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City of Lauderdale, MN

April-June 2019

2019 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Once the snow melts, the 2019 infrastructure improvement project will move into full swing. Bids from contractors are due to City Hall on March 21. Council consideration of the bids is planned for March 26.

Xcel Energy Gas Main Replacement

This spring, Xcel Energy will be installing new gas mains along each side of the street from just north of Summer Street to Larpenteur Avenue ahead of the City's rebuild of Eustis Street. This will involve replacing the individual gas services to each home. The majority of this work will be done by directional bore to minimize the impact to each homeowner; however, there will be a tie-in pit in each homeowner's yard. The estimated time of the project is about four weeks, starting as soon as weather permits and road restrictions are lifted. Homeowners will be notified by letter from Xcel Energy prior to the install.

April 16 Pre-Construction Meeting

The community is invited to attend the April 16 pre-construction meeting to learn more about the scope of the construction project and timing of the work. Residents along Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue are especially encouraged to attend to view the construction plans for their property and discuss any final concerns with the city engineer. The city engineering staff will be available starting at 6:00 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall. Starting at 6:30 p.m., there will be a presentation to go over the construction schedule, process, and contacts. After the presentation, there will be additional time to meet with the engineering staff. The meeting is expected to end at 7:30 p.m.

Water Main Replacement

St. Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) also has partnered with the City on this project. Due to the frequency of water main breaks on Eustis Street, it is a priority replacement line for them. The city's contractor will be installing the water mains at the direction of SPRWS staff who will oversee that phase of the construction. SPRWS staff also will oversee the provision of temporary water service to homes during the project and the activation of the new main upon completion.

Drainage and Storm Sewer Improvements

Finding ways to improve drainage has been a priority of this project. Along with the ability to create better drainage from homes to the street, new concrete curbs and gutters will carry water to the new catch basins and storm sewer system being installed. If you haven't shared your drainage concerns with the city engineer yet, there will be time to do so at the April 16 pre-construction meeting.

Road Surface Improvements

Last but not least will be the road surface improvements. The spring thaw is showing the rapid state of deterioration, especially along Roselawn Avenue. The road bed will be built and the surface paved after the water main work is completed. Along with the road surface improvements will be improvements to some of the alleys that feed into Roselawn Avenue and the completion of partial alleys on the west side of Eustis Street. The completion of the alleys will allow for the safe provision of refuse and snow removal services.

Updates

Once construction begins, the on-site construction manager will provide updates to residents via the email distribution list. If you aren't on the list already, send your email address to a city staff member.

APRIL—JUNE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 9	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, April 16	Eustis/Roselawn Pre-construction Meeting	6:00—7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, April 23	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Monday, May 13	Day in the Park Planning Session	6:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, May 14	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Saturday, May 18	City-Wide Garage Sale	Starting at 8:00 a.m.
Monday, May 27	City Hall Closed for Memorial Day	
Tuesday, May 28	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, June 11	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Thursday, June 20	Farmers Market	4-7 p.m. at Community Park
Tuesday, June 25	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Thursday, 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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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police Emergency: 911
Police Department: 612.782.3350

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

City Council Oaths of Office



Pictured above is City Administrator Heather Butkowski administering the oaths of office to Mayor Mary Gaasch (left) and Council Members Andi Moffatt (center) and Roxanne Grove (right). Mayor Gaasch will serve a two-year term and Council Members Moffatt and Grove will serve four-year terms.

Refuse and Recycling Cart Reminders

City Code specifies how garbage and recycling carts are to be managed:

- Carts shall not be put out for collection prior to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday night for Monday collection.
- Carts shall not be placed on the traveled portion of the roadway. Carts should be placed behind the curb or at the end of your driveway (for those who receive service in the front of their homes).
- Carts are to be removed from the street on the day of collection and screened from view.

Please follow these simple steps for your benefit and the benefit of your neighbors.



Bownik's 20th Anniversary!

Jim Bownik began working for the City on February 10, 1999 as the deputy city clerk. By 2001, he held the title of administrative analyst, and assistant to the city administrator by 2003. He is a dedicated employee that wears many hats including being the City's zoning administrator and community events coordinator.

Thank you Jim for your commitment to the City of Lauderdale!

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 parked on the streets after 7:00 a.m. the day of the sweep will be ticketed or towed. Ramsey County generally does not post notice before sweeping the county roads. Additional information will be distributed through the City's listserv and website.



MORE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Eustis Street Redevelopment Projects

1795 Eustis Street Redevelopment

Real Estate Equities (REE) proposes to build an affordable senior rental community on the former Lauderdale School / Chinese Christian Church site. The City Council supports the redevelopment of the site for senior housing to provide residents an opportunity to remain in Lauderdale when the burden of home ownership becomes too great. REE presented their concept plans to the community on March 19. Their next step is to apply for land use or zoning approvals as a planned unit development. A public hearing on the matter is anticipated at the April 23 city council meeting. Information will be disseminated through the email distribution list and the website as the process continues.

1821, 1825, and 1831 Eustis Street

The City Council solicited proposals from home builders for the construction of two to three new homes. Proposals are scheduled to be considered at the March 26 council meeting. Based upon the results, the City Council anticipates selecting a buyer that will build homes in keeping with the character of the community. The goal is to close on the sale so the builder can begin construction this spring.

Comprehensive Plan and Seminary Woods

On January 22, the City Council voted to transmit the 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Plan) to the Metropolitan Council for their review. This marks the final step in a process that began in 2017. After the Metropolitan Council determines that the Plan conforms to regional planning goals, the City Council will adopt it.

