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City of Lauderdale, MN

January-March 2020

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Park Improvements and More

2020 will be another busy and exciting year in Lauderdale. Ramsey County is providing the City with a **grant to improve Skyview Park**. Thank you to those that attended a visioning session on December 30 including Luke Winkelaar, Loue Koncar, Johan Winkelaar, and Lloyd Koncar (pictured left to right). Once a vendor is selected, there will be a design session in late January or February.



1795 Eustis Street. Real Estate Equities remains interested in buying the former Lauderdale School site to build senior housing. They are working through the affordable-housing financing process with the State of Minnesota. When that is completed, they will resume their planning application process. Staff will post updates on the website and through the email distribution list when their application process resumes.

Luther Seminary Land Development. Master Properties, the buyer of Luther Seminary's wooded land in the southeast corner of Lauderdale, is expected to begin their land use application process soon. In the interim, the City Council finalized an ordinance that will balance the property owner's right to develop the land with the goal of preserving much of this natural oasis. Ordinance adoption is expected in early January. Master Properties will hold an informational session about their project at City Hall as soon as their concept plans are completed.



Presidential Nomination Primary Coming Soon!

In 2016, the Minnesota legislature passed legislation establishing a presidential nomination primary as the method to select nominees as major party presidential candidates. Minnesota parties must abide by the results of the presidential primary and send delegates to represent each major party's elected nominee at each party's national convention. *This event replaces a caucus only for the office of president.* Parties will still hold precinct caucuses and local and state nominating conventions to conduct other party business.

The parties decided the date of the presidential primary will be **March 3, 2020**. This will be the first presidential primary in Minnesota since 1992, and we'll be here to assist voters navigate this new process.

Early voting for the Presidential Primary will begin on January 17. If you choose to vote early, you may do so at the Ramsey County Elections Center located at 90 Plato Blvd W, St. Paul, MN 55107. You may also request an absentee ballot from Ramsey County as Minnesota no longer requires a reason for voting in absentia (also known as no-excuse absentee voting). Early or absentee voting for the presidential nomination primary will not be available at Lauderdale City Hall. On the day of the election, voting will be held at Lauderdale City Hall which is located at 1891 Walnut St, Lauderdale, MN 55113. Election day hours on March 3 are 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

JANUARY — MARCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 1	City Hall Closed for New Years Day	
Tuesday, January 14	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Monday, January 20	City Hall Closed for MLK Jr. Day	
Tuesday, January 28	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, February 11	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Monday, February 17	City Hall Closed for Presidents Day	
Tuesday, February 25	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, March 3	Presidential Nominating Primary	7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Voting at City Hall
Tuesday, March 10	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, March 24	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

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 onto 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.

Eustis / Roselawn Construction Spring Wrap Up

Most of the Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue construction was completed before the snow fell. Due to a hold up with the private utility companies, the utility poles in the alley were only able to be moved as the weather turned too cold to pave. The alleys will be paved in the spring as soon as it is warm enough.

There are numerous small jobs that will be completed in spring as well. If you notice issues after the snow melts, please let us know as soon as possible so we can get them on the contractor's "punch list."

Thank you to everyone for your patience throughout this trying summer with the City's project and the County's project on Larpenteur Avenue happening at the same time.

2020 City Council Meeting Schedule

City council meetings will remain on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in 2020 with agendas e-mailed ahead of time. Please contact city staff if you would like to be added to the distribution list. The council packet materials are available on the City's website.

January 14 and 28

February 11 and 25

March 10 and 24

April 14 and 28

May 12 and 26

June 9 and 23

July 14 and 28

August TBD and 25 (due to the August 11 primary election)

September 8 and 22

October 13 and 27

November 10 and 24

December 8



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: The winter movies of 2020 will be *Pavarotti* on January 9, the *Peanut Butter Falcon* on February 13, and *Downton Abbey* on March 12.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Recycle holiday trees, lights and cords

Did you know holiday trees, lights and electrical cords can be recycled?

