



FOCUS ON LAKEVILLE

City of Lakeville Newsletter

MEETINGS

Monday, September 6

City offices closed for the Labor Day holiday

Tuesday, September 7

City Council, 6:30 p.m.

Meetings take place at City Hall or virtually. Check each agenda for details. The public is invited to participate in meetings in person and/or by phone. Agendas are available online at lakevillemn.gov.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Watch for Your September Utility Bill

Utility bills will be sent out the week of September 6 by mail, or by email (if you are registered through our 3rd party payment provider Payment Service Network - PSN). Overall the estimated billed consumption is approximately 30% higher than this same billing period in 2020 and over 80% higher than 2019. The irrigation meters are also showing a 30% higher consumption than the same period in 2020. The Lakeville Water Treatment Facility has been producing over 32% more water from May-July compared to this period in 2020. During the month of June alone, the City produced 65% more water compared to 2020. The increases in consumption and water production are assumed to be due to the drought conditions and outdoor watering. Residents might see an increase in their bills as a result of the increased consumption. Get water conservation tips at lakevillemn.gov.

Come to the Lakeville Art Festival

September 18 & 19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lakeville Area Arts Center
20965 Holyoke Avenue

This free festival will host approximately 85 juried exhibiting artists, ongoing artist demonstrations, and hands-on community art projects for both adults and children. In addition, there will be a diverse lineup of performing artists, great food vendors, and fine wine and craft beer from Lakeville Liquors. Go to lakevilleartfestival.org for more details.

Park Bond Referendum Special Election on November 2

Your Parks, Your Trails, Your City. YOUR VOTE.



Why is a bond referendum needed?

The Lakeville City Council has approved a special election for a park bond referendum that would support parks, recreation and natural resources in the City. The last park referendum was 1994 and since then the population has more than doubled to 69,490. To continue meeting the recreational, physical and leisure-time needs of our growing community, new amenities and improvements are necessary.

How will the funding be used?

To support \$38 million in projects such as:

- **Connect bike and pedestrian trails:** Build new and connect existing trails throughout the City.
- **Improve Antlers Community Park:** Add parking, trail loop system, modern restroom facilities, picnic shelters, volleyball courts and more.
- **Construct Avonlea Community Park:** Splash pad, challenge course, pickleball courts, trails, multi-purpose athletic fields and baseball diamond.
- **Develop East Community Park Phase II:** Add canoe/kayak racks, modern restroom facilities, trailhead, open lawn area and native prairie areas.
- **Update Environmental Learning Center at Ritter Farm Park:** Improve existing cabin to expand nature-based programming, including site improvements.

- **Construct outdoor public multi-use pavilion at Hasse Arena:** This outdoor refrigerated covered ice rink will allow for programmed and public open skating and hockey, and activities such as boot and pond hockey and outdoor tournaments, in winter months. During the off season, the pavilion would be used for trade shows, community events and concerts, and other large gatherings.
- **Improve the Lakeville Area Arts Center facility**
- **Replace basketball courts**

If approved, design and construction would take place 2022 - 2025.

The Lakeville Hockey Association and Heritage Figure Skating Club have indicated that they will collectively pledge \$1.5 million for the outdoor covered ice rink at Hasse Arena if the Park Bond Referendum is approved.

How can I vote?

Vote at your regular voting precinct on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 or by absentee ballot beginning on Friday, September 17. Go to our Voting Information webpage for more details: lakevillemn.gov/VotingInformation.

For more information, including images of Master Plan Concepts and a map of locations with proposed new amenities and/or improvements, go to lakevillemn.gov/ParkReferendum.

STAFF UPDATE

Park Maintenance

Staff closed one of the two boat launches at Casperson Park. Heavy rains eroded the sides of the launch requiring the closure. Staff planned to complete repairs this past week and when complete will re-open the launch. The boat launch at Orchard Lake Park was also eroded but remains open.

Lakeville Area Arts Center

Work progresses for the upcoming Lakeville Art Festival on September 18 & 19 with the Friends of LAAC. All 85 artists have been uploaded to lakevilleartfestival.org where their work is now available for viewing.

Environmental Resources Division

Staff attended the GreenStep Cities Award Celebration last week where the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency congratulated the City of Lakeville for reaching Step Three. You can find more information on this program at greenstep.pca.state.mn.us.

Utilities Division

The Water Treatment Facility's production is averaging 12.58 million gallons per day as of last week and is trending lower with the recent rain.



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