

# City of Lakeland Shores

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## 2016 General Election November 8, 2016

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The General Election will be held on November 8, 2016 at Afton-Lakeland Elementary School located at 475 St. Croix Trail South.

Polls open 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Absentee voting no longer requires an excuse. Vote early to avoid waiting in line at the polls. Early voting can be done at Washington County Government Center.

The Center is located at 14949 62nd Street North in Stillwater. Please contact the Washington County Auditor's Office at 651.430.6175 for additional information.

They are open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

To vote early complete an absentee ballot application: on-line, by mail, in person or by agent delivery. Go to [www.co.washington.mn](http://www.co.washington.mn) for details.

To be eligible to vote in Minnesota you must:

- Be at least 18 years old on Election Day
- Be a citizen of the United States
- Have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding Election Day
- Have any felony conviction record dis-charged, expired or completed
- Not be under court-ordered guardianship where a court has revoked your voting rights
- Not have been ruled legally incompetent by a court of law



\*See Candidate Profiles on pages two and three of this newsletter

### General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016

#### City Offices on the Ballot:

#### Mayor (Two-Year Term):

*Randy Kopesky (Incumbent)*

*Brian Zeller*

#### City Council (Four-Year Term):

*Zoe Zhi (Incumbent)*

*Tom Wilson*

*Timothy A. Schroeder*

## Mayoral Candidate Profiles

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**Randy Kopesky  
(Incumbent)**

As Mayor, a community advocate, a volunteer, husband and father, Randy works tirelessly to bring people together to get things done for the City of Lakeland Shores. Randy was elected Mayor of Lakeland Shores in 2004 and has been overwhelmingly re-elected since then.

Randy has led the effort to keep property tax rates consistently lowest among all Washington County cities while ensuring city streets, public safety and emergency services are the highest priorities. Randy has great insight into the future impact of the forced move into a different city council chamber and will fight to assure the city's interests are well represented during the transition process.

Under Randy's experienced leadership, Lakeland Shores is proud to be a key and trusted partner with local businesses. Randy is committed to delivering continued, proactive and empathic responses to resident's concerns and suggestions for improvement. Together, Randy, city residents and local businesses will move forward to maintain that the City of Lakeland Shores is "a special place to be."



**Brian Zeller**

As a candidate for Mayor, I offer a history of strong, proven leadership with measurable results. I served the city of Lakeland for 6 years as Mayor from 2007-2012. I helped guide Lakeland through the worst recession in decades. The City lost state funds (LGA),

experienced lower property values and rising costs. Despite these challenges we actually increased services by providing snow plowing and added public works services. We built fund reserves higher, made significant park improvements and completed significant street improvements. We (the entire council) accomplished all of this while keeping the budget in check. During my 6 years as Mayor of Lakeland the budget increased .0048%. Less than 1/2 of 1 percent!

I currently represent Lakeland Shores on the Middle St Croix water management board. I also serve as the district 3 commissioner on the Washington County HRA/CDA board. Volunteer experience includes Stillwater Area Chamber board of directors, Hudson chamber board of directors, Washington county library board, Gateway/gold line commission, yellow ribbon network, Washington County parks board and Washington County Library board.

My wife, Sarah and our son, Ben support my volunteer efforts and time away from home. With their continued support, I would like to serve the City of Lakeland Shores as your new Mayor.

During the past 12 years the city budget has increased 43%! As Mayor I would work with our city council and staff to reverse this trend. I will not accept a wage or expense reimbursement. Mayor of Lakeland Shores should not be considered a paid job. This will save the city 2% annually. Additional adjustments can be made that will save the city money. If we work together, it is possible!

I believe the city should conduct our own board of review. Residents should be able to work directly with our city council if they have questions or concerns about their property tax assessment. This is a fundamental service the city should provide at no additional cost to our residents. Simply said, I would like to increase services and decrease expenses. Lakeland Shores split off from Lakeland in 1949 based on these principles. We need to get back to those basic principles.

Residents have a choice for the first time in 12 years. I would appreciate your support.

Sincerely, Brian Zeller

## City Council Candidate Profiles

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### Zoe Zhi (Incumbent)

Almost 10 years ago Zoe Zhi and her family settled into the hidden gem on the bank of the St. Croix River – the City of Lakeland Shores! Not only was the city donned with attractive natural scenery and friendly people, but it had one of the lowest property tax rates in the state! As her children grew older, Zoe felt it was time to give back to the community. In 2013, Zoe became a city council member.

Since then, Zoe has contributed not only her time to the city council work, but also her knowledge and expertise. Zoe has two Master's Degrees from the University of Texas at Austin: one in Journalism and another in Professional Accounting. As a Certified Public Accountant and project finance professional, Zoe has worked at Xcel Energy on business development, merger and acquisition deals. For our city with an annual budget around \$150K, Zoe is keenly aware that the Council must be very careful with every dollar spent. During the past few years as a council member, Zoe has diligently watched the city expenses and suggested ways to save taxpayer money. If re-elected, Zoe will continue her watchdog role on city finances and keep the property tax rate one of the lowest in the state!

