

**Lauderdale**  
POPULATION 2,271



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**City of Lauderdale, MN JULY-SEPTEMBER 2023**

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Warm Summer Greetings,

I am using this space to highlight a few of the exciting and important items going on in the City.

Congratulations to Kathy Bernstrom Lorfald on completing her book *Lauderdale School: History and Memories of a Minnesota Grade School*. This labor of love has been in the works for some time and now we can enjoy it. The books are available for pick up at Lauderdale City Hall for \$35.00 or they can be shipped for an additional \$10.00. Contact Kathy at [katyelle@pobox.com](mailto:katyelle@pobox.com) to learn more.

The Fern at 1795 Eustis Street will be open this fall. Emails with instructions for completing the leasing paperwork recently went out to those on the waiting list. If you are on the waiting list but did not receive an email, please call Real Estate Equities at 651-419-5617.

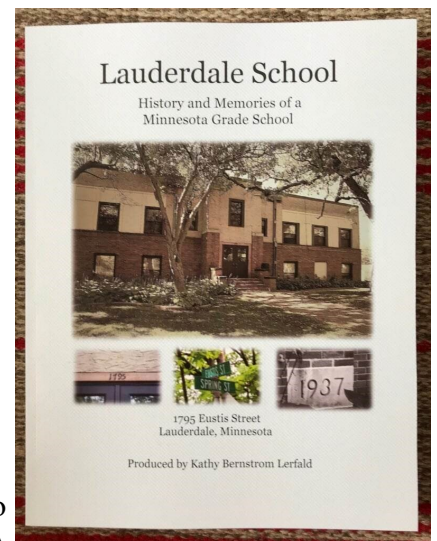
The Ramsey County Board recently adopted the county-wide Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan (CEOP) prepared by Ramsey County Emergency Management staff. Each Ramsey County city has the option to adopt this plan as their own CEOP, which the City Council did recently. A copy of the Plan is available on the City's website under the Fire Department tab.

The City Council will have its annual goal setting session at the July 11 city council meeting. This also starts the 2024 budget discussion. The state legislature restored half of the local government aid we lost in 2023. This budgetary hole was plugged with American Rescue Plan Act funds. This is one of many topics for discussion and we look forward to community input around community priorities for the upcoming year.

Ramsey County continues to move ahead with plans for the reconstruction of Eustis Street south of Larpen-teur Avenue. As I write, they are selecting a consulting engineering firm to finish the design work ahead of another community open house this fall. In the meantime, the City Council is modeling the financial pros and cons of the turnback options as we update the City's long-term financial plan. That discussion is slated for September 12. The decision whether to take ownership of this stretch of road has future consequences. We will know better what they are by the next newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all at Day in the Park on July 13 from 5:00—8:00 p.m. I love our annual summer event. This also is the time to sign up your block for Night to Unite on August 1. A special thanks to our community partners. Their special events, charitable work, and commitment to community and neighbors are highlighted in this newsletter edition.

Warm Regards,  
Mayor Mary Gaasch



## JULY — SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day	City Hall Closed
Tuesday, July 11	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 13	Day in the Park @ Community Park	5:00-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 25	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 8	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 22	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 4	Labor Day	City Hall Closed
Tuesday, September 12	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 26	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.

## 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](http://www.lauderdalemn.org)

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1743 Carl St; 651.645.7068

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Council Member Duane Pulford  
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Council Member Evan Sayre  
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### ***EMERGENCY NUMBERS***

Police Emergency: 911  
Police Department: 612.782.3350

Fire Emergency: 911  
Fire Department: 651.224.7811

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 PARTNERS

### Minnesota Office of Broadband Development Survey

Help guide the future of the internet in Minnesota!

NineNorth, Lauderdale's cable commission partner, is helping gather information for the Minnesota Office of Broadband Development. NineNorth was thoroughly impressed by responses from Lauderdale residents through the link on the City's webpage. If you haven't yet completed it, please take the short survey (link below or on the City's website) to help shape the plan to make the internet fair and easy to use for everyone in Minnesota.

<https://forms.gle/oJvzw3whANqVbCup9>



### PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY EVENTS

**PIZZA!** On Wednesday July 12 at 5:00 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church at 1744 Walnut will be heating up our wood fired pizza oven. Handmade pizza with the toppings of your choice. Gluten free and vegan options available. Join us for dinner or bring a pizza home to your family. First come first served. Donations accepted.

**CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST!** Friday and Saturday August 4 and 5. Once again this year, Peace Lutheran Church will be sponsoring this community "help your neighbor event." If you have home maintenance chores that eager volunteers can help you with....or if you would like to be one of those eager volunteer helpers, please email the church at [peacelauderdale@gmail.com](mailto:peacelauderdale@gmail.com) or call us at 651-644-5440. We will call you back to discuss your project.

We welcome ideas about how we can enhance the vibrant Lauderdale neighborhood. Please share your ideas about how we can be good neighbors! [www.peacelauderdale.com](http://www.peacelauderdale.com).



# DAY in the Park

**THURSDAY, JULY 13**

**5-8 p.m. Lauderdale Community Park**

**5:00-8:00 Farmers Market, Community Partners,  
Games, Water Slide, Inflatable**

**5:00-6:00 Lazy Does It Dixie Land Band**

**6:00-6:30 Speakers**

**6:30-7:00 Puppet Wagon**

**6:30-7:30 Lazy Does It Dixie Land Band**

**6:30-7:30 All Ages Kickball Game**

**(East vs West of Eustis Street)**

**7:30-8:00 Khazanah Dance Troupe**

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS:**  
WATERSHED DISTRICTS, ST.  
ANTHONY PARK AREA  
SENIORS, NINE NORTH,  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS,  
LIONS CLUB, LAUDERDALE  
WELLNESS CENTER, PEACE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND BE  
SMART FOR KIDS.

**BENT BREWSTILLERY,  
R-FRIDA'S & YUM YUM FOOD  
TRUCKS WILL BE HERE!!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**  
[HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/SARDU  
DZ](https://signup.com/go/sardudz) (OR FIND THIS LINK AT  
[WWW.LAUDERDALEMN.ORG](http://WWW.LAUDERDALEMN.ORG))



## COMMUNITY PARTNERS



### Hello from St. Anthony Park Area Seniors!

SAPAS is hosting the following events over the coming months. Events are held at their office at 2200 Hillside Avenue in St. Paul unless otherwise noted.

“Israel and Jordan: A journey to deeper understanding” by Dave and Michelle Christianson on Wednesday, July 26 at 2:00 p.m. at their office or through Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sapaseniors>.

“Passing on Personal Possessions,” on Tuesday, August 1 at 2:00 p.m. at their office or their Facebook page. They will show the U of M Extension video, “Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate?” with discussion to follow. Participants will receive the published workbook to take home and a piece of pie.

A concert by Swinging on a Star on September 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Lauderdale Community Park. Bring your own chair or blanket and relax for an evening of music.

Fundraising event at the Urban Growler on Sunday, September 17 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and cover a drink and the concert by The Ladies Music Club. Buy tickets at their office or via their website.

Watch “Lives Well Lived” on Monday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m. at their office. Encompassing over 3,000 years of experience, diverse people share their secrets and insights to living a meaningful life. Their memories and inspiring personal histories will make you laugh, perhaps cry, but mostly inspire you.

Options to exercise together: chair yoga via Zoom; walk Como Lake with a group; and join the senior exercise class on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall!

The in-person caregiver group meets on the fourth Monday of the month from 11:00 a.m. - noon. This group includes a self-care component of breathing, stretching, and relaxation.

Foot care nurse appointments are available at Lauderdale City Hall.

Virtual BINGO is every other Wednesday. Participants can join these gatherings by phone or internet device. They have iPads and hot spots to lend if you are in need of one in order to participate.

To find out more about their programs visit their website at [www.sapaseniors.org](http://www.sapaseniors.org) or contact them at [office@sapaseniors.org](mailto:office@sapaseniors.org) or 651-642-9052.

### Roseville Area League of Women Voters

Tuesday, September 12  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

The Roseville Area League of Women Voters, along with the Ramsey County Public Library (RCPL) will co-host a program, taking a look at artificial intelligence (AI) from a scaled-down, local perspective on Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Roseville branch of RCPL. The public is invited!



## PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES



### Safety for Pedestrians, Bicyclists, and Pets

By Officer Jonathan Schlingman

After a long winter and spring, residents want to enjoy the warm summer weather. Whether going for a walk or riding bikes with friends or our furry animal friends, there are some rules to keep in mind to stay safe.

**Walk against traffic (left side of roadway):** Facing traffic gives pedestrians the ability to see vehicles as they come toward them. This allows for pedestrians to get out of the way or dodge traffic if needed. The use of a sidewalk, if available, is always recommended.

**Bike with traffic (same as with vehicles):** Bicyclists must obey all traffic laws (Minnesota Statute 169.222, Subdivision 1).