Ramsey County's household hazardous waste collection site accepts holiday string lights and electrical cords. The collection site is located at 5 Empire Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55103 and is open Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Christmas trees can be brought to Ramsey County yard waste collection sites that accept trees and branches, where they will be mulched. Participating yard waste sites include Arden Hills, Frank and Sims, Midway, and White Bear Township. Please remove all decorations, lights, wire, tinsel, and tree bags. Flocked trees are not accepted and may be placed in the trash.

Residents may also contact their trash hauler to see if they accept trees for disposal or haul it to a compost site. A fee may be charged.

Elongate hemlock scale: Due to elongate hemlock scale (EHS) **do not** bring wreaths, swags, boughs and other evergreen decorations to county yard waste sites. Please place them in a plastic bag and put them in your trash. Do not burn wreaths or other evergreen decor.

For more information visit RamseyRecycles.com or call Ramsey County's Recycling and Disposal Hotline (651) 633-EASY (3279), which is answered 24/7.



Lions Club Offering \$1,000 Joe Barrett Scholarship

The Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club is offering a \$1,000 Joe Barrett Scholarship for two 2020 RAHS graduates. The only selection criterion established by the Lions Club is that the recipients be a resident 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 28.

2020 Budget and Levy Adopted

The City Council adopted the 2020 levy and budget at the December 10 city council meeting. The General Fund budget balanced at \$1,484,684, an increase of 3.2% over 2019. For 2020, the median value home increased to \$218,00 from \$206,300 in 2019. Due to the increase in values relative to the rest of Ramsey County, residents of a median valued home in Lauderdale can expect an overall property tax increase of \$104. Of this amount, approximately \$44 will be for city operations.

Rates for storm sewer and recycling services increased slightly for 2020 while the Council held the sanitary sewer rate flat. The storm sewer rate increased 2.0% which amounts to an additional \$0.35 per quarter. The Council adopted a recycling collection rate increase of \$2.00 per month.

Join the E-mail Distribution List

Feedback shows our best method of communication is the city's email distribution list. Staff regularly send out information about council meetings, community events, crime alerts, construction updates, voting information and so much more. Those on the list have said they feel well informed of city happenings. This year will be another busy one with the redevelopment of 1795 Eustis Street. If you want to be in the know about city projects, join the list by sending your email address to heather.butkowski@lauderdalemn.org or use the "E-Mail Updates" link on the City's website.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Help Lauderdale: Work for the U.S. Census Bureau!

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring for the 2020 Census and is looking for residents to be census takers in Lauderdale. **As of the date the newsletter went to print, the Census was looking to hire 36 Lauderdale residents and only 13 residents had applied!** The positions are temporary with varying pay ranges including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff and supervisory staff. For Census Takers, the pay starts at \$22.00/hour.

By working for the Census Bureau, our community has a special opportunity to help make the 2020 Census an accurate and complete count. There are so many reasons our nation needs to be counted completely and accurately. The count happens every 10 years with the decennial census, which influences how more than \$675 billion from more than 100 federal programs are distributed to states and localities each year. Here's some of what the census numbers effect:

- Medicaid.
- School lunch programs.
- Community development grants.
- Road and school construction.
- Medical services.
- Business locations.
- Minnesota's number of congressional seats.



If you're interested in a job, please visit the Census Bureau job site to apply. You will also be able to see descriptions and frequently asked questions at 2020census.gov/jobs.

Election Judges Needed!

The City will be hiring election judges for the August 11 primary election and the November 3 general election. Enjoy serving your neighbors and being a part of history. You may choose from full day or half day shifts. Training is provided. To qualify, 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 to do so) please contact Miles City, Deputy City Clerk, at 651.792.7650 or by e-mail at miles.cline@lauderdalemn.org.

WARMING HOUSE HOURS

Lauderdale Community Park, 1885 Fulham St.



Monday-Thursday 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
School Release Days
opens at 10 a.m. on school release
open until 10 p.m. preceding school release



The warm temperatures have made creating ice a challenge this year. We will keep working on it. The hours for the warming house are always weather dependent (too warm or too cold). But remember, you can use the ice to skate even if the warming house is not open. The one exception is if the rinks are being flooded, but that generally happens when it is coldest such as late at night or early morning.

