

Lakeland Newsletter

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• The Mayor's Notes •



After tonight's storm, I received a call from a resident near Quixote Ave. N. and 4th Street that a tree was down. The tree was blocking Quixote Ave and the entrance to their home. I sent a text to the Lower St. Croix Fire Dept. and asked for help. 10 minutes later they were on scene and started clearing the road. We are so blessed to have such a dedicated Fire Dept.

City of Lakeland - Proposed 2019

Budget & Levy

Presented at September 18, 2018 City Council Meeting

The preliminary budget and levy as presented is a decrease of \$191,936 or -17.7% for the budget and a decrease of \$23,209 or -2.5% for the certified levy. Key points are:

1. The General Fund Levy increases by \$15,947 or 2.7% primarily due to increases in Legal Services and Public Safety (Fire & Police).
2. The Public Works Fund Levy decreases by \$39,373 or -17.6% primarily due to achieving a more "stable state" levy after the major Street project in 2019.

This Council, in less than two years, decreased the budget along with a 10% decrease in the levy for 2018 and a 2.5% decrease for 2019. We have been working hard to correct the long neglected projects that never seemed to get done. Council Member Jim Stanton has been instrumental with completing these projects.

More good news. We will have the new video system up and running for the October City Council meeting. I have been volunteering for the last 3 weeks working on installing the equipment along with our video guy.

Digitizing our Records. We had a kick off meeting and our goal is get this completed over the winter so we can start the remodeling of the lower area early 2019.

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Since opening in August of 2011, which seems like yesterday, I would not have envisioned how greatly we would have been received. I'm taking this month's tips to say thank you to the Valley. We are still learning what you would like from us and trying to accommodate the best we can. We really appreciate your request and feedback so we can fill the needs of the Valley.

I would also like to thank Mayor Richard Glasgow for allowing me to be in the Lakeland Newsletter and sponsoring our "free" sandwich program. I'm sure many of you are not aware that for the past 3 years Dear American Hero, founded in 2006 by

Richard, has sponsored free sandwiches for any veteran for the WHOLE week of Veteran's Day in November.

Due to the success of this program Dear American Hero decided to sponsor the whole month of September for any Police Officer and October for any Firefighter for a free sandwich, not only repaying our public servants, but also helping me spread our sandwiches one at a time.

Tony

Thank You Richard

**November 6, 2018
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Afton-Lakeland Elementary School

(Please note voting location / signs will be posted to assist you in finding site)



City Offices on the Ballot include the following:

Mayor (2-year term)

Richard Glasgow (incumbent)
Andrew Leiviska

City Council (4-year term)

Tami Fahey (incumbent)
Joe Paiement (incumbent)

For sample ballot, visit our website at www.ci.lakeland.mn.us.

Absentee Ballot Voting

State Law no longer requires an excuse to obtain an absentee ballot. Vote early to avoid waiting in line at the polls. As of September 21, 2018, voters in Washington County can vote at any of the locations listed below to cast their absentee ballot in person.

Hours:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 3, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Monday, November 5, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cottage Grove Service Center, 13000 Ravine Pkwy S, Cottage Grove

Headwaters Service Center, 19955 Forest Rd N, Forest Lake

Washington County Government Center, 14949 62nd St N, Stillwater

Woodbury Service Center, 2150 Radio Dr, Woodbury

Oakdale City Hall, Hadley Room, 1584 Hadley Ave N, Oakdale

Looking back at the last year and a half, I realized I've written a lot about statues, ordinances, and crime in the area but I haven't said much about me or my job. I grew up and went to high school in Wisconsin. At that time I knew I either wanted to enlist in the military or pursue a career in law enforcement. Ultimately I decided to pursue a career in law enforcement.

I started my career out as a non-sworn community service officer for the Stillwater Police Department while going to college. After college, in 2016, I was fortunate enough to get hired by Washing County Sheriff's Office. I have been assigned the Lower St. Croix Valley contract since January of 2017.

Although there are a lot of aspects of my job that are adrenaline filled and exciting, my favorite part of my job is getting to help people. I enjoy going to calls and assisting someone in any way I can, only to see that person or family months later and hear that I really was able to make a positive impact on their lives.

The other part I love about my job and working this contract are the citizens. Even only after a short time assigned here I am able to stop out at local businesses or stop by houses when I see people outside and greet them by first name and converse with them. Being surrounded by such great and friendly people makes my job very enjoyable.



Tanner VanSomeren

As always, be safe and Happy Halloween.



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City Property at 8th Street and County 18. At the Sept. City Council meeting, a Public Hearing on the Vacation of a portion of 7th Street and discussion on the City Business agenda. A resident committee was established to advise the Council on the possible vacation and use options for the property. This is the site of the old Lakeland Dump and has sat unused since the dump was shut down.