Being the only female candidate on the ballot for the City Council, Zoe will provide a unique voice, perspective and compassion for family needs. For example, a couple of years ago when the proposed brush ordinance put the tree trimming responsibility for the city right of way on individual homeowners, Zoe had homeowners at heart – she cared about those who might have had limited physical/muscle power, those who might not be adept at operating chain saws or climbing up trees, and those who might not have had extra hundreds of dollars to hire out tree services. Zoe walked around the city neighborhoods and knocked on doors to make homeowners aware of the proposed ordinance. She encouraged homeowners to voice their opinion at the public hearing.

Currently working as a licensed real estate broker in property management, Zoe has a solid understanding about property rights and responsibilities. To protect homeowners' interests, she is willing to go those extra miles. She has never been a quitter, but a fighter for all city residents!

Please re-elect Zoe Zhi for City Council, and thank you for your continued support!



### Tom Wilson

#### Personal Highlights

Lakeland Shores Resident—31 yrs.

Lakeland Shores Representative on the LSCVFD (Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department) board for 7+ years. Vice Chair of the board for the last 2 years, member of the Finance Committee for 4 years and Chair of that committee for the last two years.

Retired from 3M after 34 years as an IT professional.

Youth Sports coach (baseball, football, soccer & hockey) in the valley for 23 years. Member of the VAA (Valley Athletic Association) Baseball Board for 3 years and member of the Stillwater Hockey Traveling Board for 2 years.

Married 41 years with 3 adult children.

#### Reason for Running for City Council

Work to maintain the quality of the city of Lakeland Shores by focusing on continuing and or improving essential services while controlling costs and increasing visibility.

### Timothy A. Schroeder

Lakeland Shores Resident 21 years.

Lakeland Shores Road and Zoning Commissioner 2004-2015.

Self employed

Married 19 years with 3 children.

#### Reason

Maintaining City services while controlling costs.

### Leasing Space in Lakeland's New City Hall

Lakeland awarded the bid and approved the contract for the building portion of the New City Hall project with Parkos Construction at its September 20, 2016 city council meeting.

What does this mean for Lakeland Shores?

Lakeland Shores city council has begun talks and will continue about leasing space in the new city hall for holding council meetings *AND* possibly adding to the agreement a space for the community to perform city business.

Currently the only agreement between the two cities is for council chamber's use. Stay tuned for future developments.

To provide feedback go to [lakelanshores@gmail.com](mailto:lakelanshores@gmail.com) or call 651.436.1789.



*“There is nothing too big or too small for us to help with; spiritually, personally, or financially”*

The Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley (YRALSCV) has provided many hours of volunteer time to help our area service members, veterans and their families. The mission of the Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley is to continue Minnesota's proud history of supporting the local communities by creating a network of support that prides itself in trust, follow through, and commitment.

The Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley (YRALSCV) is always looking to add new members to the group.

Please contact Randy Kopesky at 651-226-1434 if you have any questions, want to volunteer, are in need of our services, or know a service member, veteran, or family members who could use our help. There is nothing too big or too small for us to help with; spiritually, personally, or financially.

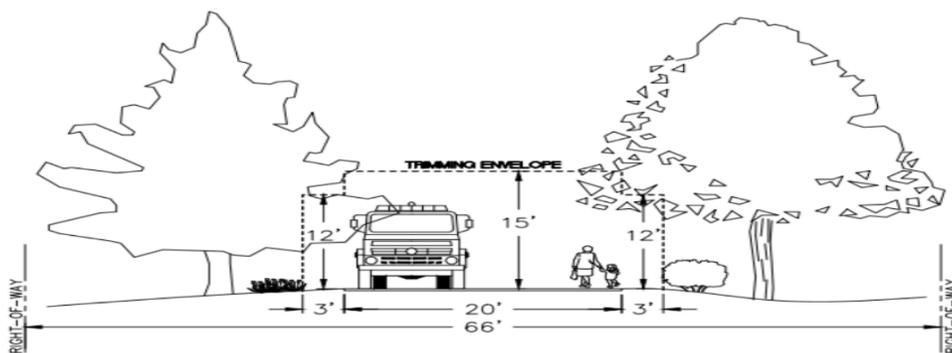
**The Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley**



In 2013 Lakeland Shores adopted a tree and brush trimming ordinance to ensure safety for plowing/emergency vehicles and safety for all residents and travelers on city streets from overgrown trees and brush that obstruct sight lines and may create a potentially dangerous situation.

The zone is as follows; along city streets 15' high over the street pavement and 12' high at a distance of 3' back from the pavement edge brush setback of 3' x 12' height with 15' cantilever (see below).

Please be proactive and trim before the snow flies. Please help neighbors who may not be able to complete the project themselves. Please contact Roads Commissioner/Council Member John Bischoff at 651.253.9272 if you should have any question regarding the ordinance or need assistance.



