



CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9:30am to 1:30pm.
Wed. & Fri. closed, but residents
can call for an appointment.

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 25th for Christmas Day.

City Meetings for November:

All at 6:00pm—City Hall

Planning Commission:

Wednesday, December 3rd

Parks Commission:

No Meeting this month

City Council Meeting:

Monday, November 15th

Message from the Mayor

As we say goodbye to 2025, I want to thank all our residents, councilmembers, commission members and staff for their help throughout the year in keeping our City running so smoothly.

Work done this year included:

- Several streets in the city were given a micro-surface coating, part of a multi year schedule for the maintenance of streets in the city.
- We partnered again with Washington County's Sentence to Serve program and were allocated an STS crew every other Monday from April—November. These crews helped in many projects around town including vegetation management (under supervision from WCD) along with painting the City Garage and clearing brush from the Bike Trail. This program goes a long way towards saving money for the city and helps keep the city looking good.
- We continue to remove Ash Trees throughout the city that are infested with the Ash Borer beetle.
- More recently, we made some repairs to the back wall of City Hall that had water damage and concrete decay, and to the side wall of the walkway leading to the back door which needed patching.
- The Veteran's Memorial Park volunteers worked hard this year, installing two new benches, two new stanchions of bricks memorializing Vet's here in the 5 cities of the Lower St. Croix Valley, and generally overseeing the restoration of Woodfill Prairie.

In closing, our thoughts go out to all of our friends and neighbors in the City who we have lost this year, most recently Joy and Ron Carlson who were long term residents.

Wishing everyone a Safe & Happy Holiday Season, Tom McCarthy



Please join us at the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Station for Pancake Breakfast with Santa

**Sunday, December 7, 2025
8am-Noon**

**1560 St. Croix Trail South,
Lake St. Croix Beach**

Come and enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee! Santa will be visiting during the breakfast for photo opportunities.

Free will offering! Bring your food donation of non-perishable food items to help stock the local food shelves. Let's do our part to help others!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

Annual Holiday Party at

City Hall

**Monday, December 15th
5:00pm—Cookies and
Treats,
Hot Cider / Hot Cocoa
6.00pm - Truth in Taxation
meeting
Followed by regular City
Council Meeting.**



CONTACTS

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715.220.1332

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651.436-7669

Burning Permits
651.248.5103

Environmental Center
651.275.7475

LSCV Fire Department
651.436.7033

Sheriff's Department
651.439.9381

Lakeland Water Utility
651.436.8044

Well Water Test Kits (WA County)
651.430.6655

US Post Office (Lakeland)
651.436.5469

EMERGENCY
911

Highlights of the November Council Meeting (This is not every action taken)

The Council voted on the following:

- to approve consent agenda after reviewing financials. Motion passed 5:0.
- Employment Agreement—Interim City Clerk/Administrator. Motion passed 5:0.
- Resolution 2025-11-01— establishing a Personnel Committee. Motion passed 5:0.
- Resolution 2025-11-02— \$8,000 received from Bayport Legion to be paid to LSCVFD - donation towards generator. Motion passed 5:0.
- Members of Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Relief Association presented financials and proposed Benefit Levels. Resolution for City Council will be presented at the December meeting.
- City Engineer Parotti made updates on Fiber Optic Work in city and also on Water Service Connection in SMP.
- City Attorney discussed recent conversations on ICE activities. City does not have an option to deny access to Federal Agencies and will not pursue this.
- Interim City Clerk/Administrator updates:
 - I. Update on potential variance for 1877 Quasar Ave S
 - II. City Hall Repairs—south east corner of garage.
 - III. Veterans Memorial Park –bank accounts now separated entirely from LSCB umbrella
 - IV. Cable Commission checks will be distributed soon.
 - V. Recycle Mattress Collection—21 mattresses/box springs recycled.
 - VI. Building Permit Activity

ATV / Golf Cart Permit Renewals

Are you planning on using your ATV this winter, maybe for ice-fishing, plowing or just getting around town? Come into City Hall and get your 2026 permit sticker for \$15.00 and you'll be covered for all of next year. Also, if you are putting your golf cart away for the season but want to get your '26 permit now, please stop in at City Hall.

