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City of Lauderdale, MN

January-March 2019

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Dear Residents,

The City Council had a very active fall. A number of projects are moving ahead that will improve our quality of life and revitalize our tax base.

Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue

In December, the City Council and Ramsey County reached an agreement for the jurisdictional transfer of Roselawn Avenue and part of Eustis Street. This means that Eustis Street north of Larpenteur Avenue and Roselawn Avenue are now city streets in the same way as Walnut Street, Lake Street, and others are. Ramsey County will continue to perform maintenance through April 1 including the repair of potholes. They also will remove the diseased ash trees marked with an orange dot. The road transfer does not impact plowing; Ramsey County has always plowed city streets and will continue to do so.

As promised, the City Council is moving ahead with plans to repave and reconstruct these streets in 2019 to bring them up to the standards of the other city streets. The City secured agreements with St. Paul Regional Water Service for the replacement of the water mains. The city engineer completed a feasibility report which identifies the scope of the project, costs, and funding sources. This information is available on the City's website.

Part of the financing is through special assessments from properties abutting the portions of Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue being improved. The City Council is holding a **public hearing on January 8** to share information and take comments and questions. Letters have been mailed to affected parties; if you did not receive a letter, you are not in the project area.

1795 Eustis Street Redevelopment

The City Council met with representatives of Real Estate Equities (REE) at the November 27 council meeting. REE proposes to build an affordable, senior community on the former school / 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 is drafting concept plans for community review this spring. More information on a community meeting will be posted on the city's website and sent out through the email distribution list.

1821 and 1825 Eustis Street

Minnesota non-profit, Better Futures, deconstructed the homes down to the foundations at no cost to the City. Their costs were paid through a grant from the State of Minnesota Environmental Trust Fund administered by the Legislative Citizens Commission for Minnesota's Resources (LCCMR). Staff will coordinate for the removal of the foundations this spring.



This winter, city staff will find a builder to construct two to three new homes that are in keeping with the character of the neighborhood. Interested builders should contact city staff for more information.

Thank you to all the citizens that worked so hard to engage in these processes to make Lauderdale a better community for all of us.

— Mayor Mary Gaasch

OCTOBER-DECEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 1	City Hall Closed for New Years Day	
Tuesday, January 8	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
	Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan	
	Public Hearing on Zoning Changes for Luther Seminary Owned Land	
Monday, January 21	City Hall Closed for MLK Jr. Day	
Tuesday, January 22	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, February 12	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Monday, February 18	City Hall Closed for President's Day	
Tuesday, February 26	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, March 12	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, March 26	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall

CITY & EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

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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
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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

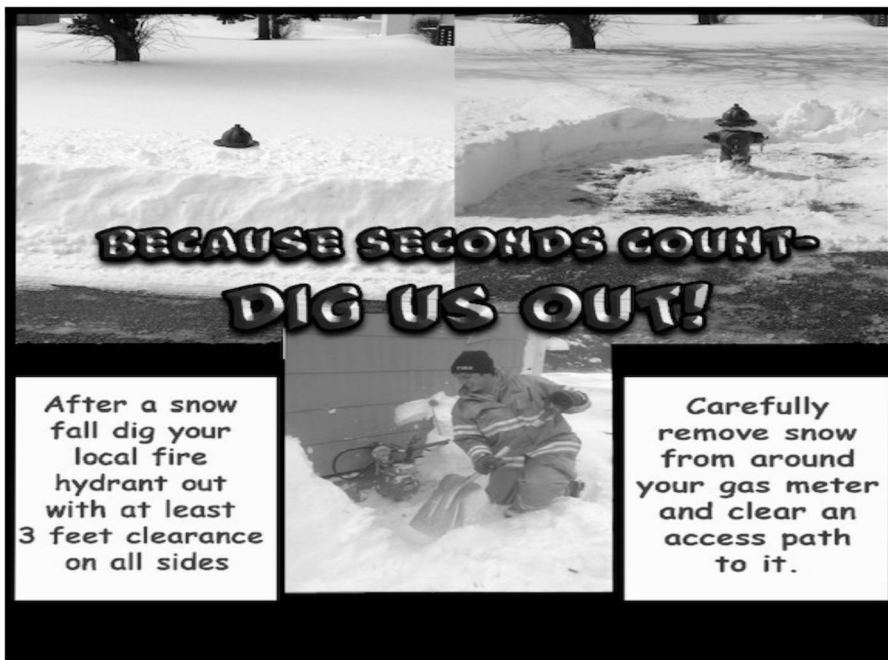
CITY UPDATES

Winter Parking: Avoid Getting a Ticket

Winter parking restrictions begin after 2-inches of snowfall. All cars must be off the streets for 48-hours or until curb-to-curb snow removal has been completed after the snow has stopped.

