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City of Lauderdale, MN October-December 2018

Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

The City Council and staff continue to negotiate the terms of an agreement with Ramsey County for the jurisdictional transfer of Eustis Street north of Larpenteur Avenue and Roselawn Avenue. I want to thank all of you for being engaged on this topic. We continue to reflect on the feedback we have received via emails, conversations, responses to surveys, the comprehensive planning process, and so on.

The following is the analysis the City Council is going through to determine whether to take ownership of these roads. A final decision on the matter will happen in late November. In the interim, we continue to look for your feedback.

Summary of the Terms: Ramsey County is offering the City \$320,000 to take ownership of Roselawn Avenue from the sound wall to Fulham Street and \$516,341 to take ownership of Eustis Street from Larpenteur Avenue to Roselawn Avenue. The money must be used for transportation expenditures. The County will provide maintenance of the roads through April 1, 2019 and all non-County branded signage will remain upon transfer.

Roselawn Avenue: When Roselawn Avenue was improved in the 1980s, Ramsey County reconstructed the road which means that the County laid a road base that is considered permanent. Maintenance requires laying a new wear surface every 5-7 years which is known as chip sealing, and grinding off the top layer and resurfacing every 20-25 years which is known as milling and overlaying. The County did not chip seal the road over the years and the last mill and overlay was 31 years ago which is why the road condition has deteriorated. However, the road base is solid so the \$320,000 would cover the cost of a mill and overlay.

Eustis Street: Ramsey County milled and overlaid Eustis Street in 1990 but the road base was not addressed. The County's offer of \$516,341 goes a long way toward rehabilitating the road but does not cover a full reconstruction with the creation of a permanent road base and concrete curbs. The water mains break on a regular basis due to their age. The sanitary sewer infrastructure was rehabilitated by the City in 2013 and will not need to be replaced.

Financial Considerations: Ramsey County considers \$836,341 their final offer. That is enough to finance the mill and overlays of each road which is their typical maintenance plan. To install concrete curbs, new storm water drainage infrastructure, creating positive drainage in some yards, and build a road base that cuts down on future maintenance costs requires additional funding. If a deal happens, St. Paul Regional Water Service has agreed to replace the water mains and share in some of the cost of building up the road base. Special assessments on par with what owners of the city streets reconstructed between 2000 and 2003 would cover some of the improvements. The City Council anticipates financing any additional costs with money earned from conduit debt projects so that the cost would not be supported by the General Fund through the levy.

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OCTOBER-DECEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 9	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, October 23	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
October 27 & 28	Halloween Party Setup	12-8 p.m. at City Hall
Wednesday, October 31	Halloween Party	5-7 p.m. at City Hall
Saturday, November 3	Early Voting	10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, November 6	Election Day	Voting 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Monday, November 12	Veterans Day	City Hall Offices Closed
Tuesday, November 13	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Thursday, November 22	Thanksgiving Holiday	City Hall Offices Closed
Friday, November 23	Thanksgiving Holiday	City Hall Offices Closed
Tuesday, November 27	City Council Meeting / Truth in Taxation	7:30 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, December 11	City Council Meeting / Comp Plan PH	7: 30 p.m. at City Hall
December 24 / 25	Christmas Holiday	City Hall Offices Closed
Tuesday, January 1	New Years Holiday	City Hall Offices Closed

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
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

2018 General Election Calendar

Now until October 16

Pre-registration for the 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 added early voting locations where all Ramsey County residents can vote. It is not necessary to vote at Lauderdale City Hall if you find one of the early voting sites more convenient. For a complete listing of all available sites, please visit the Ramsey County Elections website.

2019 Budget and Levy

The City Council adopted the preliminary levy during the September 25 city council meeting. The budget balanced at \$1,437,074. This is an increase of \$50,650 or 3.6% over 2018. Among the cost drivers are increases in public safety and updating the zoning code upon adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. The resulting local levy increase is 5.8% as fiscal disparities revenue increased slightly in 2019.

On average, households will see a moderate increase in their city property tax bills. The anticipated property tax increase is approximately \$39 on a median value home.