Arson in Lakeland 2016. There still a \$12,000 reward for information leading to a conviction for the Arson of the building to be the new Lakeland City offices under construction at 12th Street and County 18. If you have any information please call the Washington Co. Sheriff's Office (651) 439-9381

Temporary Moratorium on the Establishment of Car Sales. The Council at the September meeting established the Moratorium due to resident concerns over the number of used car lots in Lakeland.

Lakeland Beach. Traditionally we close the beach the week of Labor Day. This year with the nice weather we kept the beach open well into September. The beach is one of our great assets.

Newsletter! I have been the editor of this newsletter for over two years now. It takes about 12 hours monthly to complete but from the comments we receive it is well worth the time. Please contact me if you have an article or pictures you would like to include. Our history is very popular.





Lakeland Public Works and Water Utility

The Public Works Department is requesting the residents of Lakeland to help the city to keep a watch on our city parks: Crocker Park, Cully Park and Humphries Park. Recently, at Cully Park the surfacing of part of the basketball court was torn up, broke into pieces, and thrown into a corner of the court. Earlier this summer the hoop nets were torn off a few weeks after an anonymous donor installed new ones for the city. Consequently, the basketball court is closed until repairs can be made next spring if parts to the surfacing can be purchased. In the summer of 2017 two sections of the play ground equipment were burned and melted at Humphries Park.

The deputies are providing extra patrol of parks to alleviate the vandalism, but extra eyes may apprehend those that are doing it. Call the Sheriff at 911 if you see anything suspicious. Also an extraordinary amount of empty alcohol containers are being found in the trash bins. Alcohol is forbidden in our parks. Help us stop this also. Thank You.



Jim Stanton, Public Works Commissioner
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THE BARBER SHOP

A block down the street from the stores was the barber shop on the corner of what is now Quinnell Ave. and 6th St. No. The familiar painted wooden five foot barber pole stood in front. The shop was an active part of the community up to about 1925 at which time it burned down.

The average shop in 1880 cost approximately twenty dollars to equip and were ten by twelve feet in size. The shop consisted of a straight-backed chair with a head piece resembling a crutch top, a basin of water, a piece of common soap and a brush, 'setting' chairs and enough towels to last a week "One towel to every ten to twelve customers." Hair cuts were five or ten cents and shaves were three cents.

After Lakeland's Barber Shop burned down, the lot at 676 Quinnell Ave No. was vacant until 1955 at which time a house and post office combination was constructed on the site by the newly appointed postmaster.



Lower St. Croix Fire Dept



In early August, the 911 system was disabled for a short period of time due to a sub-contractor working in the area. This was no fault of any organization but an accidental mishap. In September, the Sheriff's office had an incident in Denmark Township that created a need to notify a particular area of residents in the southern part of Afton. Washington County has a system called Code Red which you may have heard of before.

Code RED is a web-based system which allows the Sheriff's Office the ability to reach a large number of residents in a very short time, by geographically-based delivery of telephone and text messaging. The system allows county residents the ability to create their own account so they can add or remove numbers they want the system to call.

If you received a notification about either of these "events," you are probably already signed up for CODE RED. If not, please follow the link below to sign up. It is used for many different scenarios such as lost children, fire/rescue emergencies, law enforcement emergencies or any other incidents that might fall under emergency management. The system works, please sign up today!

<https://www.co.washington.mn.us/2882/Code-Red>

Jim Stanley, Chief
Lower St. Croix Fire Dept



The University of Minnesota was doing a Mussel Research Project near the Brandt's boat dock this summer. Mayor Glasgow and Jim Stanton assisted the researchers by opening and closing the Lakeland Beach after 10 pm so they could park their vehicles there. Preliminary Findings at <http://molluskconservation.org>



Mark Hove

Alex

Mckenna



The library will be closed Wednesday, Oct. 10 for an All Staff Training. The library will reopen as usual on Thursday, Oct. 11.

Spotlight On... Genealogy

Perhaps the most interesting story you'll ever encounter branches from your own family tree. Genealogy, or the study of exploring your family history, opens up a world of information specific to you as the researcher. Washington County Library has tools, events, and materials to help you explore more about your ancestors. From programs that help you crack into [Genealogy 101](#) with confidence, to using the [Ancestry.com Library Edition](#),* to materials that [help you in your search](#) or [fill in the historical gaps](#), you can find what you need to learn more about the family who came before you with Washington County Library. (And there's no DNA testing necessary!)

*Available for use in Washington County Library locations

Featured Events

Stranger Things Escape Room

Friday, Oct. 5 from 3 to 5:15 p.m.

Something strange is going on in Lakeland! One of your friends has been trapped in the Upside Down and you only have 30 minutes to help him escape. Follow the clues, solve the puzzles, and open a portal before the Demogorgon finds him first! Registration is required! Call Valley Library at 651-436-5882 or stop by in person to reserve your spot. Limited spots are available.

