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Mon. Tues. Thurs.
9:30 am to 1:30 pm.
Wed. and Fri. closed, but
residents can call for an
appointment.

**Please Note: City Hall will
be closed on Monday, May
26th for the Memorial Day
Holiday.**



MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Message from the Mayor

The weather's getting warmer! The beach and the parking lot are now open! Note, parking for non-residents is \$12.00/day. Beach parking pass information is listed below. Swim buoys will be in place shortly. Come out and enjoy our beautiful parks!

The Pavilion is open for resident reservations now. General public can make reservations after Memorial Day. You can call City Hall to make reservations. If you are a resident, there is no fee to rent one or both sides of the Pavilion, other than the \$100 deposit, which is returned to you after your event, as long as no damage has been done. If you need electricity, it is \$10 per side.

REMINDER: a permit is required to drive your ATV/golf cart in the City. Stop by City Hall to register or renew your vehicle for the 2025 year. The fee is \$15 and that will get you the 2025 sticker. There are designated parking spaces at the beach for ATV/golf carts. If you park your ATV/golf cart anywhere by the beach without a 2025 sticker, you may be ticketed. Please follow the rules regarding ATV/golf cart usage in the city so that everyone can enjoy this privilege.

As Always, Stay Safe! See you Sunday at the Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast

~ Mayor Tom



REMINDER Summer Parking Restrictions

On-street parking is prohibited between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

May 1 through September 30 on the east side of County Road 18 and where posted "No Parking."

Parking tickets will be issued for parking on the streets.

If you observe any parking on the streets of LSCB during the Summer Parking Restriction, call - Washington County Sheriff's Office Dispatch (24 hrs./non-emergency).....(651) 439-9381

Beach Parking Passes Available

Residents of Lake St. Croix Beach can purchase parking passes for 2025 at City Hall. The cost is \$10 for the whole season. If you are 65 years or older, you can get a beach parking pass for free. Simply stop at City Hall and Staff will set you up with your pass. We ask that you bring your drivers license and have the number of your license plate available.

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determine whether a
permit will be required.



LOWER ST CROIX VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our annual spring breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, May 4th from 8:00 am to Noon. All you can eat pancakes are on the menu with a "free will" offering accepted at the door. Don't forget an item for the Food Shelves. This has been a great community event for over 40 years. Please stop by to support and acknowledge your neighbors who serve our community.

City Updates:

- **ATV and Golf Cart Permits** are available from City Hall. These are annual permits.
- **Long Term and Short Term Residential Rental Permits** are due for renewal.
- Beach Passes available at City Hall.
- Pavillion Rental Reservations available at City Hall.

Veteran's Memorial Park is open.

Our dedicated group of Veterans has plans for several upgrades at the Park this Spring that include a path from the bike trail to the Memorial, with benches. All of this is only possible with donations from our neighbors and local businesses. Donations can be made to the Lower St. Croix Valley Veterans Memorial (LSCVVM). 100% of your donation is tax deductible; the Memorial is a 501(c)3 organization and completely funded through donations. Also, to purchase a brick for yourself, friend, or loved one who lives or lived in the Valley, donations of \$25 are accepted. Contact City Hall for more information.



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Valley Library Events and Important Dates

Library Closure Date: **Monday May 26th** in observance of Memorial Day

Did you know your library card allows you to read the Pioneer Press Image edition at home every day? Go to <https://washcolib.org/162/Research-Learn#Newspapers>, click on *Pioneer Press – Image Edition*, and choose the date of the edition you wish to read.

Valley Library Extended Access registration is open for any Washington County library cardholder ages 16+. Go to <https://washcolib.org/551/Extended-Access> to learn more and to register online.

For Adults:

The Valley Library Book Club meets **5:00-6:00pm** on the 4th Thursday of every month. The title selection for **Thursday May 22nd** is *"Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI"* by David Grann. Copies are available to borrow at the Valley branch during regularly staffed hours.

Saturday, May 3rd 11:00-12:30 Join us at the Valley Library for CALM Conversations, part of the Washington County Library series on Mental Health presented by NAMI. Participants will learn and practice specific CALM (Communicate, Assess, Listen, Mediate) strategies. Registration is required. <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/14058452>. More information about the entire series, can be found on the washcolib.org Events page. Keyword search "NAMI".

