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City of Lauderdale, MN

April-June 2018

UPDATE ON THE PURCHASE OF 1795 EUSTIS STREET

The City Council is completing the environmental reviews and selling the bonds necessary to complete the purchase of the Twin City Chinese Christian Church at 1795 Eustis Street. The closing is scheduled for the first week in May. Simultaneously, city staff are preparing grant applications to pursue funding to remove contaminants (plenty of asbestos) before the building is razed. With the purchase completed, the Council will turn its attention to evaluating developers that have expressed interest in the site. If you would like to follow the progress, sign up for the e-mail list serv at www.lauderdalemn.org.

DATE SET FOR TOURING FORMER LAUDERDALE SCHOOL

The City Council and staff have heard from current and former residents that would like to tour the former Lauderdale School. Join us on Saturday, May 19 for a walk down memory lane. Due to the condition of the building, groups will be led through the building starting on the hour from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Reserve your spot by emailing Heather Butkowski at heather.butkowski@lauderdalemn.org or calling 651.792.7650. Please note that the building is not handicap accessible and restrooms will not be available that day. A waiver will be sent to you to complete.

What: Former Lauderdale School Tours

Where: 1795 Eustis Street

When: Saturday, May 19

How: Groups will be led through the building starting on the hour from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. To help us plan, please let city staff know what tour time you plan to attend - 651.792.7650.

We also welcome former students, parents, and teachers to help lead tours and share memories and memorabilia with visitors. We are open to your ideas.



Lauderdale Resident Wins Essay Contest

Alecia Jendro, a fifth grader at Parkview Center School, won the 2017 League of Minnesota Cities Mayor for a Day Essay Contest. Alecia shared her winning essay at the February 13 city council meeting.

Pictured left is Alecia sharing the gavel with Mayor Mary Gaasch.

APRIL-JUNE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 10	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, April 24	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, May 8	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Monday, May 14	Day in the Park Planning Session	6:30 p.m. at City Hall
Saturday, May 19	City-Wide Garage Sale	Starting at 8:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 19	Former Lauderdale School Tours	Throughout the day
Tuesday, May 22	City Council Meeting— Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Monday, May 28	City Hall Closed for Memorial Day	
Tuesday, June 12	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Thursday, June 21	Farmers Market	4-7 p.m. at Community Park
Tuesday, June 26	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Wednesday, July 4	City Hall Closed for Independence Day	

CITY & EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

City Hall Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone: (651) 792-7650 www.lauderdalemn.org

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Fire Emergency: 911
Fire Department: 651.792.7635

Ramsey County Dispatch: 911
Ramsey County Dispatch Non-emergency Number: 651.767.0640

Water Emergency (St. Paul Regional Water): 651.266.6868

Sewer Emergency: 911 or
651.767.0640

Illicit Discharges to the Storm Sewer:
911 or 651.792.7650 (business hours)

Xcel Energy Electric Emergency or
Outage: 1.800.895.1999

Xcel Energy Gas Emergency or Gas
Odor: 1.800.895.2999

CITY UPDATES

Election Judges Needed!

With the midterm elections upcoming we are in need of judges for both the primary and general elections. You must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and able to read, write and speak English.

If you are interested in helping out (and getting paid for doing so) please contact Miles at 651.792.7650 or miles.cline@lauderdalemn.org.

Absentee Voting in 2018

Election season is almost upon us. Absentee voting for the August 14 primary begins on June 29. Visit www.mnvotes.org to learn how to register to vote or apply for an absentee ballot.

You may also request voter registration and absentee ballot materials from staff at City Hall. More information about the primary and general election will be forthcoming in the next edition of the newsletter.

Spring Street Sweeping

The sweeping of city streets will begin when the weather allows. During the sweep, parking will be prohibited on city streets. Public works staff will post “no parking” signs the day prior to the sweeping. If we receive rain, the sweep will be delayed but the signs will remain up. The street sweeping will include all city streets, alleys, and parking lots.

Vehicles not removed by 7:00 a.m. the morning of the sweep will be ticketed or towed. Ramsey County generally does not post notice before sweeping the county roads (Eustis, Fulham, Roselawn, and Larpenteur). Additional information also will be distributed through the City’s listserv and website.



Comprehensive Plan Update

Thank you to all who attended the May 14 Open House. The turnout was great and we received robust feedback. Many of you left questions and answers to those questions are available under “Documents” on the Comprehensive Plan’s website (www.lauderdaleplan2040.com).

The full draft of the Plan will be available in May. Notice will go out to on the list serv when it is available on the Plan’s website.

The first formal public hearing on the Plan will be at the May 22 city council meeting. After that the Plan will be sent to neighboring cities for “jurisdictional review.”

After the jurisdictional review, the Metropolitan Council reviews the Plan to ensure conformance with their 2040 System Statements. Finally, the Plan comes back to the City Council for a final public hearing and adoption. All of this is expected to happen before the end of the year.

Eustis Street Update

Conversations with Ramsey County Public Works continue over jurisdictional transfer of Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue. An agreement over a process to replace the water mains was reached with St. Paul Regional Water Service should the City take ownership of the roads.