1918: A Year in Stories

Thursday, Oct. 11 from 6 to 7 p.m.

From the Great War overseas to Influenza at home along with the rise of the Temperance Movement and Women's Suffrage, 1918 was a monumental year whose impact is still felt a century later. Join us at Valley Library for an overview of the year according to the White Bear Press, presented by the White Bear Lake Historical Society. No registration required.

STEM Saturdays at Valley

Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Explore STEM through hands-on activities and creative projects! Each month the library will have an activity focused on science, technology, engineering, and/or math. Registration not required.

Smart Travel: Home Safe Home

Thursday, Oct. 18 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Keep your home safe while you're away! The Washington County Sheriff's Office will share professional tips on how to protect your home, including locks, alarms, landscape design, vacation check requests and more. Make your house less of a target for burglars and give yourself some peace of mind. Pack your brain before you pack your bags with our fall Smart Travel series. Find more programs at WashCoLib.link/SmartTravel.

For a full calendar of events, including storytimes, book clubs, and other recurring events,

visit WashCoLib.org/Events.



Established 2006 501 C3 Non-Profit Founded by Richard Glasgow

Back in 2006 I went to a Yellow Ribbon Network kickoff meeting. A Female Air Force Sgt. stated "I've been back for 3 years now but when someone thanks me for my service, I get this feeling I just can't describe." The following day I designed and had printed 1,500 of the "Thank You Card" pictured above. Two months later I received a call from Ross Perot Sr. and he told me that he loved the cards and could I use 1,000,000 of them? I said "yes Sir, there are 27 million Veterans alive today and 3 million men in uniform right now. He paid for that million cards and so started "Dear American Hero."

From that one first card grew two more cards and two challenge coins. I have given/sent out over 9 million cards and over 5,000 challenge coins in the past 12 years. I do not take any compensation for the many hours a week I work on this mission but my reward is the large number of phone calls, mail and e-mails I received thanking me. The wonderful stories about not only receiving a card but also those who give them out. I call it "Touching Hearts."

I have had the Honor of being able to talk to so many of our Nation's Heroes. Recently a WWII B17 Bomber Pilot who flew out of Italy, one of the Red Tail Pilots, member of "Band of Brothers" a Navy Medic who volunteered to be a Medic knowing he would be attached to the Marines in Vietnam (he had me in tears), and so many many more stories.

The cards "For all those who wear a badge" were an instant hit and are requested as much as the original card. I gave a card to a tough ol' County Sheriff, he looked at it and told me it made his year...when I shook his hand and put a challenge coin in it he looked at it and turned his head away and when he thanked me he had tears streaming down his face.

For the past 12 years I've been listening to stories about the cost of our Freedom. My goal everyday is to thank those who provide that Freedom we cherish each and every day.

Richard Glasgow, Veteran and Patriot

<http://dearamericanhero.com>

Washington County Sheriff Department



James / Younger Gang

The Territorial Prison in Stillwater became the first state prison when Minnesota achieved statehood in 1858. Cole, James, and Bob Younger were serving time at the state prison in Stillwater for their part in the 1876 James / Younger Gang raid on the First National Bank in Northfield, MN. During January of 1884 there were two fires at the state prison. The second fire required inmates to be housed at various county jails in Minnesota until repairs could be completed. Sheriff Holcombe housed Cole and James Younger at the Washington County Jail until they could be returned to the prison.



September meeting discussing the Opioid Crisis and Sex Trafficking at the Sheriff's Office Washington Co. Attorney Pete Orput, Sheriff Dan Starry and Representative Kathy Lohmer

October Dates to Remember

Cully Park Neighborhood Site Meeting...Tuesday October 9th, @ 6 to 7 pm
City Council Meeting...October 16th @ 6 pm
Recycling...October 17th & 31st

Sheriff Department (continued)

The Washington County Sheriff's Office working in partnership with Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment and the National Alliance on Mental Illness unveiled a newly designed squad car with the suicide awareness colors of purple and teal. September is suicide awareness month and our goal is to draw attention to suicide prevention while increasing awareness of the resources available to those that may be considering suicide. Since the start of 2018 deputies have responded to over 163 suicide related calls. The normal brown & gold colors of the squad have been replaced with the suicide prevention colors of purple and teal. In addition to the squad's new colors scheme we have included suicide prevention phone numbers and website information on the squad. This squad will be used as any other squad in our fleet, and you will see it patrolling the roads of Washington County, and hopefully helping spread the message of suicide prevention for the next couple years. A special thanks to Advanced Graphix, who donated these special graphics.



Veterans Memorial

The Memorial includes the Cities of Lakeland, Lakeland Shores,
Lake St. Croix Beach, St. Mary's Point and Afton

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Phyllis Diller

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