

Lauderdale

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City of Lauderdale, MN

July-September 2018

Lauderdale School Celebrated

By Lauderdale Resident Kathy Lerfald



Long-time residents, Eleanor Thompson Gorden (who turns 100 in November) and son Tommy Thompson were among the 240+ people touring the building.

On May 19, over 240 people came to help remember and celebrate the Lauderdale School which has been the Chinese Christian Church for the last 40+ years. A fun day with five former teachers and nine scheduled tours throughout the building. Many volunteers, lots of chatting, laughing, and reminiscing! If you have memorabilia to share (either donate or have returned) or would like to be interviewed, please call Lauderdale City Hall. A history/memory book is being written by Kathy Bernstrom Lerfald, former student and current Lauderdale resident.

The City's intention is to sell the property to a developer whose vision for the site matches that of the City Council and the community. The City Council is interested in seeing some form of senior-friendly housing. It will be up to the new buyer whether they can use some or all of the existing structure but that doesn't seem likely based on what the City is hearing from prospective buyers. In the weeks and months ahead, the City may put items from the building up for sale. If interested, be sure you are on the City's email list.

News from City Hall

- The City took possession of the former Twin Cities Chinese Christian Church at 1795 Eustis Street on May 14. Prospective developers are looking at the site. When a developer seems ready to propose a concept, we will make the community aware.
- In the meantime, the building will find purpose as a public safety training facility. You will see the fire and police departments using the building for a wide variety of trainings. Most of the trainings will occur on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Prior to issuing bonds to pay for 1795 Eustis Street, the City was evaluated for a bond rating. The City received a "AA rating with a stable outlook" from Standard & Poors. As a result, the interest rate the City received on the bond sold was very favorable.
- The City Council is in the final stages of negotiating for the jurisdictional transfer of Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue. If negotiations continue favorably, an agreement could be before the Council in August. If approved, planning will begin in earnest for a 2019 street reconstruction project.
- The City's public works project for 2018 is sanitary sewer lining. Sewer pipes that weren't replaced during the street construction projects between 2000-2003 are almost 20 years older and will be lined to ensure they last another 30 years plus.
- The draft Comprehensive Plan is out for review at www.LauderdalePlan2040.com. Please review and send comments and questions to city staff. Adoption of the Plan is expected later this year.

JULY-SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 4	City Hall Closed for Independence Day	
Tuesday, July 10	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Monday, July 16	Day in the Park Planning Session	6:30 p.m. at City Hall
Thursday, July 19	Farmers Market	4-7 p.m. at Community Park
Tuesday, July 24	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, August 7	Night to Unite	6-9 p.m. Police/Fire on Tour
Tuesday, August 14	Primary Election Day	Voting 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 14	City Council Meeting	8:00 p.m. at City Hall
Thursday, August 16	Day in the Park & Farmers Market	4-7 p.m. at Community Park
Tuesday, August 28	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Monday, September 3	City Hall Closed for Labor Day	
Tuesday, September 11	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Thursday, September 20	Farmers Market	4-7 p.m. at Community Park
Tuesday, September 25	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

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 upon us. Absentee voting for the August 14 primary began 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.

Interested in Serving our Community?

City staff have the application materials you need to complete to be on the ballot for a city office this fall. The office of mayor and two city council seats will be on the ballot. The filing period for city offices starts on July 31 and continues until August 14 at 5:00 p.m. The filing fee is \$2.00.

2018 Election Calendar

Now until July 24

Pre-registration for Primary Election

Saturday, August 11

Absentee voting at City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 14

Primary Election Day, Vote from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at City Hall

Friday, September 21

Begin General Election absentee voting

Tuesday, October 16

End of pre-registration for General Election

Saturday, November 3

Absentee voting at City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6

General Election Day, Vote from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at City Hall

Ramsey County has added early voting locations where all Ramsey County residents can vote. You do not need to early vote at Lauderdale City Hall. You may find that one of the early voting site is more convenient for you. For a complete listing of all available sites, please visit the Ramsey County Elections website.

Recreational Fires Rules

Fires are allowed but regulated for health and safety reasons. Approved materials for burning include: dried trees, twigs, small branches, charcoal, and cord wood. Recreational fires refer to a small fire that does not exceed 3' in diameter and 2' in height. It must also be contained in an area of non-combustible, non-smoke, and non-odor producing materials (i.e.: rock, cement, brick) that is at least 6" deep and be 25' from anything combustible. A fire must be tended at all times. Something to extinguish the flame must be present (i.e. garden hose). A recreational fire shall not burn when an air quality or drought warning are issued. Fires are permitted between the hours of 7 a.m. and midnight. For more details please visit the City's website.

Yard Waste

Did you know that leaves, grass clippings, trees, and other types of yard waste are banned from the trash? Composting is the best option! The plant material breaks down into a rich soil.