Naturally, the issue is over funding. From the County’s perspective, they would rehabilitate Eustis Street if they had more funds available and staff to coordinate the project. The City is willing to take on the responsibility of coordinating the project but has limited financial means to contribute toward the Project. As a City under 5,000 population, we do not qualify for state aid for roads.

As both sides want to reach an agreement, discussions will continue. If an agreement is reached in the next couple of months, construction could still occur in 2019. Look for updates in the next newsletter!

PARTNERS MAKE US STRONGER

Presentation by Dr. Marla Spivak

Monday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. - Falcon Heights City Hall

Dr. Spivak will speak about the new Bee and Pollinator Research Laboratory on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Campus. Learn about the Lab's missions, research, activities, and discoveries. There will be time for questions. Dr. Spivak is a MacArthur Fellow and McKnight Distinguished Professor in Entomology at the University of Minnesota. She is an extension entomologist; teaches coursework about bees and bee-friendly landscaping; does extensive research in bee lifestyle, hygiene, illnesses, and health care; and teaches beekeeping for the public. Her 2013 TED talk on "Disappearing Bees" has been viewed two and a half million times!

*Sponsored by: Falcon Heights – Lauderdale Lions Club,
City of Falcon Heights, City of Lauderdale*



Parks and Recreation!

Community Park's picnic shelter is a busy location in the summer. Residents can reserve the shelter for personal use at no cost. The reservation form is available on the City's website. Non-residents can reserve the shelter for a fee.



Did you know that Lauderdale residents may register for Falcon Heights and Roseville Park and

Recreation

programming at their resident rate? There is no paperwork to complete. Simply share that you live in Lauderdale when you sign up.

The cost difference is paid by the City's General Fund. Take advantage of the opportunity!

Senior Services in Lauderdale



Saint Anthony Park
Area
SENIORS

The St. Anthony Park Area Seniors offer exercise classes, social outings, home health care visits, rides to medical appointments, and Meals-on-Wheels to help Lauderdale seniors live independently in their homes. To learn more, call 651.642.9052.

Exercise Classes: Offered at Lauderdale City Hall on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Coffee and Board Games: Play board games on the second and third Fridays of the month from 10:00 a.m. - noon at Centennial United Methodist Church.

Senior Cinema Series: Spring 2018 movies will include *Victoria & Abdul* on April 12, *Darkest Hour* on May 10, and *Wonder* on June 14. All movies are shown at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Buy a Compost Bin – Save \$20

The Recycling Association of Minnesota is selling compost bins for \$64 + tax. Ramsey County residents receive \$20 off! To receive the discounted price, order online at RecycleMinnesota.org and enter promo code “Ramsey.” Or, call 651.641.4589 and mention that you are a Ramsey County resident. Pick up your pre-ordered bin on April 28 in Maplewood. Find additional dates and locations at RecycleMinnesota.org.



Illicit Discharge Fact Sheet

Have you seen neighbors blowing leaves or lawn clippings into the street? How about someone dumping paint or used oil into the storm drain? Have you seen murky water running along the curb? What we do at home affects our local water resources because our storm drains and ditches are connected to nearby lakes, rivers, and streams. Remember, **only rain down the drain.**

If discovered, please contact the City at (651) 792-7650.

As a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) community, Lauderdale regulates non-stormwater discharges to the storm drainage system. City Code Title 8, Chapter 5 contains enforcement actions the City takes in the event an illicit discharge occurs.

Common sources of illicit discharge include:

- Sanitary wastewater
- Sediment from construction site runoff
- Landscape waste
- Paints, solvents
- Used oil, radiator flushing, grease
- Cleaning products
- Spills from accidents
- Household toxics
- Laundry wastewaters
- Illegal connections to the storm sewer system
- Commercial car wash wastewater



FINANCING FOR SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

For many homeowners, including seniors and those living on a fixed income, utility bills and heating system repairs can be a financial burden. The Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) partners with Ramsey County to offer a Energy Conservation Deferred Loan to help. The loan is 0% interest, has no monthly payments, and is forgiven if the homeowner stays in their home for ten years. Income limits apply.

Eligible projects include:

- Furnace/boiler replacement
- Water heater replacement
- Attic and/or wall insulation



To get started, call CEE's residential loan specialists at 651.789.5706. Additionally, CEE offers a variety of financing options for your other home improvement needs. Visit www.mnlendingcenter.org to learn more. CEE is a Minnesota nonprofit that has been helping homeowners for over 40 years.