For Teens:

Washington County Library concludes the Life Skills for Young Adults series presented by UMN 4-H Extension with Life Skills: Vehicle Maintenance at the *Washington County Fairgrounds*. **Thursday May 8th 5:30-7:00pm** youth, ages 14-18, will learn and practice beginner maintenance skills, including checking the oil and tire pressure. Bring your vehicle to the fairgrounds! Registration is required <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/13159146>

For Kids:

Every Monday 10:30-11:00 am Storytime

Thursday, May 8th 6:00 pm Pajama Storytime

Monday, May 12th 10:30-11:00 Music and Movement Storytime

Thursday, May 15th 3:45-4:45 Kid's Game Day

Saturday May 17th 11:00-1:00 Kid Builders



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Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department

We're hiring! For more information, call 651-248-5103. You can also download our LOWER ST. CROIX VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT PACKET from our website <https://lscvfd.com/index.php> to get started with an application.

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LSCVFD Fire Chief Final Message



It's been quite a busy last year for your Lower St Croix Valley Fire Department. Our call volume has increased to roughly 600 calls for service in 2024. While this has put an increased load on the current membership, I am proud to say that your Firefighters/EMTs/Paramedics all stepped up to provide excellent coverage for our community.

One of the big changes from the previous year was the addition of Paramedics to our staff which allowed the State of MN to change our level of service from BLS (Basic Life Support) to part-time ALS (Advanced Life Support). The status change allows our staff access to advanced procedures and medications such as cardiac, seizure and pain medications in addition to the current variances that were previously allowed for our BLS service. Needless to say, this was a change many years in the works. Thank you to all who contributed to making this happen!

With that said, we are currently accepting applications for all positions including entry level where we will provide all necessary fire and EMS training. Visit our website www.lscvfd.com for information and forms to apply. You can also stop by the station and any staff member would be more than happy to answer any questions.

Our annual spring breakfast is schedule for Sunday, May 4th from 8:00 am to Noon. All you can eat pan-cakes as is tradition is on the menu with a free will offering accepted at the door. Don't forget an item for the Food Shelves. This has been a great community event for over 40 years. Please stop by to support and acknowledge your neighbors who serve our community.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the many men and women who I have served with for the past 17,087 days (almost 48 years). It has been my true honor and pleasure to have served with such a truly caring group of individuals. After much deliberation, it is time to pass the baton to the next group of great leaders on our department. Deputy Chief Rob Corey will assume the role of Interim Fire Chief effective June 27th along with a support group of well-established officers and members. I am confident that they will continue to grow our department in a responsible manner and continue to provide the highest-level care that we are all accustomed to receiving.

I couldn't have done this without the support of Past and Current Members, all five City Councils, Fire District Members, Mutual Aid Partners, Regions Medical Direction and EMS Education Staff, Washington County staff (including the Communications, Emergency Management and the numerous law enforcement staff) as well as the other State support agencies that I have interacted with over the years.

The fire department has been a significant part of my family since 1978. My kids have grown up and my supportive wife Margi have accepted this interruptive lifestyle as normal. I certainly couldn't have done this without their love and understanding. I would lastly like to say THANK YOU to you, our community, for the support over the years. Your words of encouragement and displays of support through different phases of my career have all gone noticed and appreciated!

Best Regards,
Jim Stanley
Fire Chief



Why Learn Hands-Only CPR?

Cardiac arrest – a leading cause of death – is an electrical malfunction in the heart that causes an irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia) and disrupts the flow of blood to the brain, lungs and other organs. Every year, more than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States.

When a person has a cardiac arrest, **survival depends on immediately receiving CPR from someone nearby.** According to the American Heart Association, about 90% of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests die. CPR, especially if performed immediately, can double or triple the chance of survival. **You can be the difference for someone you love!**

If you are called to administer CPR in an emergency, most likely it would be to help save the life of someone you love: a child, a spouse, a parent, or a friend.



Over **70 percent** of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen in homes.



Only about 40% of people who experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest receive the immediate help that they need before professional help arrives.

STOP THE BLEED is a global awareness program that focuses on prevention of bleeding deaths. The number one cause of death after injury is bleeding, but these are preventable, and we want to equip and train you to assist others and help save lives.

STOP THE BLEED is “the CPR of bleeding.” Anyone can learn to do compressions on a chest. Similarly, anyone can hold pressure on a wound to prevent death from bleeding. And when you’re trained to use simple techniques in an emergency, you can teach other people how to do it, too! **STOP THE BLEED** techniques can be used for a variety of injuries that can occur in household, industrial settings, recreational, or educational environments.

Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department welcomes you to come learn Compression-Only CPR, AED use, and basic bleeding control techniques. This **FREE** and fun hands-on training takes only two hours, but the long-lasting skills could last a lifetime and save lives. Join us!

Please visit the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department website at www.lscvfd.com to sign up, or visit our Facebook page for more information.