*We thank you for your cooperation!*

### Commit to Recycling for Life!

#### Why Recycle?

- \* Save Energy \* Save Resources \* Reduce Pollution
- \* Conserve Landfill Space \* Provide Raw Material for New Products
- \* Make the World a Better and More Beautiful Place!

#### So Why Not?



#### Meeting Schedule

**City Council**  
 1st Thursday of the Month  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Lakeland City Hall

**LSCV Alliance**  
 4th Monday of the Month  
 4:30 p.m.  
 Fire Hall

**LSCV Cable Commission**  
 1st Wednesday of the Month  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Lakeland City Hall

**LSCV Fire District**  
 2nd Wednesday of the Month  
 Fire Hall

**Middle SCV WMO**  
 2nd Thursday of the Month  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Bayport Public Library

**Yellow Ribbon Alliance LSCV**  
 1st Tuesday of the Month  
 6:00 p.m.  
 The Lumberyard Pub



Lakeland Shores Website

Please visit  
[www.lakelandshores.govoffice](http://www.lakelandshores.govoffice)  
 to sign up to receive website updates when new community information has been posted to the website. Please send your website suggestions to [lakelandshores@gmail.com](mailto:lakelandshores@gmail.com)

## Dog Licenses are Due: 2016—2018 Licensing Period



Lakeland Shores law requires all dogs to be licensed. The law specifically states *no owner shall keep a dog over the age of six (6) months of age in the City unless such dog has been vaccinated for rabies and has a proper dog license. The City Clerk or Clerk's designee shall issue a durable tag for each dog license and this tag shall be fastened to the dog's collar and remain on the dog at all times the dog is under no restraint. The Clerk shall maintain a record of all dog licenses issued, along with copies of the dog vaccination certificates.*

The 2014-2016 dog licenses expired at the end of June 2016. The 2016-2018 licensing period runs from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018. Licenses are required for all dogs residing in the city.

\*It should be noted—very few residents have applied for the new dog licenses and are currently in non-compliance of city law. Although neighboring communities in some cases no longer license dogs—Lakeland Shores requires all dogs over the age of 6-months to be licensed. Please renew your license.

Licensing dogs protects the community by ensuring dogs are properly vaccinated for the safety of residents, children and other pets. Dog licensing also helps the Sheriff's department and/or animal control officer to locate and identify your dog and bring them home safely.

### Dog License Application Form 2016—2018 Licensing Period

Fee: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Dog License # \_\_\_\_\_ (to be filled out by office)  
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\*Proof of current rabies vaccination must accompany application.

Animal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of Animal: \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M/F  
Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/Neutered: Yes/No

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: City of Lakeland Shores, PO Box 246, Lakeland, MN 55043 along with \$10 fee per dog and current rabies vaccination certification.

Chapter 90 of  
Lakeland  
Shores City  
Code  
Regulates  
Responsible  
Pet  
Ownership:

License your  
dog

Do not  
allow  
excessive  
barking,  
howling or  
other noises  
that annoy  
other  
persons

Do not  
allow the  
animal to  
run at large or  
molest or bite  
a person or  
animal

Remove  
animal waste  
from  
residence, no  
less than on a  
weekly basis  
and  
immediately  
on public  
property

Do not allow  
the animal to  
trespass on  
private  
property

## Veteran's Dinner November 10, 2016

*Calling all Lower Saint Croix Valley  
Veterans, Service Members and their Families!!*

Please join us for the Veteran's Recognition Dinner  
November 10, 2016  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Church of Saint Francis of Assisi in Lake St. Croix Beach.

Free dinner and prizes for Lower St. Croix Valley Veterans, Service Members and their Families  
*Hosted by the Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower Saint Croix Valley*

*Please call Mary at 651.436.8696 for additional details*



## Thank you for Preserving the Lower St. Croix River: *A National Wild and Scenic Treasure*

Interest in protecting rivers for their wild and scenic qualities is not new. Congress passed the Wilderness Act in 1964 and the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in 1968. 165 rivers in the United States are protected by the federal wild and scenic river designation. The number represents one-quarter of one percent of the rivers in this country. The presence of the St. Croix River on this list is special and significant.

Property owners along the St. Croix are the primary stewards of the river. They are vital to protecting the resources of the St. Croix today and for future generations. Property owners, stakeholders and conservation organizations work with government agencies to preserve the St. Croix' values. We would like to thank you for participating and supporting our efforts as a community.

## City Council Contact Information

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**Council Member Elizabeth Kemling**  
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**Council Member Zoe Zhi**  
Phone: 952.270.8770 Email: zoezhi2000@yahoo.com  
**Council Member John Bischoff**  
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## Staff Contact Information

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**Treasurer Tom Niedzwiecki**  
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In an Emergency call  
**911**

**Police (non-emergency)**  
651.439.9381  
**Fire (non-emergency)**  
651.436.7033  
**Animal Control**  
715.386.7789  
**Building Inspector**  
651.436.1405  
**Lakeland Water**  
651.436.8044

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