During heavy snow events, Ramsey County plows will return a couple of times to keep the roads open; only after their final plow when the snow has stopped is it alright to move vehicles back on the streets.

Avoid a ticket; if snow is predicted overnight, move your vehicles off the street ahead of time. Residents are welcome to park off of Roselawn Avenue in the Community Park parking lot until plowing is completed.



2019 City Council Meeting Schedule

City council meetings will remain on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in 2019 with agendas e-mailed ahead of time. Please contact city staff if you would like to be added to the distribution list.

January 8 and 22

February 12 and 26

March 12 and 26

April 9 and 23

May 14 and 28

June 11 and 25

July 9 and 23

August 13 and 27

September 10 and 24

October 8 and 22

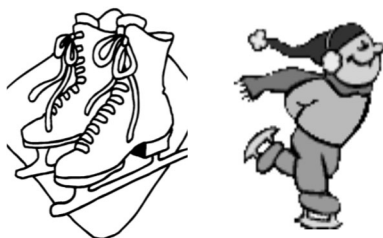
November 12 and 26

December 10

WARMING HOUSE HOURS

EXTENDED RINK HOURS:

Lace up your skates for some early day rink time. The rinks are staffed starting at 10 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and school release days.



Monday-Thursday	4-9 p.m. (opens at 10 a.m. on school release days; open until 10 p.m. preceding school release days)
Friday	4-10 p.m. (opens at 10 a.m. on school release days)
Saturday	10 a.m. -10 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. -9 p.m. (closes at 10pm preceding school release days)

MORE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Planning and Zoning Updates

Lauderdale 2040 Plan Comprehensive Adoption

Since the beginning of 2017, the City Council, residents, and staff have been carefully and thoughtfully planning for the future of Lauderdale. One milestone in this process is the adoption of the decennial Comprehensive Plan. The Plan has been reviewed by the community, City Council, and adjacent neighbors. Thank you to all that participated in the process. You have one final opportunity to provide public comment at the January 8, 2019 city council meeting. City council meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall. The City Council will vote to send the completed Plan to the Metropolitan Council for review at the January 22, 2019 council meeting.

From the date of final adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, the City has nine months to update zoning regulations to match the land use designations adopted in the Comprehensive Plan. This will be another important undertaking for community members to participate in.

New Zoning for Luther Seminary's Woods

Luther Seminary indicated last year that they would be selling their undeveloped, wooded property tucked away in the southeast corner of Lauderdale. The City used the Comprehensive Plan process to create a tool whereby the new owner will have incentives to preserve the best features of that land. New zoning for this seven acre parcel is moving ahead in advance of the other zoning updates. A survey went out in November asking for feedback on the area. Thank you to the 117 residents that completed it!

Draft zoning text will be available for review in early January. A public hearing on the draft zoning is scheduled for January 8, 2019 at the conclusion of the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan noted above.

2019 Budget and Levy Adopted

The City Council adopted the 2019 levy and budget at the December 11 city council meeting. The General Fund budget balanced at \$1,438,574, an increase of 3.65% over 2018. For 2019, the median value home increased to \$206,300 from \$189,100 in 2018. Due to the increase in values relative to the rest of Ramsey County, residents of a median valued home in Lauderdale will see an overall property tax increase of \$188. Of this amount, approximately \$39 will be used for city operations.

Rate for sewer and recycling services increased slightly for 2019. The Council adopted a sanitary sewer rate increase of 5.0% which amounts to an additional \$2.75 per quarter. Similarly, the Council adopted a storm sewer rate increase of 7.1% which amounts to an additional \$1.15 per quarter. Finally, the Council adopted a recycling collection rate increase of 6.4% which amounts to an additional \$2.28 per year. The recycling fund is impacted by the markets for recycled goods. See the article on page 7 for more details.