PUBLIC SAFETY



Strategic Goals and Objectives

By Chief Jon Mangseth

On behalf of the St. Anthony Police Department, I am asking the community to give us feedback on our strategic plan goals and objectives, drafted through our work with the Department of Justice's Collaborative Reform Initiative for Technical Assistance. I would like community members to contribute thoughts and ideas. A guide has been made available on the Lauderdale website (www.lauderdalemn.org) or copies can be emailed or mailed to you upon request. The guide starts with possibilities for a new mission and vision statement. Your responses will guide our strategic plan and how we operate as a department. The worksheet includes nine goals that the police department staff, with technical assistance from the COPS Office site team, have identified as part of the department's strategic plan. Each of these goals require objectives if they are to be achieved. Please consider each of these goals and provide feedback as to what the objectives should be. If you believe there should be changes to the goals, please indicate that as well. In doing so, please keep in mind that each objective has to meet the following guidelines. It must be:

S – Specific **M** – Measureable **A** – Attainable **R** – Relevant (mission-oriented) **T** – Time-based

One of the pillars of Procedural Justice is to give community stakeholders a voice in the planning process. Your input is critical in the creation of goals and objectives that are consistent with the needs of our community. We hope that you will provide candid feedback so that the police department can, in partnership with the community, help to create a safe and secure city.

Please send the completed worksheet to police@savmn.com. Please include your name, address, and phone number. However, you may respond without providing this information. You may also call 612.782.3350 and speak with me personally or leave me a message. Please complete and return worksheets no later than Friday, April 27, for consideration.

An open house will be offered at the conclusion of this feedback period to roll out the strategic plan goals and objectives. As previously stated, your input is critical in the creation of goals and objectives that are consistent with the needs of our community.

Fire Safety Statistics



Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries and is tied for the second leading cause of home fire deaths. Unattended cooking is the leading factor contributing to these fires and frying poses the greatest risk of fire. More than half of all cooking fire injuries occurred when people tried to fight the fire themselves.

Smoking has been the leading cause of home fire deaths for decades. Two-thirds (66%) of the home smoking material fire fatalities resulted from fires originating with upholstered furniture or with mattress bedding.

Roughly half (48%) of all reported fires were outside. Brush, grass, or forest fires accounted for 22% of these fires, 12% were outside rubbish fires, 6% were outside fires involving property of value, and 8% were unclassified.

These statistics were provided by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This information is provided to advance fire safety and does not represent any official position of NFPA or the FHFD.

Pictured right: In order to prepare for the many scenarios FHFD must encounter, they hosted 150 hours of in-house training in 2017!



COMMUNITY CORNER

City-Wide Garage Sale Saturday, May 19

It's a great way to declutter, meet your neighbors and find some deals. Call City Hall by May 11 to register your sale location (651.792.7650). A list of garage sale locations will be available from City Hall the week before the event. Sales begin at 8:00 a.m.

Help Us Plan Day in the Park

Monday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

Day in the Park will be held in conjunction with the August Farmer's Market on August 16 starting at 4:00 p.m. The merger of the two events has brought more opportunities for fun and socializing. Many of the usual Day in the Park events are being planned including the water slide, bounce house, games, music, Puppet Wagon and more. If you have other ideas that will improve Day in the Park or would like to volunteer, please join us for the upcoming planning session. The planning session will be family friendly so bring your children (along with a few toys). We will meet in the City Council Chambers.

Farmers Market & Entertainment Third Thursdays 4-7 p.m.

June 21: Dawn Tanner,
Lauderdale Musical Talent

Dawn Tanner plays original songs and folk covers, adding instrumental tunes here and there. She plays with a range of bands in St. Paul and recently finished her second CD. Dawn regularly plays at the Finnish Bistro, Hampden Park Co-op, and has a monthly residency at the Underground Music Cafe.



July 19: TBD

August 16: *Day in the Park*

Lazy Does It Band

Roseville Puppet Wagon

Waterslide, Games, and More

September 20: TBD

Interested in being a vendor? There is no fee to participate. Contact Susie for an application at 651.329.8401 or LauderdaleFarmers-Market@gmail.com. Follow the Farmers Market on Facebook.

Spring Clean Up: Good for You, Good for our Community

City staff encourage residents to look around their property and take care of issues that violate city code. The most common issues violate the City's nuisance ordinance (Title 4, Chapter 6), which is available on the City's website.

Why do cities enforce nuisance codes? The short answer is to eliminate actions or lack of care that affect health and safety. The most common types of letters we send are for rank growth (lawn length in excess of eight inches), refuse accumulation, unlicensed or inoperable vehicles, improper storage, and diseased trees.

If you receive a nuisance code enforcement letter and disagree with it or don't understand it, please call City Hall as soon as possible. City staff will clarify the issue or meet with you to discuss the matter. City staff have been working to find community resources for people who have impediments to removing nuisances. However, city staff can't assist you if we don't hear from you.

The City follows a notification process to encourage voluntary compliance with the nuisance code. When that doesn't work, the City uses citations, abatement, and court proceedings. Abatement means entering private property to eliminate certain types of violations. This can be done after providing the owner proper notice. The costs for abatement are born by the property owner. Please call city staff with any questions or concerns you have regarding code enforcement.



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Lauderdale Gift Ideas



Shop at City Hall for Lauderdale t-shirts, hoodies, history books, and mugs. Clothing comes in black and white and men's and women's cuts.

The City would appreciate your feedback! Please feel free to call or visit us at City Hall or email your questions or comments to admin@lauderdalemn.org. Also, please contact City Hall with any changes to your name, address, or phone number.