Lauderdale's median home value for 2019 is \$206,300 or 9.1% higher than the previous year. Due to the sizable increase in home values compared to the rest of Ramsey County, homeowners may see increases in the school district and county portions of their tax bills.

In the coming weeks, the City Council will assess other costs to run the City in 2018 and establish storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and recycling rates.

Residents will receive a statement of their proposed property taxes from Ramsey County before the end of November. A public hearing and presentation on the 2018 city budget and levy will be held at the November 27, 2018 City Council meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. All residents and business owners are welcome to attend. Adoption of the budget and levy will be during the December 11, 2018 city council meeting.

Staff answer budget questions at City Hall during the day; please stop by or set up an appointment.

Absentee Voting

Election season is upon us. Absentee voting for the November election began on September 21. Visit www.mnvotes.org to learn how to register to vote or apply for an absentee ballot.

You may also vote at City Hall during our regular office hours.

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Community Considerations: The City Council is considering taking ownership of the roads to be able to proactively manage the streets. Ramsey County has a limited road reconstruction budget and focuses on higher traffic volume roads. They do not follow the same roadway maintenance philosophy and their low volume roads see sporadic improvements followed by years of decline. These years of decline bring about the myriads of concerns we hear continually from residents about danger to pedestrians and bikers, damage to vehicles from the potholes, and the overall lack of curb appeal in our main residential thoroughfare. The road we design would look and operate like the other residential streets. Decisions over traffic control, signage, parking, road striping, and boulevard tree maintenance, would rest locally with the City Council. The costs are real but so are the benefits of controlling these two important stretches of roadway.

Next Steps: The City Council is looking for input on what residents think this will mean to the community. Based on that feedback, we will continue to evaluate the terms of the deal and decide whether to approve it. Please send your written comments to council@lauderdalemn.org. Additionally, we will take your feedback at our October 23 city council meeting. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall.

Sincerely,

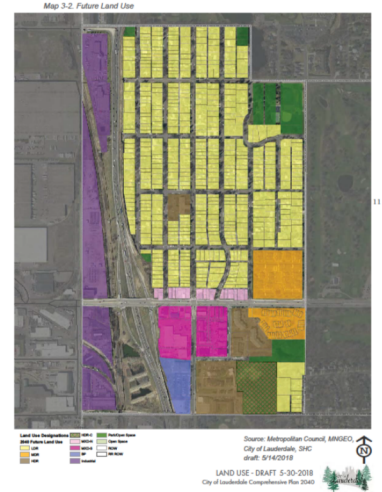
Mayor Mary Gaasch

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Comprehensive Plan Status Update

Thank you residents for your interest and engagement through the Comprehensive Plan update process. The perspectives you provided during the open houses, at Farmers Markets, and during our meetings has culminated in a Plan that will soon be adopted. There are many new land use designations and plans that will set Lauderdale on a course prepared for the future. If we haven't received your feedback yet, please take a look at the draft Plan at www.lauderdaleplan2040.com.

Our neighboring cities are reviewing the draft Plan and we anticipate adoption before the end of the year. Prior to adoption will be a final public hearing scheduled for the December 11 city council meeting. But please don't wait that long to share your ideas with us. Send comments to heather.butkowski@lauderdalemn.org.



Luther Seminary Land for Sale

Luther Seminary owns about seven acres of wooded land tucked away south of Idaho Avenue and east of Eustis Street on our border with the City of St. Paul.

One of the land use designation changes noted above is for this piece of land. The goal of the City Council is to preserve as much of this undeveloped land as possible for the benefit of both wildlife and residents. This is being accomplished by the establishment of a new zoning district that will encourage development at the fringe in exchange for some of the land to be held in a permanent conservation easement.

The city's planning consultant is drafting the zoning for this area and looking for perspectives from the community on the future of this unique piece of land. They will be available during the annual Halloween party at City Hall to hear your thoughts. Stop by and share you ideas in exchange for a treat.

Check out the draft land use plan at www.lauderdaleplan2040.com.

