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City of Lakeville Weekly Newsletter

MEETINGS & HOURS

Monday, January 20

City offices are closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday

Tuesday, January 21

City Council, 6:30 p.m. *(new time for all Council meetings)*

Wednesday, January 22

Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee - *canceled*

Thursday, January 23

Planning Commission - *canceled*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ritter Fest - FREE

Saturday, January 25

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ritter Farm Park - 19300 Ritter Trail
Enjoy snowmobile rides, snowshoeing and s'mores! Warm up with a cup of hot chocolate and spend quality time with friends and family out in nature at Ritter Farm Park. While the dogsled rides are full, all participants can take photos with the dogs.

Youth Ice Fishing Contest - FREE

Saturday, February 8

12-2 p.m.

Valley Lake Park - 16050 Garrett Path
Youth are invited to fish through one of the many holes cut through the ice at the 19th annual Youth Ice Fishing Contest. Everyone can keep warm with a cup of hot cocoa. This is a great event for the whole family. Participants need to bring their own fishing equipment and bait. Prizes will be awarded to ages 13 and under. Register the day of the contest.

Landscaping for Clean Water - FREE

Monday, April 6 at 6 p.m.

Water Treatment Facility

Attend this free workshop to see dozens of beautiful, inspirational and affordable garden designs using native plants that help clean our waters and attract pollinators. Register online at dakotaswcd.org or call 651-480-7777.

City of Lakeville 2019 Year in Review



The City of Lakeville has just released a video, hosted by **City Administrator Justin Miller**, highlighting projects and accomplishments that kept the City busy in 2019.

Planning Director Daryl Morey discusses the completion of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan by his department after 2½ years of work.

Community & Economic Development Director Dave Olson describes 2019 as a record year for the number of building permits issued and talks about newly opened restaurants and new businesses in the I-35/County Road 70 interchange area.

Liquor Operations Director Brenda Visnovec tells us that 2019 was a record-breaking year for sales and that her three major fundraising events raised more than \$70,000 for local food shelves, the King Park Mini Golf project and the Lakeville Fire Department.

Fire Chief Mike Meyer highlights his department's duty crew program and drone team.

Parks & Recreation Director John Hennen talks about the completion of the King Park adaptive 9-hole mini golf course, which will open this spring, and the completion of a new irrigation system at all eight fields in King Park.

Finance Director Jerilyn Erickson discusses her department's work on converting the City to a new banking system with US Bank and completion of the 2020 budget and five-year Capital Improvement Plan, both of which are available online.

Public Works Director Paul Oehme looks back on his department's projects in 2019, which included the upgrade of County Road 50 between Holyoke Avenue and Cedar Avenue to a four-lane divided highway, completion of a roundabout at Dodd Boulevard and Flagstaff Avenue, and the improvements made to almost 10 miles of streets in northwest Lakeville as part of the 2019 Street Reconstruction Project.

Police Chief Jeff Long talks about his department's rollout of new body cameras for all officers.

For a link to the video, go to lakevillemn.gov.

OneBook OneLakeville Literary Event

Saturday, April 25 at 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

20165 Heath Avenue, Lakeville

FREE - seating is first-come, first-served

Now in its 12th year, OneBook OneLakeville promotes reading, literacy and community interaction by engaging members of the Lakeville community in reading and discussing the same book.

The 2020 book selection is "This Tender Land" by New York Times bestselling author William Kent Krueger. Join Krueger and Miss Shannan Paul, MyTalk 107.1 radio show host and interviewer, at this event. Music will be provided by Larry Long and Friends.

A nationally renowned author and a native and resident of St. Paul, Minn., Krueger's last nine novels were all New York Times bestsellers. His work has received a number of other awards, including (but not limited to) the Minnesota Book Award, the Loft-McKnight Fiction Award, the Anthony Award, the Barry Award, the Dilys Award and the Friends of American Writers Prize.

"Ordinary Grace," his stand-alone novel published in 2013, received the Edgar Award for the best novel published that year. The companion piece to "Ordinary Grace," "This Tender Land" is already a New York Times Bestseller, Wall Street Journal Bestseller, Indie Bestseller and Publishers Weekly Bestseller.

STAFF UPDATE

Environmental Resources Division

Staff requested \$22,200 from the Department of Natural Resources No Child Left Inside grant program to expand environmental education opportunities.

City and Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization staff interviewed potential contractors for the 2020 Urban Water Conservation Program.

Staff met with contractors regarding 2020 carp management projects in East Lake, which are being guided by 2018-2019 monitoring initiatives.

Forestry Division

The initial order has been placed for the 2020 Arbor Day Tree & Shrub sale.

Park Maintenance Division

Staff is working with a consultant on the plans and specifications for the parking lot improvements at Aronson, Quigley-Sime and Dodd Trail Park parking lots.

Changes to Residential Garbage and Recycling Collection

Following an amendment made to Lakeville's City Code, waste hauler service areas will condense the number of days haulers are in each neighborhood, from five days a week to just two days. The east side of the City is Wednesday/Thursday and the west side is Tuesday/Wednesday.

Residents are still free to pick the company and price plan of their choice among the five licensed haulers in Lakeville. The companies have until February 15 to determine logistics and notify their customers of changes.

For more information, including the service area map, go to lakevillemn.gov.

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