**When biking at night:** At night, you must have both a front light and a rear red reflector attached to your bike. This helps motorists better detect you in the dark. (Minnesota Statute 169.222, Subdivision 6).



**Wear bright colors:** Wearing bright colors helps drivers see you. When walking at night, reflective gear or a small flashing light can increase your visibility.

**Put away your cell phone:** Looking at your phone distracts you from your surroundings. You may not notice other vehicles, walkers, or runners that are heading in your direction. If using earbuds, turn off the noise cancelling function so you can hear what is happening around you.

**Using a short leash for animals:** Using a short leash for your furry friend allows you to prevent them from darting into traffic. This also keeps them at a secure distance from other walkers and bikers.

**Reminder for pet owners:** There is a city ordinance against having an animal off leash. This includes public parks. Learn more about our pet ordinances at [www.lauderdalemn.org](http://www.lauderdalemn.org).

### Night to Unite

St. Anthony Police Department and St. Paul Fire Department have different sign ups. Please complete the online forms for the safety officials you wish to invite to your event.



## TUESDAY, AUGUST 1



Learn more & register your block party at: [savmn.com/Night2Unite](http://savmn.com/Night2Unite)

To have St. Paul Fire Department at your event, register at: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/cc56d24ff1db49389c17a2b78cb64e78>.



# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

## What is an Illicit Discharge?

The US Environmental Protection Agency defines an illicit discharge as, “any discharge into a storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater.” This means that anything other than the water that falls from the sky is an illicit discharge. There are many hazardous household products, yard care products, fertilizers, dog waste, car soaps, and automotive fluids that pollute and degrade local water quality.

Municipalities are required to implement programs to “detect and eliminate” illicit discharges. This is important because what goes down the storm sewer drain does not go to a waste water treatment facility. It goes directly into local water bodies where people swim, participate in recreational water activities, and fish. If a gallon of pollutant goes down the storm drain, then a gallon of pollutant washes into the waters that people are using for fun and food.

Please be cautious about what washes off of your property and notify staff at City Hall at 651-792-7650 if you detect any illicit discharge. It is illegal and can directly affect you!



## Can I Recycle Small Plastic Items like Straws and Bottle Caps?

Don't put small items like straws, plastic utensils, or loose caps in the recycling. Small items fall through the recycling equipment and don't get recycled. Instead, put small plastic items in the trash.

A good rule of thumb? If the plastic item is smaller than your fist and is not labeled with a number 1, 2 or 5, it belongs in the trash.

Do you have a question about recycling and disposal and can't find the answer in Ramsey County's A to Z Recycling and Disposal Guide? Call their recycling and disposal hotline at (651) 633-3279 (EASY).

## Storm Sewers Are Not For Grass Clippings!



Please mow your lawn **AWAY** from the street so your grass clippings do not end up in the City's storm sewers. The storm sewers are not designed to handle leaves and grass clippings from residences. This extra material may cause back-ups which could result in flooding. Save the City and yourself problems and money by being responsible and mowing your lawn **AWAY** from the street. Let's set a good example to show our children that protecting the environment is important.

## **Xcel Energy® Rolling Out Smart Meters in Lauderdale**

Xcel Energy recently mailed postcards to Lauderdale residents about the installation of Smart Meters. The roll out is expected to happen in Lauderdale between July and December 2023. Xcel Energy says these grid enhancements allow:

- For faster recognition and response times to outages
- For homeowners to monitor energy usage in real time
- For secure, two-way transfer of data

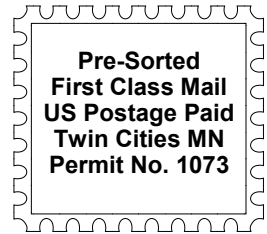
The new smart meter technology will create the opportunity for customers to have new pricing options like time-of-use rates or programs designed specifically for appliances or equipment that use significant amounts of electricity, such as space heaters and air conditioning units.

<https://mn.my.xcelenergy.com/s/our-commitment/clean-energy-technology/agis-smart-meters>

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Lauderdale branded  
apparel:

Short-sleeve t-shirt: \$10  
Long-sleeve t-shirt: \$12  
Hoodies: \$25  
History books: \$25  
Mugs: \$7

*The City would appreciate your feedback!* Please feel free to call or visit us at City Hall or email your questions or comments to [Heather.Butkowski@lauderdalemn.org](mailto:Heather.Butkowski@lauderdalemn.org). Also, please contact City Hall with any changes to your name, address, or phone number.