Future Zoning Updates

Legally, the City has nine months from the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan to update its zoning ordinances so that they are in lock step. As such, drafting will begin in earnest in January 2019. Be on the lookout in the next newsletter for more information on how you can be involved.

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: Come play board games with your neighbors on the second and third Fridays of the month from 10 a.m.—noon. The group meets in the fellowship hall at Centennial Methodist Church (2200 Hillside Avenue). All are welcome; no RSVP necessary; no charge to attend.

Senior Cinema Series: Fall movies include *Chappaquidick* on October 11, *Mama Mia!* on November 8, and *Oceans 8* on December 13. Movies are shown at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library.

COMMUNITY CORNER



2018 Lauderdale Halloween Party

City Hall is accepting donations of candy or money.

Halloween is on Wednesday this year. The party will run from 5-7 p.m.

Set-up for the event will be Saturday and Sunday, October 27-28 from 12-8 p.m.

Set-up includes decorating City Hall, building and decorating a spooky maze, filling candy bags, setting up tables/chairs and more.

On the night of the event, volunteers are needed to hand out candy bags, grill hotdogs, serve food and beverages, and the all important post-event clean up.

Many helpers are needed. Sign up to volunteer @ <http://signup.com/go/VLFHciX> (or click the link at www.lauderdalemn.org). Contact City Hall for more information.

2018 Community Event Contributors



Thank you to the following financial sponsors:

Beaupre Aerial Equipment, Falcon Heights—Lauderdale Lions Club, Xcel Energy, Stantec Consulting Services, Sunrise Banks, Korean Service Center, Nelson Financial Services, James Roehrenbach—State Farm Insurance, Lauderdale BP, Zack Zehrer—Coldwell Banker Burnet.

Thank you to the following contributors of goods or services:

Community Involvement Committee, Northern Lights 4-H Club, St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, Rice Creek Watershed District, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, Park Bugle, Capitol Region Watershed District, CTV15 Community Television, Ramsey Conservation District, Falcon Hts-Lauderdale Lions Club, and numerous volunteers.

SKATING RINKS:

Flooding for the skating season begins when temperatures are below freezing. Rinks will be open by the winter break for area schools if the weather cooperates. Open hours are always contingent on weather conditions.



Warming House/Ice Rink Attendant applications will be available starting in November. Contact City Hall for more information.

WARMING HOUSE HOURS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY



Police Department Updates

By Police Chief Jon Mangseth

In October 2017, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Orientated Policing Services (COPS) Office approved our request for participation in the retooled Collaborative Reform Initiative for Technical Assistance (CRI-TA). A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was entered into and work began in January 2018. Prior to our first meeting, the CRI-TA site team drafted a work plan that encompassed monthly (week long) technical assistance site visits and focused on our priorities. This work plan was unveiled to our community during an open house in February 2018.

The DOJ CRI-TA site team made monthly visits to increase the capacity and bandwidth within our agency and create the strategic plan which was unveiled to the public this past June. You can find the supporting documentation on St. Anthony's website www.savmn.com.

Our final meeting with the DOJ was Tuesday, July 10 which focused on our response to mental illness calls for service and to close out the CRI-TA process. Lt. Dan Diegnau, Capt. Jeff Spiess and I met with the site team and took a comprehensive look at each Technical Assistance Priority (TAP) as well as corresponding goals/objectives. After a thorough review, it was determined that the TAP focusing on data driven decision making needed additional technical assistance in order to close. Following a formal request, the COPS office authorized an additional two day site visit to focus on this TAP, which was completed in mid-August. The end of August brought a close to CRI-TA. The COPS Office now is closing the contract based on the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding. We look forward to receiving a closeout letter from the DOJ COPS Office in the near future.

This two year Collaborative Reform process has been challenging but I strongly feel that this journey has enhanced our department and has built upon the professional growth and development of all of us. I am happy to report that we are making great progress in terms of technology and transparency. We recently began the process of outfitting our police vehicles with new HD squad cameras and laptops. The officers received training on September 18 and 20 on the new officer worn body cameras. Our officers are eager to begin employing this technology which is anticipated by mid-October.