Join the E-mail Distribution List

Feedback shows our best method of communication is the city's email distribution list which reaches over 250 residents. Up-to-date information is regularly sent out; those on the list comment that they feel well informed of city happenings. This year will be a busy one. If you want to be in the know about the road project scheduling, redevelopment sites, and other city projects, join the list by sending your email address to heather.butkowski@lauderdalemn.org or from the "E-Mail Updates" link on the City's website.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Mayor Gaasch Serves as Metro Cities President

Mayor Mary Gaasch wears two hats. She has been on the Metro Cities Board of Directors since 2013 and elected as President in June 2018. As Metro Cities President, Mayor Gaasch works to advance the interests of the organization's 89 member cities that comprise 90% of the metro area's population. Metro Cities was established in 1974 with the goal of being an effective voice for metropolitan cities at the Legislature and Metropolitan Council. As Metro Cities' president, Mayor Gaasch also has a seat on the League of Minnesota Cities Board of Directors.

How does Mayor Gaasch's work benefit Lauderdale? By working with our Legislature and the federal government, both Metro Cities and the League of Minnesota Cities make sure cities have the resources they need to thrive. Both organizations have worked hard to ensure the stability of Local Government Aid funding, which comprises almost half of our general fund revenue. Currently, a big issue at the Capitol is local control. Many bills were introduced in the last few years that would strip away the rights of cities to make decisions about their communities. Metro Cities and the League of Minnesota Cities work tirelessly to ensure we have the right to determine the kind of community we want to have. The city of Lauderdale has also benefited from the organizations through training, investment management, and a state-wide insurance pool. As part of Mayor Gaasch's service, she also serves on the Big Four committee, whereby the boards from school districts, townships, counties, and cities come together to work toward their common interests. This critical work builds a stronger region and state.

Lions Club Offering \$1,000 Joe Barrett Scholarship

The Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club is offering a \$1,000 Joe Barrett Scholarship for two 2019 RAHS graduates. The only selection criterion established by the Lions Club is that the recipients be residents of either Lauderdale or Falcon Heights. The Scholarship winners will be selected by the Roseville Area High School Scholarship Program committee. The scholarship application can be found in Naviance and in the RAHS Career Center. Applications are due February 26.

Census Update

The 2020 census will be important to keep Minnesota's current number of congressional seats. City staff are working behind the scenes on this effort and so can you. The Census has a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff available. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. They want to hire from each community; will you help count Lauderdale residents?



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: *Going in Style* on January 10, *Mama Mia—Here we Go Again* on February 14, and a March movie yet to be determined. Movies are shown at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park library.

PUBLIC SAFETY

SAPD Officers Outfitted with Body Cameras



I am pleased to report that the St. Anthony Police Department (SAPD) continues to progress in terms of technology and transparency. We have implemented our Panasonic Body Worn Camera (BWC) program as of November 9, 2018. SAPD officers have embraced this technology and been diligent in following policy regarding deployment and use. Daily record management reviews are conducted to ensure equipment is used properly. Department supervisors complete monthly audits to ensure equipment is being used properly and in accordance with policy.

Our squad cars also have been outfitted with new Panasonic HD squad cameras that pair with the BWC technology. We are in the final phase of our camera project by addressing upgrades to our facility camera system. The result will be a fully integrated audio and video system that will allow staff to have audio/video coverage through multiple phases of contact with the public.

We remain mindful that audio and video equipment is not a complete be all and end all fix for capturing all aspects of police encounters with the public. People who have never seen a police officer's everyday reality can easily overlook how difficult it can be to face the everyday challenges associated with policing. We, as police officers, must adhere to the Pillars of Procedural Justice and Fair and Impartial Policing. In the policing profession, perception is reality, and the most effective tools we have are housed within the framework of these two tenets. Our police officers have big hearts and a service mind set. They endeavor to serve to the best of their ability.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Mangseth, Police Chief

St. Anthony Police Department Releases Crime Map

The St. Anthony Police Department and LexisNexis Risk Solutions recently partnered to provide a new way for the public to stay informed about crime in both St. Anthony and Lauderdale. The St. Anthony Police Department now has an online crime map called Community Crime Map (<http://communitycrimemap.com/>) that maps and analyzes crime data, alerts St. Anthony and Lauderdale citizens about crimes in their area, and allows the St. Anthony Police to quickly alert the public about crimes as they occur.