PUBLIC SAFETY



This year, a primary goal of the police department was to review and update the department's policy manual to ensure that policies reflect the vision and mission of the City of St. Anthony and its police department. This vision includes adhering to principles that are consistent with procedural justice and fair and impartial policing standards.

During our extensive work with the Collaborative Reform Initiative for Technical Assistance (CRI-TA) in 2018, we requested and received training for policy review and development. We directly focused on the following policies originally outlined as priorities in the Community Identified Work Plan:

- Traffic and pedestrian safety
- De-escalation tactics
- Fair and impartial policing
- Responding to people with mental illnesses or suffering from mental and emotional distress
- Use of force
- Emergency response and pursuit driving
- Procedural justice

This has been a significant project that began in January 2019, and is now coming to completion after a thorough review by Lexipol, which is a public safety policy and training resource that covers law enforcement, fire and rescue, and corrections. This review process ensures that the department's overall policy development is grounded in federal, state, and local laws, and also includes pertinent case law.

In addition to the work done with Lexipol, we consulted with both the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board, and the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust, focusing on industry best practices.

We are currently engaged in pursuing completion of one of the final objectives related to the goal of updating the policy manual, including issuing the policies, training staff, and ensuring compliance.

Our main goal is to serve and protect, improve the overall quality of life, and preserve the peace and safety of our entire community. We remain mindful that policing involves this partnership with all of our community members.

City staff will work cooperatively to ensure the police department is actively and continuously working towards the goals and objectives outlined in our strategic plan. This plan will continue to aid in focusing our resources, making data-driven decisions, and evaluating how we receive and channel feedback from

all stakeholders. Furthermore, we will continue to identify and prioritize issues that arise within the department and the community to develop better solutions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Mangseth, Police Chief



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Snow and Ice Removal



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 roads in winter. Although they make it easier to get from point A to point B, we pay an environmental price for using these chemicals to melt the ice on our roads. Chloride is virtually impossible to remove from a waterbody. Once it's there, it's there for good. And just one teaspoon of salt contains enough chloride to pollute five gallons of water forever.

In recent years, public works agencies have begun providing their snow plow crews with special training and tools to minimize this type of pollution. You can do your part at home by following these simple tips for pollution-free snow and ice removal.

Shovel, Scrape, Repeat

The best way to remove snow and ice is to 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. It might be time to add some new tools to your arsenal. There are many types of snow, slush and ice, so having a couple of different push shovels, scoop shovels, ice chisels, and ice scrapers on hand never hurts.

If It's Too Cold, Don't Use Salt

Minnesota winters follow a cruel, predictable pattern: the relatively warm temperatures during a snowstorm are typically followed by a big temperature drop. Unfortunately, this renders salt and deicers useless. Salt and deicers only work in certain temperature ranges. Traditional road salt (sodium chloride) doesn't work below 15 degrees F. Other products made of magnesium chloride, calcium chloride, or urea have different melting temperatures, but the bottom line is that if it's too cold, none of them will work. When you think you need to apply salt, check the temperature first and read the label on your deicer product carefully to make sure it will work under the relevant weather conditions.

Use Sand to Provide Traction When It's Too Cold

Sand doesn't melt the ice. Its job is to sit on top of the ice to provide traction. This makes it safer to walk or drive across icy pavements. Use it sparingly, however, as sand is also a pollutant. Much like road salt, it gets washed into storm drains in the spring and ends up adding sediment to rivers and lakes. You can help prevent this by sweeping up leftover sand and saving it for re-use.

Salting: Use as Little Salt as Possible

If you've cleared away all the loose snow and ice and it's warm enough for the salt to do its job, then go ahead and apply it. Just remember that more salt does not equal faster melting - just more pollution and wasted money.

If you use salt, apply the proper amount of product for the size of the area you're treating. There's an easy way and a hard way to calculate this. First, the easy way: 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.



If you want to be even more exact, try to apply the equivalent of 4 pounds of salt or deicer per 1,000 square feet of pavement (A 12-ounce coffee mug holds about one pound of salt). Use a tape measure to figure out the square footage of the area you're treating and then use this ratio to calculate how much salt or deicer you should use.

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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.