



# FOCUS ON LAKEVILLE

City of Lakeville Weekly Newsletter

## MEETINGS

### Monday, October 19

City Council, 6:30 p.m.

Meetings take place at City Hall unless otherwise noted. The public is invited to attend. Agendas are available online at [lakevillemn.gov](http://lakevillemn.gov).

### Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor Doug Anderson has office hours on Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m. at City Hall. To schedule an appointment, call 952-985-4403.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Metro Dining Cards - \$25 per box

Purchase one entrée and get the second one for free! Each box contains 138 cards that can all be used monthly. Purchase cards Monday through Friday at City Hall 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or the Heritage Center 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

### Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Central Maintenance Facility  
7570 179th Street West

This free event is open to residents of Lakeville, Apple Valley, Burnsville and Eagan. Documents will be shredded onsite for safe and secure handling of confidential documents. Masks and social distancing will be required.

### Halloween Decorating Contest

Do you think you can out BOO your neighbors? We're having a contest for the most ghostly (fun) décor! Send us pictures of your decorated house now through October 30. Winners will be announced on November 2. **Email your photos to [communications@lakevillemn.gov](mailto:communications@lakevillemn.gov)**. Three winners will receive Parks & Recreation/Arts Center gift cards for Spookiest (\$50), Most Boo-tiful (\$50) and Honorable Mention (\$35).

### 210th Street Virtual Open House Now Online

Learn about feedback gathered from the community and the preliminary design for the corridor. The open house presentation will remain live on the project website at [210thStreet.com](http://210thStreet.com).

## News From the City Forester

### Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) update

The City-sponsored Ash Injection Program has ended for the season, but it will be offered again next spring for homeowners who want to protect their ash trees from EAB. When caught early, sometimes treatments can also be used to kill EAB already infesting the tree. The program will launch again in May 2021.

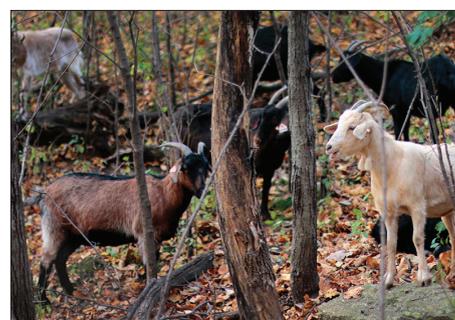
While ash preservation injections happen from June through September, ash pruning and removals should only occur October through the end of April when EAB isn't active. If you have already invested in injections, now is a good time to have an ISA certified arborist assess any pruning needs. If you have decided to remove your ash trees instead of preservation, remember that it is safer and easier for contractors to remove ash trees before they have died from EAB. Once they die from EAB ash trees become more brittle and high risk, increasing the removal costs. Forestry staff will be surveying for EAB infested trees during the late fall and winter, when it is easiest to see woodpecker activity and galleries in the upper part of the tree. They will contact you by mail if it is determined your tree has EAB and needs to be removed. You can also request a free inspection if you notice a lot of woodpecker activity or bark splits on your ash tree. Call 952-985-2724 for an inspection.

### Proper disposal of yard waste and brush

Yard waste can be composted in your yard, picked up by a trash hauler or taken to a yard waste collection site. It is illegal to dispose of yard waste like grass clippings, leaves, twigs

## Goats Are Back in Lakeville's Woodlands

At East Community Park woodland (north of East Lake) and the Casperson Park woodland between the boat launch and the playground, the City is working with a different sort of crew to manage buckthorn.



Green ash tree in fall

and branches in the garbage or on natural areas of City property, such as a woodlands, wetlands or storm water ponds.

Grass, leaves and twigs can be composted. Some yard waste like grass clippings and mowed or shredded leaves can be distributed on your lawn. When using a mulching mower, grass and leaves break down and create a natural fertilizer for your grass, shrubs and trees. Yard waste and compost piles should not be placed near water sources and drainage areas. When placed near a water source, yard waste can leach phosphorous into our water which causes algae blooms and other problems for our ecosystem.

If you don't want to compost your yard waste in your yard, contact your trash hauler for yard waste pick up options or find a local yard waste collection site on Dakota County's website at [co.dakota.mn.us](http://co.dakota.mn.us) under Environment.

Instead of working with humans with backpacks or chemicals, we decided to hire goats to go after one of the woodland's most threatening plants: buckthorn.

Buckthorn is rampant in our woodlands and it inhibits the growth of any other vegetation trying to grow underneath it. No young trees growing means there may not be forests in our future if we don't control this plant.

The goats love to eat buckthorn but will only be around for a few weeks. They are fenced in for their safety but you can visit them as long as you don't touch, feed or harass them.

## STAFF UPDATES

### Park Maintenance Division

Paving of the Dodd Trail parking lot and the site grading was completed. Restoration of the Aronson and Quigley-Sime parking lots and trails will now begin.

Fall park property weed control continues and fertilization was scheduled to be completed this week.

### Streets Division

Staff started fall leaf sweeping, which will continue throughout the City over the next six to eight weeks as leaves continue to drop.

### Utilities Division

Staff is continuing the annual sanitary sewer cleaning.

Water shutdowns are being coordinated for the watermain replacement on County Road 70. Some shutdowns are taking place after hours to minimize impacts to businesses in the area.

### Environmental Resources

A fish survey was conducted on Lee Lake which found an overabundance of black bullheads. This information will be used to determine if fish stocking should be used to balance fish populations to promote better water quality.



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