Snowmobiles

Snowmobiles are not licensed through the city, however, must be registered through the State. Please review Chapter 71:Recreational Vehicles of the city ordinances to follow the rules of snowmobile use in Lake St. Croix Beach.

Snowmobiles are not allowed on any City Park Land including the following areas:

- * Riviera St S. Levee
- * 21st St. S Levee
- * Woodfill Prairie Restoration Site
- * Pettitt Park
- * Veterans Memorial Park
- * Riverfront Park (seasonal access is allowed to access frozen waters)

The City's Building Inspector is Stensland Inspections
Phone: 651-436-7669

PRIOR TO STARTING ANY BUILDING PROJECT please call the City Office (651.436.7031) to determine whether a permit will be required.



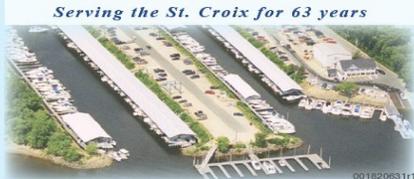
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Valley Library Events and Important Dates

Library Closure Dates:

Thursday December 25 and Thursday January 1, 2026

Please note: Extended Access users can access Valley Library on the closure dates

Washington County Library has added a new research database: Craft & Hobby. This is an online learning platform offering creative classes and inspiration for makers of all kinds. Access the Craft & Hobby database using your library card number and a device that plays videos.

For Adults:

CORRECTION - PLEASE NOTE: The next Valley Library book club meeting is **Thursday December 4th** due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The title selection for this meeting is "*The Fire Next Time*" by James Baldwin. The January title, *The Covenant of Water*, was mistakenly listed in the November newsletter. Copies are available to borrow during staffed hours.

Register today for Let's Make Stuff! Felt Decorations. **Saturday December 13th 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.** at Valley Library. Create your own felt decorations. All skill levels are welcome. This class is limited to those ages 18+.

For Kids:

Mondays 10:30-11:00 am Storytime

Storytime Break – there will be no storytimes on Monday, December 22nd and Monday, December 29th

Thursday, December 11th 6:00 pm Pajama Storytime

Monday, December 15th 10:30-11:00 Music and Movement Storytime

Monday, December 29th 10:00-12:00 Preschool Art Lab

Monday, December 29th 1:00-3:00 Winter Break Crafternoon for Kids +5

Tuesday, December 30th 4:00-6:00 Open Gaming for Families . All ages.

Wednesday, December 31st 10:00-3:00 Lego Day @ the Library
Spend the last day of 2025 doing some creative building at Valley Library! Plenty of Legos...plenty of fun....endless possibilities! We also have Duplos and Magna Tiles, so bring the whole family to this all day event. Ages 2+ No registration needed.

Go to <https://www.washcolib.org/449/Valley-Library> for additional information and to register for events.

Be a Battery Hero!

If it lights up, makes noise or moves without a plug, it has a battery! Batteries thrown in the trash or recycling can catch fire and be hazardous to people and property. Some batteries also contain toxic metals, such as cadmium, lead or mercury, which can pose a threat to health and the environment.

Be a battery hero this holiday season! Put batteries in their place by taking them to a Washington County Environmental Center for free and safe disposal.

How to dispose of your batteries

Do NOT put batteries of any kind into your trash or curbside recycling bin. Bring all batteries to the Environmental Center

How to safely store and transport your household batteries for drop off at the Environmental Center:

- Place a small piece of clear packing tape over both the positive and negative ends of all rechargeable batteries. Using clear tape allows Environmental Center staff to identify the battery for proper sorting and recycling.

- Place taped batteries in a plastic tub with a loose-fitting lid or in a clear plastic bag. Store the batteries in a cool, dry location that is out of reach of children until you are ready to recycle them.

Bring batteries to an [Environmental Center](#) for no charge. If you cannot safely remove a battery from a device, bring the entire device to an Environmental Center.

On Garbage Day: Garbage trucks have arms with a 10' reach so place your bins on your property and not on the street itself. Leave the streets clear so snow plows can go by without hitting the bins.

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