St. Anthony and Lauderdale citizens can view a map and grid of crimes in the area, sign up for neighborhood watch reports that automatically email a breakdown of recent crime activity, and submit an anonymous tip about a crime directly to their law enforcement agency. Community Crime Map automatically syncs with the St. Anthony Police Department's records system to keep crime information updated online and in the mobile app. Community Crime Map cleans and geocodes the crime data, then displays all of the incidents on a map, grid, and analytics dashboard along with some basic information about the incidents, including the type of crime, location type, block-level address, date, and time.

Typically, agencies can spend thousands of dollars annually through other crime-mapping providers. LexisNexis Risk Solutions offers Community Crime Map and the Community Crime Map Mobile app as a free service to any law enforcement agency that wishes to participate. Community Crime Map is ad-free and LexisNexis Risk Solutions does not sell the data to third party vendors, thus the agency remains in complete control over their data.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Snow and Ice Removal Tips

By: Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

Did you know that many Minnesota lakes and rivers are contaminated with chloride? This toxic chemical comes from the salt and deicers we use to keep ice off our roads in winter. Chloride is virtually impossible to remove from a waterbody. Just one teaspoon of salt contains enough chloride to pollute five gallons of water forever. Plow drivers now receive special training and tools to minimize their use of salt. You can do your part at home by following these simple tips for pollution-free snow and ice removal.

Shovel, Scrape, Repeat

Shovel early and often during a snowstorm so that the snow doesn't have time to become compacted and turn to ice. It might sound obvious, but the more snow you remove by shoveling or snow-blowing, the less ice you'll have to deal with later. If you're finding that your old metal push shovel with the bent, rusted edges isn't cutting it anymore, it might be time to add some new tools to your arsenal. Your local hardware store carries a variety of push shovels, scoop shovels, ice chisels and ice scrapers. There are many types of snow, slush, and ice, so having a couple of different tools on hand never hurts.

Use as Little Salt as Possible

A 12-ounce coffee mug holds about 1 pound of salt — enough for 250 square feet of pavement. More salt does not equal more melting. If you need to use salt, apply the proper amount of product for the size of the area you're treating. There's an easy way to calculate this. Shoot for a 3-inch spread between salt granules. That's it. Try taking a few measurements initially to see how far your spread is; afterward, you'll learn to eyeball it. If you can create a good spread pattern and memorize what it looks like, it will help you ensure that you use a reasonable amount of deicer every time. If you're willing to spend \$10-\$20, a hand spreader can make the job a lot easier.

Recycling Agreement Renewed with Eureka! Recycling

The City Council recently renewed its agreement for recycling services with the City's current contractor, Eureka! Recycling. The new agreement will continue through June 30, 2024. Due to market conditions, the rate paid by property owners is increasing from \$2.98 to \$3.17 per month or \$2.28 for 2019. As part of the agreement, Eureka! will no longer collect textiles. Starting January 1, residents may use the following guidelines for recycling clothing and linens:

- Non-reusable clothing, linens, and rags may be placed in the trash or dropped off at USAgain drop boxes. Visit USAgain's website for more information and to find a drop box near you.
- Reusable clothing can be brought to thrift stores such as Goodwill. Some charities offer free curbside collection of clothing and other textiles. Visit <http://donationtown.org/> for a list of charities.

Please remember not to bag your recyclables. Plastic bags are not accepted as part of the recycling collection program. When in doubt, throw it out instead of "wish recycling."

Keep an eye on your mailboxes for Eureka's annual recycling guide which should arrive by February 28.



Abandoned Well Sealing Funding

Unused wells can be direct conduits for surface contaminants to reach our aquifers. The Ramsey Conservation District has been awarded grants through the Clean Water Fund to help eligible landowners seal unused wells located within Ramsey County, targeting vulnerable groundwater areas such as Drinking Water Supply Management

Areas. For more information about the program, please visit the Ramsey County Conservation District website or contact Andrea Prichard at 651-266-7274 or andreaprichard@co.ramsey.mn.us.

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New City Apparel



A new shipment of apparel has arrived. Shop at City Hall for Lauderdale 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.