From the date of adoption of the Plan, the City has nine months to update zoning regulations to match changes in land use designations. When this process begins, the City will look for community feedback throughout the rewrite process.

Due to Luther Seminary's interest in selling six acres of land in Lauderdale, the City Council has been working on a new zoning ordinance for that parcel. The City Council supports allowing development in exchange for some of the land being placed in a permanent conservation easement. Public testimony on the draft ordinance was heard at the February 12 council meeting but interested residents may continue to submit comments. Adoption of the ordinance will occur after the City Council adopts the Plan.

Home Buyer Assistance



Ramsey County's FirstHOME buyer assistance program helps first-time buyers with low to moderate incomes who are purchasing homes in Ramsey County communities.

Eligible buyers may qualify for up to \$10,000 with zero percent interest to help bring their monthly housing costs down to 30 percent of income. Buyers are responsible for a minimum investment of \$2,000. This principle-only subordinate mortgage must be repaid when the property is sold. The loans can be used for down payment assistance, closing costs and, occasionally, health, safety or code improvements.

Contact your bank, credit union or mortgage company and ask them to reserve Ramsey County FirstHOME Buyer Assistance Program funds on your behalf.

COMMUNITY CORNER

City-Wide Garage Sale Saturday, May 18

It's a great way to declutter, meet your neighbors and find some deals. Call City Hall by May 10 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 13 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

Day in the Park will be held in conjunction with the Farmer's Market on August 15 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, kickball, 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 planning session. The planning session will be family friendly so bring your children (along with a few toys). We will meet in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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



June 20: TBD

July 18: TBD

August 15: *Day in the Park*
Lazy Does It Band
Roseville Puppet Wagon
Waterslide, Games, and More

September 19: TBD

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



Compost Bin Sale – Save \$20

The Recycling Association of Minnesota is selling compost bins for \$64, plus tax this year. Ramsey County residents can get an additional \$20 off! Order online at RecycleMinnesota.org and enter promo code "Ramsey" to receive the discounted price. Or call 651-641-4589 and mention that you are a Ramsey County resident. Pick up your pre-ordered bin on April 27 in Maplewood. Find additional dates and locations at RecycleMinnesota.org.

Senior Services in Lauderdale



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 2019 movies will include *First Man* on April 11, *Green Book* on May 9, and a June movie yet to be determined. All movies are shown at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Chief Update

by Jon Mangseth, Chief of Police



St. Anthony Police Department completed the last phase of our police department camera project by upgrading our police department camera system. The police department now has a fully integrated audio and video system that includes Panasonic HD squad car cameras, Panasonic Body Worn Camera's (BWC) and a Panasonic facility camera system. These technologies will allow for our staff to have audio/video coverage through multiple phases of contact with the public.

We remain committed to the goals and objectives outlined in our police department strategic plan, which can be found on our website (<https://www.savmn.com/191/Police-Department>). Police command staff have begun the process of restructuring the police department policy manual to ensure that our policies reflect the vision and mission of the department. We will adhere to modern police industry best practices and strategies of 21st Century Policing that employ principles designed to promote effective crime reduction, traffic/pedestrian safety, and policing services while building public trust and safeguarding officer well-being.

In conjunction, we will focus methods to enhance our training capacity and professional development in support of the department's mission. We will implement use of force and mental health training programs that utilize principles contained in Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (I.C.A.T.), which is a training program that provides first responding police officers with the tools, skills, and options they need to successfully and safely defuse a range of critical incidents. It is training designed especially for situations involving persons who may be experiencing a mental health or other crisis. Additionally, our mental health training will ensure our police officers receive the mandated 16 hours of continuing education credits every three years in crisis intervention and mental illness crises; conflict management and mediation; and recognizing and valuing community diversity and cultural differences, including implicit bias, as required by Minn. Stat. 626.8469.

Our records management data will be utilized to identify where traffic is not safe or perceived not to be safe and employ education and enforcement strategies aimed at addressing traffic and pedestrian safety issues.

Police staff aim to focus and adhere to the concepts and applications of community oriented policing as we work to develop and sustain community partnerships, foster community inclusiveness, and be viewed as partners in the community.

Test Your Home for Radon - Only \$2

You can purchase test kits from Ramsey County for only \$2. Did you know that two in five homes tested in Minnesota have radon levels that could pose a major health risk? Radon is colorless, odorless, radioactive gas and is the second leading cause of lung cancer behind smoking. It can enter your home through the foundation and floor-wall joints. Winter is the best time to test for radon.

Call Ramsey County's Environmental Health office at 651-266-1199 for more information and to request a test kit.

Test your **home**. Protect your **health**.



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ramseycounty.us/radon

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

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**.

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

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



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

Once the snow melts, 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.

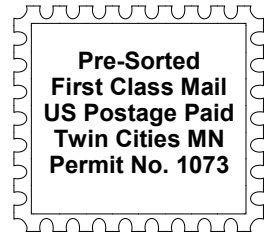
The City follows a notification process to encourage voluntary compliance with the nuisance code. When that doesn't work, the City uses citations, abatement, and court proceedings. Abatement means entering private property to eliminate certain types of violations. This can be done after providing the 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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New City Apparel



Shop at City Hall for Lauderdale branded short and long-sleeve t-shirts, hoodies, history books, and mugs. We also have free VHS copies of the 50th anniversary celebration for you to take home!

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.