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**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:**

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for Presidents Day

**City Meetings for February – 6:00pm City Hall**

Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> - Planning Commission  
Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – City Council  
Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – Parks Commission



**Message from the Mayor**

During the snowy winter months we get asked from time to time why salt is not used on our city streets. There are a number of reasons for this. Chemicals used on City Streets eventually end up in the St. Croix River. As good stewards of the river we strive to avoid contaminating local waters. Also, chemicals add to the breakdown of city streets and cause additional maintenance work during warmer months. With the heavy snowfalls and extremely cold weather recently, the County had a shortage of salt for cities' contractors. Additional supplies have now been received and our contractor is back at work applying salt when and where necessary.

In January, emails were sent out to residents on the Watercraft Permit list. If you are on the list and did not receive your renewal application email please call City Hall. The deadline to renew permits is March 16, 2026. If you have any questions, be sure to contact City Hall. Additionally, ATV and Golf Cart permits are available at City Hall - come in and purchase your 2026 permit stickers. These permits are good for the whole calendar year—1/1 to 12/31.

The Lower St. Croix Valley Veterans Memorial group is looking for additional members, specifically from St. Mary's Point and Afton, to join the group and be a voice for their cities. These volunteer members should be veterans and have an interest in the maintenance and future development of the Memorial Park in Lake St. Croix Beach. If you are interested, or know of someone in those cities who may be interested, please call City Hall for more information.

**Stay Healthy! - Mayor Tom McCarthy**



**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING**

(This is not every action taken)

The City Council meeting scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup> was cancelled at the last minute due to lack of a quorum. The rescheduled meeting was held on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm (CST).

Council voted on the following:

- to approve a shortened agenda and table some items for February Meeting. Motion passed 3:0:1 absent.
- consent agenda consisted of Claims Report and Supplementary Claims Report. Motion passed 3:0:1 absent.
- Motion to approve the Pay Equity Report was approved. Motion passed 3:0:1 absent
- The council adopted Resolution 2026-01-01 to implement Minnesota's paid leave law and update meal and rest break policies, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed 3:0:1 absent
- The council adopted meeting dates for 2026; appointed members to 2026 Commissions and Committees and 2026 Appointments, (as amended). Motions passed 3:0:1 absent
- The council approved an extension for the River Bluff accounting agreement to facilitate the transition of services, expected to be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Motion passed 3:0:1 absent



Snow accumulation can quickly obstruct fire hydrants and block access from fire department vehicles. We all think about shoveling our driveways and front steps, and making sure there is a clear means of escape during and after a snowstorm is very important, too! However, we can't neglect our responsibility to ensure the fire department has the necessary access to water supply should they need to respond to a fire. Yes, fires happen in the snow, too.



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**Valley Library Events and Important Dates**

**Library Closure Dates:**

**Monday February 16, 2026 for Presidents' Day**

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

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

**For Adults:**

**Saturday February 7 11:00-12:30** - hands-on fiber arts experience, Handspun Yarn Workshop, taught by an artist from The Textile Center. Register today

**Saturday February 21 11:00-1:00** - Let's Make Stuff: Polymer Clay Magnets. Registration is required

The Valley Library Book Club meets **5:00-6:00pm**. The title for the **Thursday February 26th** meeting is *The Celebrants* by Steven Rowley. Physical copies of this month's selection are available to borrow at the Valley branch during regularly staffed hours.

Do you need help with a technology issue? Register for 30 minutes of dedicated one on one help with a Valley Library staff member.

Technology help is offered on the **third Thursday** of every month. Registration is required. <https://washcolib.libcal.com/event/13745605>

**For Kids:**

**Mondays 10:30-11:00 am Storytime**

Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays for Storytime at Valley Library. Each week we'll read stories and sing songs that focus on strengthening early literacy skills. Meet new friends and spend time together as we sing, talk, read, write, and play ...at storytime! This storytime is for children of all ages and their caregivers.

**Monday, February 9th 10:30-11:00 Music and Movement Storytime**

**Thursday, February 12th 6:00 pm Pajama Storytime**

Join Miss Teresa and Little Bear on the second Thursday each month for a special evening storytime. Come in your pajamas and bring your favorite blanket or stuffie for stories and songs that support early literacy development and learning.

**Thursday, February 12th 2:30-4:00 After School Activity: Card Making**

Join us after school at the library for a fun, craft activity. This month we will be making cards for Valentine's Day and any other special event that you want to celebrate! All supplies are provided. Ages 5+ No registration necessary.

**Metal (cans)**  
**Yes! Always in the recycling cart**



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