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City of Lauderdale, MN October-December 2020

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Seminary Pond/Nature Area Improvements Began October 5

This fall, the City, in conjunction with Capitol Regional Watershed District, the University of Minnesota, Ramsey County, and the city of Falcon Heights, are making improvements to capture, clean, and slow down polluted rainwater in the south part of the City before it flows into the underground storm sewer system at Eustis Street that drains to the Mississippi River. This work includes expanding the size of Seminary Pond, installing phosphorus filters, and stabilizing the ravines in the Nature Area. This is vitally important as the water leaving Seminary Pond doesn't receive additional treatment before it reaches the Mississippi River. These projects are happening south of Larpenteur Avenue at the intersection of Idaho Avenue and Carl Street. The project is expected to wrap up before the end of 2020 with the exception of the vegetation restoration work scheduled for spring 2021.

Preliminary Budget and Levy Set in September

Lauderdale had another year of significant home value increases. The Ramsey County assessor puts the median value home for 2021 at \$232,400 or 6.5% over 2020. The increased value of existing real estate plus the value of the new home construction pushed the total value of Lauderdale real estate up 13.7% over 2020. The significant increase in property value relative to the proposed levy results in a reduced tax rate (27.44% for 2021 versus 29.30% in 2020). What does this mean? The impact of the levy increase is approximately \$4.96 on a median valued home. Budgets for sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and recycling services are being worked on this fall; rates will be established before the end of the year. Staff will present the budget during the December 8 city council meeting before the City Council holds the truth-in-taxation public hearing.

City Council to Consider Final PUD Application at 1795 Eustis Street

The City is expecting Real Estate Equities, the prospective buyer and developer, to make their application for Final Planned Unit Development (PUD) for an affordable senior housing project at 1795 Eustis Street this fall. Real Estate Equities has completed the City's General Concept Plan and Development Stage PUD approval steps of the PUD process. The last step of the land use approval process is the Final PUD. To begin the Final PUD process, Real Estate Equities must submit an application that responds to all the conditions and requirements identified by the City Council in their Development Stage PUD approval. Among the items that must be addressed in the Final PUD application are: an updated landscape plan; application to vacate the existing alley in exchange for permanent public access to Eustis Street; facility and site operation plans including resident parking, snow removal, and trash removal; and construction plans including parking during site development, haul routes, and site security. The City Council will review the materials submitted by Real Estate Equities at their meetings this fall and winter. The required approval includes a purchase agreement, development agreement, rezoning, alley vacation, and conditional use permit. If you have any questions about the process, or want to see Real Estate Equities Final PUD application materials, please do not hesitate to contact city staff.

Skyview Park Completion

Skyview Park will be completed by the time you read this. Thank you again to all who helped create the vision. Thank you to Ramsey County who provided the City with the \$115,000 to make the project happen. A special thank you to the children that waited so patiently for the project to be completed. Enjoy!

OCTOBER — DECEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 13	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 31	Absentee Voting—Extended Hours	10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, November 3	General Election	7:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. at City Hall
Tuesday, November 10	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day	City Hall Closed
Thursday, November 12	Special City Council Meeting— Canvassing Election Results	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 24	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27	Thanksgiving Holiday	City Hall Closed
Tuesday, December 8	City Council Meeting / Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25	Christmas Holiday	City Hall Closed

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: 651.224.7811

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

2020 ELECTION INFORMATION

Voting Options in 2020

All Lauderdale residents have the option to vote absentee one of these ways: at home, at City Hall, or at a Ramsey County voting center. All Lauderdale residents also may vote at City Hall on election day.

If you want to vote absentee *at home*, contact city staff for an absentee ballot application or apply online at www.mnvotes.org. The ballot may be returned by mail or dropped off at City Hall.

If you want to vote absentee *at City Hall*, please stop by during office hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.). Budget 15-30 minutes for this process.

If you want to vote absentee *at a Ramsey County Voting Center*, check out www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting. The locations are:

- The New Brighton Community Center
- Ramsey County Library in Roseville
- Ramsey County Elections Office in St. Paul

Residents are encouraged to register ahead of the election (by October 13) to minimize your time in the polling place. Please contact us for a voter registration form or apply online at www.mnvotes.org.

On November 3, the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The City and Ramsey County have been developing procedures to make the process as safe and efficient as possible.

Please let city staff know if you have questions.

Ballot Drop Off Location

Lauderdale City Hall is a ballot drop off location. You can drop off your ballot during regular office hours. You also may drop off the ballots of up to three other people. The delivery agent must sign a form and show photo identification.



2020 Election Calendar

Until November 2

City Hall is open for in-person absentee voting each day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13

End of pre-registration for General Election

Saturday, October 31

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

Tuesday, November 3

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



Alternative Voting Options

If these voting options don't work for you or a family member, there are two other options available.

