish. This results in foul-smelling water that is bad for fish, wildlife and humans.

You can help keep our local waters clean and healthy by raking leaves, seeds and grass clippings out of the street and gutter. Compost or mulch your leaves or bag them for collection by your waste hauler.

