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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:

Thursday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

Monday, January 19th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

City Meetings for January – 6:00pm City Hall

Monday, January 12th - City Council

Tuesday, January 13th – Parks Commission

Wednesday, January 14th – Planning Commission



Message from the Mayor

The Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff wish everyone a very Safe & Happy New Year 2026.

Can you Help? We're looking for **Lake St. Croix Beach Volunteers.**

The following opportunities are available.

- Election Judges (August Primary and November General Election)
- Heritage Day Planning Committee (Planning starts in May!)
- Helping Hands – volunteer to help your neighbors.

If you are a neighbor who needs help shoveling or have other needs this winter, the City has residents who can help. Call City Hall at 651.436.7031 or email clerk@ci.lakestcroixbeach.mn.us

Please consider giving of your time and talents to serve our City!



Stay Healthy! - Mayor Tom McCarthy

Connect with City Hall:

- City Meetings are open to the Public, in person at City Hall or electronically by Zoom. Dates of upcoming meetings are included at the top of the Newsletter.
- City Meetings are recorded and available on the City Website, typically within 24 hours of the meeting. Or view in City Hall on City Equipment.
- City Council Agendas (including financial reports) and other Meeting Agendas are available via email. Call City Hall to have your name added to the mailing list.
- City Hall is staffed as noted at the top of the Newsletter and available via phone outside of open hours.
- Also "Audio Staff on Demand" is available on the City Website for additional city related information. Check it out!



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING
(This is not every action taken)

The council voted on the following:

- to approve consent agenda after reviewing financials. Motion passed 4:0:1absent.
- Resolution 2025-12-01— approving the increase of \$425 to the proposed Benefit Level of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Relief Association. Motion passed 4:0:1absent.
- Resolution 2025-121-02 – Adopting Final Budget and Final property Tax Levy 2026. Motion passed 4:0:1absent.
- City Engineer Parotti discussed Valley Branch Watershed District 2026-2035 Watershed Management Plan and gave update on Fiber Optic Work in city.
- City Attorney Benson discussed ongoing litigation against CarlsonSV. Motion to direct City Attorney to go ahead with a pocket serve was approved and passed 4:0:1absent.
- City Clerk Ashby – Discussed hiring IT support company for City Hall and Council Member technology. Motions approving contracts for CIT (365 Migration project and Managed Services) and MNIT Cyber Navigator passed 4:0:1absent

Helpful Reminders:

All Parks in Lake St. Croix Beach are closed for the winter. This includes the Veteran’s Memorial Park that, because of its unique cement work, will not be cleared of snow to avoid marring and damage to the cement.

Please keep the street right-of-way clear from garbage bins, especially after a snow event, to enable snowplow and vehicle access.

Snowmobiles are not allowed on the levy or bluff, and may only be driven in authorized areas of the City.

Throughout the winter season, Lake St. Croix Beach has parking regulations. Because of the already narrow streets, it is imperative that residents abide by the parking ordinance throughout the season. Between November and April, no vehicle can be left parked on the streets of the City for more than 24 consecutive hours at any time. Vehicles that are left parked in violation of the ordinance may be removed without notice to the owner or operator by the Washington County Sheriff’s Department, or persons employed or designated by it, and stored in an appropriate place. The cost and expenses of towing, removing, and storage of these vehicles must be paid by the person claiming the vehicle before its release. Not only is this an important ordinance to follow for the snowplows, but also for school buses and emergency vehicles that need to use the roads throughout winter. **Thank you for keeping LSCB streets safe!**

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#RecycletheHolidays

Valley Library Events and Important Dates

Library Closure Dates: Thursday January 1, 2026 for New Year's Day / Monday January 19, 2026 to honor Martin Luther King Jr. 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:

The Valley Library Book Club meets **5:00-6:00pm**. The title selection for the **Thursday January 22nd** meeting is *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. 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, January 12th 10:30-11:00 Music and Movement Storytime

Thursday, January 8th 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 stuffer for stories and songs that support early literacy development and learning.

Thursday, January 15th 2:30-4:00 Diamond Painting for Kids

Join us after school at the library for a fun, craft activity. We will be doing diamond painting, which offers skill-building that goes beyond most simple craft projects. Diamond painting teaches the art of concentration and perseverance and enhances children's focus and patience. Each child will be making a small coaster and all supplies are provided. Ages 5+ No registration necessary.




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