



# City of Lakeland Shores

Spring 2016

## 2016 Election

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## 2016 Election fast approaching

2016 Primary and General Elections:

- ◇ Primary Election Tuesday, August 9, 2016
- ◇ General Election Tuesday, November 8, 2016

The City of Lakeland Shores election will include the following municipal offices:

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|----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| ◇ Mayor (1)          | Two Year Term  | 2017-2018 |
| ◇ Council Member (2) | Four Year Term | 2017-2020 |

Contact [lakelandshores@gmail.com](mailto:lakelandshores@gmail.com) or 651.436.1789 if you should have any questions regarding the upcoming election or would like information on running for local office.

Lakeland Shores polling place is located at Afton-Lakeland Elementary School.

*"Every election is determined by the people who show up." - Larry J. Sabato*

### Become an Election Judge!

#### We need you!

Please join us in serving as an election judge for the 2016 election. You must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and be able to read, write and speak English (M.S. 204B.19). Election judges serve in many capacities. State law allows you to receive time off work to be an election judge and you get paid! Your employer can reduce your salary by your judge salary during the hours you are away from work OR you can voluntarily take a vacation day and receive the judge salary you earn as extra income. Per M.S. 204B.195 an employer cannot force you to take a vacation day. If you are working in your own precinct, you may vote on a break, or vote absentee before election day.

Contact [lakelandshores@gmail.com](mailto:lakelandshores@gmail.com) or call 651.436.1789 if you are interested in becoming an election judge. Thank you, in advance, for your civic-mindedness!



## Mayor's Message - Mayor Randy Kopesky

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*“Please help those who may be in need of extra assistance in the winter months and beyond”*

*Weigh in on Median Maintenance*



*Plans underway for St. Croix Trail “Bike Path” Improvements*



Warmest regards (both literally and figuratively) to the neighbors, residents, and businesses of Lakeland Shores.

As I sit and type this article we are in the midst of a fairly frigid cold snap, altogether about five days of below zero weather, with only just four to five inches of snow on the ground, and the lakes and rivers just beginning to ice over. With the cold weather it is especially important for all of us to be aware of cold weather safety precautions and if possible please help those who may be in need of extra assistance in the winter months and beyond. It is in the spirit of communication assistance that your city council and staff are pleased to bring you this edition of the city newsletter. Changes occurring in city staffing, duties, newsletter publications, location of staff and future city council chambers; contract renewals, multi-use paved trail (commonly referred to the bike path), County Road 18 median maintenance, amongst a number of reviews of conditional use permits and building permits were acted upon subsequent to the delivery of the most recent city newsletter.

Lakeland Shores has contracted with Tri-County Services out of Hastings, MN for snow plowing services. So far there have been few complaints about Tri-County's snowplowing performance. The complaints there have been were resolved quickly and satisfactorily as it takes a little time to get to know a new city its associated challenges. Do not hesitate to call the Roads Commissioner if you have any plowing concerns, questions, or suggestions. With that said, please note there has been a change in both the city's Roads Commissioner and Zoning Administrator positions.

Tim Schroeder's duties of Roads Commissioner were transferred to John Bischoff, city council member. I want to thank John for stepping forward and volunteering to perform the duties outlined in the recently adopted Roads Commissioner position description. Tim Schroeder's duties of Zoning Administrator were delegated to Sandie Thone, city clerk. I want to publicly thank Tim for his many years of dedicated service to everyone residing and/or working in Lakeland Shores.

Sandie Thone, our Clerk/Zoning Administrator is employed by the City of Lakeland as City Administrator/Clerk and acts as Zoning Administrator for the community as well. Sandie has an office in the Water Department Building located at 1190 St. Croix Trail South, near the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department. In October of 2015 a new building official and inspector services firm was approved for the city. MNSPECT's Chief Building Official Scott Qualle or MNSPECT's Relationship Manager Tom Richardson hold office hours at Lakeland offices at the St. Croix Trail location as well on Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and are available Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for inspections.

Discussions have begun regarding the condition and maintenance plan for the County Road 18 medians. Spring will be here sooner than we know it and your council is struggling with deciding the safest and most cost effective solution to the plan. The toughest issue is whether to continue to keep native plants and flowers in the medians and tend to them on a regular basis or whether to clean them all out and plant grass, requiring less maintenance. If you have an opinion one way or another or perhaps an alternative suggestion, please contact a council member or staff to discuss.

Along County Road 18 we are all familiar with the bike path that runs through all five cities. Washington County has allocated funds to re-engineer the bike path to include removing tree roots and other destructive elements, widen the path, and re-pave it. The path will continue to be multi-use in both winter and summer. This project is slated for 2017.