The St. Anthony Police Department remains committed to the goals and objectives outlined in our police department strategic plan. This document will not be a static document but a road map for our future. It will aid in focusing our resources, making data driven decisions, and evaluating how we take input from community stakeholders. We remain aware that community trust grows and legitimacy improves when we treat individuals and groups with respect and exercise authority in a manner that is perceived as fair and just.

To Lock or not to Lock, that is the Question

Earlier this summer, Nextdoor was a buzz about whether to lock car doors after a couple of thefts from vehicles. Both sides had compelling arguments. Locked doors are a deterrent for most thieves. On the flip side, individuals noted the expense and bother of replacing windows broken by persistent thieves.

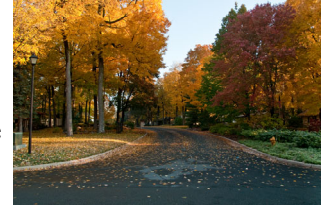
As theft from vehicles is a crime of opportunity, the goal we all share is to remove those items that attract and reward thieves. This year, purses and laptops were stolen from unlocked cars as were loose change and garage door openers. The purses and laptops were obvious scores for the thieves but enough cars with "loose change" can also add up.

Whether you lock your car or not is a personal choice, but the next time you are in your vehicle view it from the perspective of a would be thief. Do your five dollar sunglasses look like fifty dollar sunglasses? How much change is really in your console? Did your kids leave their hand-me-down tablet in the backseat? You might be surprised by how attractive items you don't consider valuable appear to a thief.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

What Can You Do for Water This Fall?

Fall is here. Temperatures are dropping, the days are getting shorter and everyone has broken out their favorite sweatshirts and comfy clothes. The Vikings play on Sundays and pumpkins have started making their appearance. Most importantly, the leaves scattered across the ground are creating pollutants that are entering our water bodies.



Tree leaves contain key nutrients used for plant growth. When these leaves flow into our lakes and streams, they break up, and nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen are released. This is when nutrients become pollutants! These nutrients help algae grow and reproduce. Algae is natural, but it will start to turn the lake green in large quantities.

What can you do for water this fall? Rake your leaves! Taking away this source of nutrients cuts off the algae's fuel for growth. If algae can't grow, our lakes will be clearer. Grass clippings contain nutrients as well. If you are still mowing your lawn, you can catch or mulch those clippings. Leaves and clippings should be composted or bagged and given to a waste disposal organization. Don't forget to check street sewer grates and remove leaves and other debris that could lead to increased nutrients in our lakes and streams.

Last Chance for 2018 Funding



Help your workplace recycle in 2018! This year, BizRecycling, a joint program funded by Ramsey and Washington Counties, has awarded grants to over 150 businesses to help them set up or improve recycling and organics activities. Is your business next? Grant money is still available!

2018 grantees include Clutch Brewing, East Side Pizzeria, Frogtown Neighborhood Association and Roseville Covenant Church. BizRecycling grantees receive a free on-site waste management assessment with one of our recycling experts, along with customized recommendations on how to reduce waste, recycle more and potentially start collecting organics for recycling. Grants of up to \$10,000 are still available in 2018 to help businesses purchase the necessary items to make improvements.

Get started today and visit BizRecycling.com or call 651-266-1199.

Forgivable Financing for Home Improvement Projects

Expensive utility bills and heating system repairs can be a financial burden for many homeowners. To help, the [Center for Energy and Environment](#) (CEE) has partnered with Ramsey County to offer an [Energy Conservation Deferred Loan](#). The loan is zero percent interest, has no monthly payments, and is forgiven if the homeowner stays in their home for 10 years. Income limits apply. Eligible projects include:

- Furnace/boiler replacement
- Water heater replacement
- Attic and/or wall insulation

To learn more or to get started, call CEE's residential loan specialists at 651-789-5706. The Center for Energy and Environment is a Minnesota nonprofit that has been helping homeowners for over 40 years.

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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.