Residents may bring plant waste to any of Ramsey County's seven yard waste sites. A photo ID is required. All sites accept leaves, grass clippings, garden plants, and other non-woody plants. Some also accept trees and shrubs (no stumps).

For more information and site locations, please visit RamseyRecycles.com/yardwaste or call 651.633.EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

DAY IN THE PARK & FARMERS MARKET Thursday, August 16 from 4-7 p.m.

Sign up to volunteer @
<http://signup.com/go/hHNdjks>

Day in the Park and the August Farmers Market bring opportunities for fun and socializing. The event will include a water slide, bounce house, games, music, puppet wagon, and more. A food truck will be at the event but feel free to bring your own picnic basket and a blanket or chairs. Vendors will be selling fruits, vegetables, and other home made goods.

Do you have garden surplus you would like to sell? There is no charge to be a vendor. Please contact Susie at LauderdaleFarmersMarket@gmail.com or 651-329-8401 for an application.

Event Highlights:

4:00-7:00 Farmers Market, Food, Games, Water Slide, Bounce House
4:30-5:30 Lazy Does It Dixie Land Band
5:30-6:00 Speakers
6:00-6:30 Puppet Wagon
6:00-7:00 Lazy Does It Dixie Land Band

*You're
Invited!*

Day in the Park Planning Session
Monday, July 16
6:30 p.m.
Lauderdale City Hall

Farmers Market & Entertainment, July 19 4:00-7:00 p.m. Lauderdale Community Park, 1885 Fulham St



July 19: Open Eye Figure Theatre Driveway Tour Puppet Show: Little Grandpa's Big Surprise (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

It's Little Grandpa's 100th birthday and everyone was too busy to remember...but not for long! With the help of her animal friends, an amazing cake recipe, and a few sneaky tricks, his granddaughter Zadie will bring the whole neighborhood together for the biggest party of the summer! Open Eye's award-winning Driveway Tour delights and inspires the young and young-at-heart with this for all-ages outdoor puppet show.

Upcoming Events:

August 16: *Day in the Park*

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.

Puppet Wagon Thursdays June 21-August 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Catch a new show each week! The Roseville Puppet Wagon presents 15-20 minute themed shows on Thursday mornings at Lauderdale Community Park, 1885 Fulham Street. All shows are family-friendly & include a variety of classic tales. A free-fun event for the whole family.



COMMUNITY CORNER

Night to Unite: August 7



Are you new to the area or unfamiliar with your neighbors? Are you looking for a way to connect with the residents around you and in your community? Minnesota Night to Unite is a great resource to accomplish all this and more. Minnesota Night to Unite, held on the first Tuesday in August, is designed to build relationships among residents to make communities safer and ideal places to live while promoting partnerships with the Police and Fire Departments and other local leaders.

Residents with questions or who plan to host a block party on August 7 are asked to contact Miles Cline at Lauderdale City Hall (651.792.7655 or miles.cline@lauderdalemn.org) by Monday, July 30. Please leave your name, address, telephone number, location of party, approximate number of people attending, time your party will begin, and if you require barricades (not permitted on Ramsey County roads).

Block parties usually start around 6:00 p.m. and last until about 9:00 p.m. Block parties receive visits from the police department, fire department, and local leaders. Parties that register by the July 30 deadline will be provided with an ice cream voucher for a free gallon of ice cream from Cub Foods. Once registered, ice cream certificates and barricades will be delivered ahead of the event.

Help Plan Our Halloween Party

The Halloween Party is on Wednesday, October 31 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Help plan this annual tradition for kids and adults. The planning session is scheduled for September 10. If you can't make it, follow the link above to sign up for other volunteer opportunities: decorating City Hall, building a spooky maze, filling candy bags, setting up tables and more. On the night of the event, volunteers are needed to hand out candy bags, grill hotdogs, serve food and beverages, and of course post event clean up. Many helpers are needed for the event.

You're Invited!

**Halloween Party Planning Session
Monday, September 10
6:30 p.m.**

Senior Services in Lauderdale



Saint Anthony Park
Area
SENIORS

The Original Living-At-Home Block Nurse Program

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.

Scams, Fraud & Seniors' Legal Rights: Presented by the Minnesota Attorney General's Office August 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library (2245 Como Ave.). Find out from the experts about your legal rights. All ages are welcome. No registration required.

Senior Cinema Series: Summer 2018 movies will include *Marshall* on July 12, *A Dog's Purpose* on August 9, and a September movie that is yet to be determined. All movies are shown at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library.

PUBLIC SAFETY



Text-To-911: Call If You Can; Text If You Can't

By Sgt. Mike Huddle

Text-to-911 capability now is available throughout the state of Minnesota. Dispatch centers around the state have the ability to receive text messages from cell phones requesting emergency services. The service was first deployed in December 2017. Text-to-911 service can be an option for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech impairments. It is also a discreet way to report domestic violence, home invasions, suicidal individuals, or situations where someone must stay quiet to remain safe. While this service offers an alternative to reach emergency services, text-to-911 should only be used when a person can't safely make a voice call. CALL if you can; TEXT if you can't.