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## *Mayor's Message continued*

The city council of Lakeland is making decisions that have a direct impact on the City of Lakeland Shores. Lakeland has voted to vacate the current city hall at 690 Quinnell Ave North and build city offices and city council chambers on the property on St. Croix Trail South where the current Water Department is located. Lakeland Shores will continue to lease the council chambers at the new location and is in the works to secure an office space for Lakeland Shores staff and city officials' use as well so the city will finally have a physical location to perform city business.

Generally speaking from a law enforcement and emergency services perspective our city has been blessed with relatively minor crimes and injuries. Our quality of life in Lakeland Shores is something we all cherish. The publication timing of the city newsletter has been altered to accommodate more timely information for residents and will now be published in the Spring and Fall of each year.

The city website is continually updated with information that is both helpful and interesting. I invite you to visit the website as often as you can as it is updated in real time and more frequently than this semi-annual city newsletter. On the left side of the home page is a link for Lakeland Shore's email list. The city fee schedule and city council annual appointments can also be found. You are encouraged to sign up so you can receive updates. The link is now on the website and you can watch previously recorded city council meetings.

The website address is: [www.lakelandshores.govoffice.com](http://www.lakelandshores.govoffice.com)

Quite possibly the best news of all is your city is in outstanding financial shape. We ended the year with a positive budget variance. In essence, we spent less than we budgeted for. The last number of years has seen a yearly increase in property tax bills. The increases have been placed in our capital improvement fund (roads fund). In the next couple years there may be extensive city road repair needed and improving our ability to pay for the repairs without bonding is the goal. However, I will be introducing discussion that city taxes payable for 2017 have a one year moratorium on tax increases. I am eager to learn if there is any cost/benefit advantages for the city.

I look forward to continued partnering with everyone in making Lakeland Shores "A special place to be".  
All the best ~ Randy

Special thanks and congratulations to the following firefighters years of service awards:

Chip Hannigan—25 years  
Steve Jacobs—15 years  
Rob Corey—10 years

Sherry Kirby—20 years  
Bridget O'Brien—15 years  
Brenda McKenzie—10 years

Pete Granat was also recognized for his 38 years of combined service

## Quarterly Utility Billing to begin second quarter of 2016

Lakeland Water Utility is moving from a monthly billing system to a quarterly system effective second quarter of 2016. The last monthly bill you will receive before the switch will be in March. In July you should expect to receive a quarterly bill covering second quarter (April, May and June). After Lakeland city staff presented the probable and fairly significant savings in both dollars and employee hours the change could offer the amendment was ratified. The customers will observe time and cost benefits as well.

Pay attention to notices on your utility bills and plan for the change by anticipating a three-month bill in lieu of the monthly payment. Oh yeah—and enjoy the extra time you have only worrying about paying it four times a year instead of 12!

Better yet—if have not done so already sign up for utility bill auto pay at [www.ci.lakeland.mn.us](http://www.ci.lakeland.mn.us) or stop by city offices and fill out the form.



Washington County  
Environmental  
Center located in  
Woodbury  
expands hours

The center's new hours:

Tuesdays  
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursdays  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fridays  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The county will pay for  
the additional expense  
with funds received  
through the PaintCare  
Program savings.

4039 Cottage Grove Dr  
Phone: 651.430.6655

## The Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley



### City Hall location chosen at February meeting

Lakeland city officials moved 3-2 to locate the new city hall facility on the city-owned land currently housing the city's water utility and public works offices. Administrative staff moved into the cramped quarters last spring in an effort to consolidate staff and services to one location. The merger has proved to be beneficial in a number of ways and at the February city council meeting the majority vote was to make it permanent and accommodate all city business to one location long term.

Lakeland staff has since gone out for Request for Proposals for Architect Services to create the plans for the new building. Elections have been secured for Afton-Lakeland Elementary School and will be held in tandem with Lakeland Shores Elections, which is common in many small communities. City officials for Lakeland Shores have been involved in the process, hoping to secure some space for the city to run their own city business out of once the new building is built. The city will continue to lease space in the new council chambers, but would like to add an office for staff and elected officials as well. The process of running city business without a local place of business has proved difficult in some instances. This would be a positive and fitting solution.

The Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley (YRALSCV) has been in existence for nearly two years. The Alliance has provided many hours of volunteer time to help 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 communities and the military service members, veterans, and their families by creating a network of support that prides itself in trust, follow through, and commitment.

The Alliance has created a very exciting opportunity for children of veterans and service members. Two (2) \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded for the children to use in pursuit of post secondary education. Applications for the scholarships are available in the counselor's office at Stillwater Area High School.