Agent Delivery:

Starting October 27 and lasting until 2:00 p.m. on November 3, a person may pick up and return a ballot for an individual that:

- lives in a nursing home, assisted living facility, residential treatment center, group home, or battered women's shelter,
- is hospitalized, or
- is unable to go to the polling place due to incapacitating health reasons or a disability.

The agent must be at least 18 years old and have a pre-existing relationship with the voter. City staff will walk you through the process.

Curbside Voting:

Residents unable to come into City Hall may absentee vote from their vehicle. You are encouraged to call city staff before you come so we can prepare for your visit. The absentee voting process is the same as absentee voting inside City Hall. Staff will simply run the materials out to you.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Ramsey County Job Connect

Ramsey County launched the new Ramsey County Job Connect online job board this summer to connect residents and employers during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

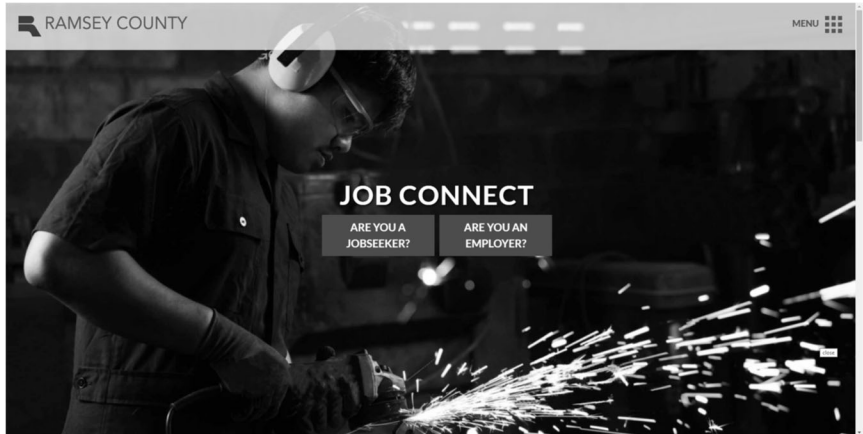
www.ramseycountymeansbusiness.com/workforce/jobconnect

This employment platform is the latest tool integrated within the county's economic development website, RamseyCountyMeansBusiness.com, which provides business development resources and incentives. Job Connect has many unique features including the ability to search for jobs by transit accessibility, keywords, and location using an interactive map. The job board highlights major industries in Ramsey County including healthcare, technology, manufacturing, construction and more. Each listing includes information about the responsibilities, qualifications, industry, education level, nearby transit and pay type.

Exciting features include:

- **No fees for employers or candidates**
- Direct access to post your open positions 24/7
- Increased viewership by community agencies and diverse candidates
- Connections to countywide social media channels

Lauderdale residents, check out the great local jobs. Lauderdale employers, post your openings here to take advantage of our local talent.



Hello from St. Anthony Park Area Seniors!

Saint Anthony Park Area Seniors (SAPAS) fosters community well-being by connecting volunteers to their senior neighbors to enhance their independence and well-being through a four-part program of services: At-home living assistance, wellness activities, nursing care, and caregiver support.

At this time, all live group wellness activities have been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are hosting virtual activities like BINGO and "Lunch Bunch" to eat, chat, and view entertainment together. Let us know if you would like to participate by phone or computer. We also provide the following services free of charge: rides to medical appointments; grocery delivery; face masks; virtual caregiver support group; chore help; computer assistance; and classes through www.yourjuniper.org. We also offer fee-based services including nursing and therapy through *Recover Health*; foot care services by RNs; handyman services; and well-being checks.

We serve seniors and caregivers who live in Lauderdale. To learn more about our program visit our website at www.sapaseniors.org. Contact us at office@sapaseniors.org or 651-642-9052 to sign up for services or our fun events. We return messages during the week, so don't be shy about leaving one for us!

COMMUNITY EVENT UPDATES

Halloween: A New Tradition

In response to the decision made by the City Council to cancel the annual Halloween party at City Hall, a group of volunteers came together to plan a Covid-safe, socially distanced, city-wide Halloween event. In an effort to include as many folks as possible, a website was created to register volunteers, offer up some fun activities, and answer questions regarding how and why this event will differ from years past.

Please visit www.lauderdalehalloween.com to find out how you and your family can take part in the festivities and sign up to participate. It's important for the event organizers to have an idea of how many attendees will be expected on The Big Night, so we can ensure enough goody bags for everyone!

In recognition of the strength of our Lauderdale community, we will also be collecting coats, boots, hats, and mittens for People Serving People, a local nonprofit, to help ensure our neighbors have the outerwear they need to stay safe this winter. A donation box is available at City Hall.

Candy and cash donations also may be left at City Hall. They will be forwarded to the party planners.

Again, please visit www.lauderdalehalloween.com for more information. It's getting spooky around here!