The MN Department of Public Safety and Emergency Communication Networks provide the following explanation on how to text 911:

- Enter "911" in the "To" field
- Text your exact location and the type of emergency
- Send the message
- Promptly answer questions and follow instructions from the dispatcher

Some things to keep in mind when using text to contact 911:

- Use simple words. Avoid using emoji pictures, abbreviations, or slang (BRB, BTW, IDK...)
- The dispatcher will ask if they can call you. Dispatchers prefer voice calls because they get cues from background noise and voice inflections
- Location is not as accurate with text as with voice calls. Be certain to give an exact address. Landlines are still the best call option to provide location information

I hope you never need to use 911, but if you do, keep text-to-911 in mind for situations where speaking or making a call might be unsafe. While there are limits, this option makes 911 accessible to more people and a safer option in dangerous and unpredictable situations.



Be of Service to Our Community

By Lauderdale Resident and Falcon Heights Firefighter Bill Raven

I like to think that deep down the reason I decided to volunteer at the Falcon Heights Fire Department was to fulfill my lifelong dream of riding in the coolest red trucks on the planet, but the real reasons are much deeper than that. The sense of a close-knit community is at the root, knowing and caring about my neighbors. I'm in a position to be able to help people when they need it most. In just a year, the department has become like a second family to me, helping me progress my career and grow as a person. Being a firefighter carries with it a sense of pride and community leadership, and looking back, I only wish I would have joined sooner.

Thank you, it is my pleasure to serve Lauderdale and Falcon Heights

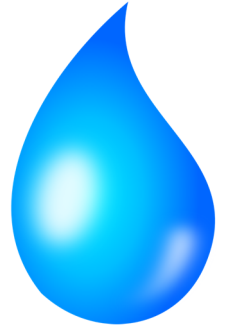
If you have thought about volunteering for the fire department in the past but not followed through, now is the time to reconsider. The Falcon Heights Fire Department has openings. Contact Chief Rich Hinrichs at rich.hinrichs@falconheights.org or 651.792.7632.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

What can I do to protect water quality?

By: Minnesota Water: Let's Keep it Clean

Fertilizer, leaves, grass clippings, animal waste, and eroded soil are all sources of phosphorus. When they are swept or washed into the street or storm drain, they end up in Walsh Lake and the pond in the Nature Area before being carried to the Mississippi River. Do your part!



- Buy phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer
- Apply fertilizer in late summer and never before a storm or on frozen ground
- Keep soil, leaves, and lawn clippings out of the street
- Mow higher. Keeping your grass length to 2 1/2 to 3 inches is healthier for your lawn.
- Pick up pet waste promptly. Pet waste can contain harmful bacteria as well as nutrients that cause excess algae and weed growth in lakes and rivers.

Sink Holes: What to do?

City staff received a number of calls about “sink holes” this spring. In an older community like ours, it is not uncommon to find a void beneath the surface of your lawn. Most often they are the by-product of decayed or collapsed cisterns, wells, or even tree roots (imagine the voids left as the roots of our old elm trees decay). These holes can be hazardous so it is best to take action right away. For cisterns, your options include removing them, filling them in, or sealing them. All wells must be sealed before filling the voids around them. If you are unable to do this work yourself, the best option is to call a contractor with experience to help you decide what to do. Unfortunately, city staff do not have records of cisterns and wells. But as a large percentage of homes in town were built before the City offered municipal water and sewer, the likelihood of finding one on your property is pretty good.

Ramsey County Emergency Notification Service

Ramsey County provided residents with a way to get emergency alerts to their phone. The County Emergency Dispatch Center alerts residents of local emergency situations by landline phone. However, residents also may sign up to receive these notifications by text message, e-mail, or cell phone at one or multiple locations (i.e. home and/or work).



A local emergency is an imminent threat to healthy and safety affecting the locations you added to your profile. Examples include:

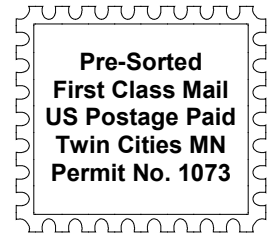
- Hazardous chemical spills or explosions
- A lost child or vulnerable adult
- A person attempting to harm others

Sign up at <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612286#/login>. Once registered, you will receive emergency alerts based on your preferences. For example, you can choose text message first—then email—then cell phone. The alert will be delivered to you in that priority. On mobile phones, the text message will always be delivered from **89361** or **87844**. Phone calls will appear from 651-266-9990. Emails will be delivered from an @everbridge.net address.

City of Lauderdale

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**Return Service
Requested**



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.