The Alliance has partnered with the City of Lake St. Croix Beach to offer assistance in the design, development, and operation of the Veterans Memorial located on the site of the former Lake St. Croix Beach city hall. The project encompasses a Lower St. Croix Valley five city Veterans Memorial honoring local veterans. For information regarding the memorial contact Tom McCarthy at 651-599-2600. To make a financial donation contact Lisa Tetzlaff at 651-206-1888.

The Alliance is currently gearing up for future events and continue to assist service members, veterans, and their families. YRALSCV meetings occur on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm, at various locations. You are encouraged to attend—come find out what we are all about. The Alliance is always looking to add new members to the group. The Yellow Ribbon Alliance is a volunteer organization and asks for just a small time commitment that is compatible with your schedule. Please contact President Randy Kopesky at 651-226-1434 or Vice President Dave Anderson at 651-436-7157 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.



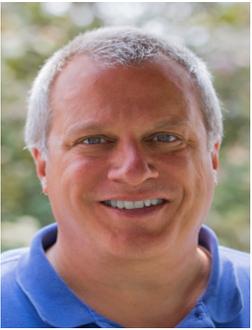


# MNSPECT LLC

*HELPING YOU COMPLY WITH THE CODE*



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## New Building Fees more affordable for many home projects

Along with new building inspectors, the city will see something else new this upcoming building project season. Residents will get a break on many building permit fees as well. Many maintenance permits can now be issued by city staff right at city offices over-the-counter at a significantly reduced fee for many common permits. No more waiting on expensive permits to be issued. Residential (one or two-family structure) single projects (that are not controlled by an association) such as re-roofing, siding, windows and door replacements (that are of equal size) for most jobs are now just \$75.00 per permit with a \$1.00 state surcharge. Many mechanical, plumbing and fireplace permits fees were reduced as well.

So start planning your projects for the spring!

Please call MNSPECT at 952.442.7520 for questions on projects or permit requirements or email [info@mnspect.com](mailto:info@mnspect.com).



## MNSPECT joins city as new building official and inspection services

MNSPECT has been partnering with communities in Minnesota since 1987. The city council and MNSPECT agreed upon contract terms in October of 2015 with the company to serve the community as the Designated Building Official and provide comprehensive plan review, inspection services, and code enforcement. The council felt the company will provide not only expertise in all activities related to the Minnesota State Building Code but will offer enhanced levels of service across the board. In addition, the council felt the services would be provided in a cost-effective manner for the community and save the residents and businesses both time and money. The partnership has been very effective to date.

Please call 952.442.7520 or email [info@mnspect.com](mailto:info@mnspect.com) for additional information, to obtain a building permit or set up an inspection.

## LOWER ST CROIX VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT CPR CLASSES 2016: Your Year To Save A Life

Do you have the necessary skills to save a life?  
Did you know that investing as little as three hours in education could mean the difference between life and death for someone who is choking or in cardiac distress?

Be prepared!

Learn to recognize life-threatening emergencies  
and what to do next.

Whether you want to learn CPR  
and basic lifesaving skills, refresh your memory or  
require formal CPR and AED instructed training with  
certification, we have the perfect class for you!

Sign-up today for one of the following classes:

- \* **Basic Lifesaving for Healthcare Providers**
- \* **Heartsaver CPR and AED**
- \* **Infant CPR**
- \* **Friends & Family CPR**

Classes range in price from \$20 to \$50 per person and  
include instruction by a certified trainer as well as  
course certification card (valid for 2 years).

- \* All classes will be taught at  
the Lower St. Croix  
Valley Fire Department.  
Email

Sherry.Kirby@LSCVFD.com  
or call (651) 755-1584.

to register.

Private groups and industry  
classes may be scheduled  
upon request.



Coyotes have been spotted with increasing regularity in Lakeland Shores and surrounding areas.

Know what to do and what not to do!

### DO:

- secure all garbage containers, wildlife feeders, and other food sources to prevent coyote access
- confine small dogs and cats in kennels, or supervise them when outside
- vaccinate all pets for rabies, distemper, parvo, and other diseases, as recommended by a veterinarian
- consider installing coyote-proof fencing
- harass (by chasing, shouting, etc.) any coyotes that do not immediately run from people

### DON'T:

- do **not** feed coyotes
- do not leave pet food outside
- do not allow cats and small dogs outside, unattended

Call DNR Region 3 Wildlife Manager Scott Noland 651.296.3450 for additional information or concerns and call Washington County Dispatch office if you are concerned about the welfare of a wild animal at 651.439.9381



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**911**

**Police (non-emergency)**  
651.439.9381

**Fire (non-emergency)**  
651.436.7033

**Animal Control**  
715.386.7789

**Building Inspector**  
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