Skating Rinks Will Open This Winter / Warming House Closed

In order to keep the community safe from exposure to COVID-19, the City is not planning to staff the warming house at Community Park this skating and sledding season. The size of the warming house doesn't mesh with protocols for physical distancing.

The City plans to create and maintain ice at the skating rinks for those that would like to spend some time outdoors recreating. Flooding for the skating season begins when temperatures are below freezing and the outlook is conducive to building good ice. Rinks will be open before the end of the year if the weather cooperates.

Apply Now: The City hires staff to flood and maintain the rinks as well as turn on/off the rink lights. Rink maintenance and flooding generally occur early in the morning and late in the evening when the temperatures are coldest. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.

Position Information: ☐ Temporary ☐ \$15.00 per hour ☐ Approximately 10-30 hours per week

Contact City Hall at 651-792-7650 or check the City's website www.lauderdalemn.org for an employment application form. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

Street Sweeping

To keep the City's streets looking neat, for the benefit of our lakes and streams, and to meet the obligations of the City's storm water permit, the streets are swept at least twice per year. This will happen again in the next few weeks before the snow starts to fly.

Each year residents rake leaves into the streets. Please don't do this. The sweepers are not equipped to pick up that volume of leaves and they will drive around your house. Consider hiring a private company that provides leaf removal services or bring them to a Ramsey County Yard Waste site.

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policies and procedures to meet department goals.

Body-worn cameras

After reviewing available research, I am encouraged by the positive effects that a body-worn camera (BWC) policy has on community relations and reducing use-of-force interactions and officer complaints. Our officers requested and continue to support BWC.

Use of Force policy, procedures

Per Policy # 300.9 – Reporting the Use of Force, any use of force by a member of this department shall be documented promptly, completely and accurately in an appropriate report, depending on the nature of the incident. The officer should articulate the factors perceived and why she/he believed the use of force was reasonable under the circumstances.

To collect data for purposes of training, resource allocation, analysis and related purposes, the PD may require the completion of additional report forms, as specified in department policy, procedure or law.

In an incident where an officer is required to report use of force the officer shall complete the following:

- Marking the incident as “Use of Force” within the Record Management System details.

- In the Record Management System, a Response to Resistance (RTR) form.

- A detailed incident report, called a narrative report, detailing all factors that were known to the officer prior and during use of each force taken.

Annual use-of-force training, agency compliance and audits

Our department provides all police officers with annual training in use-of-force, which involves a thorough review of Federal and State law, local ordinances, case law, and department policy. Similar reviews take place periodically, throughout the calendar year, at the discretion of patrol supervisors. Additionally, the Minnesota P.O.S.T. Board mandates yearly training for each active peace officer.

The St. Anthony Police Department (PD) is committed to community building and increasing both public trust and department transparency. The following includes specific ways in which we are implementing

Training records must be maintained by the employing agency which documents compliance. Instruction must be based on learning objectives developed by the P.O.S.T. Board, and reflected in the agency’s policy. Yearly audits are completed by the P.O.S.T. Board to assure agency compliance.

De-escalation training

All of our officers receive on-going training founded in evidence-based de-escalation training. Officers will focus on Crisis Intervention Team Training (C.I.T.), and Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (I.C.A.T). All officers complete annual training in Procedural Justice and Fair and Impartial Policing. Research suggests that by increasing public cooperation, the procedural approach to community interaction may enhance the safety of both law enforcement officers and the communities we serve.

As a former nationally certified use-of-force and defensive tactics instructor for this agency, I affirm that throughout my 25-plus year career with the St. Anthony PD, we have always mandated that officers document all use of force and de-escalation tactics.

St. Anthony PD policy manual is available online

In the spirit of community building and increasing public trust and transparency, we have made our entire 1,255-page policy manual available to the public. To review this document, please visit <https://savmn.com/415/Transparency-Data-Sharing> and select policy manual.

SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Misuse of and addiction to prescription drugs has reached a crisis level in the United States. Accidental poisonings are also on the rise. St. Anthony Police Department (SAPD) is doing something about it. A medical waste collection bin is located inside the SAPD lobby and available during business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday). SAPD is located at 3301 Silver Lake Road in St. Anthony.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

BizRecycling Relief Grant

If your business has been impacted by COVID-19 or the recent civil unrest, you may be eligible for a BizRecycling Relief Grant. Get up to **\$10,000** to support a wide range of operational expenses related to managing waste and recycling. The relief grants include more eligible expenses than regular BizRecycling grants and are available to businesses new to BizRecycling as well as those that have previously participated in the program.

Apply at bizreliefgrant.com. Applications will be accepted through October 31, 2020.

Questions? Email info@bizrecycling.com or call: 651-266-1199.

Get Recycling Tips and More

Want to know more about waste, recycling, energy, and other environmental health issues in Ramsey County? Sign up to receive Green Ramsey, a monthly e-newsletter produced by Ramsey County's Environmental Health Division. Just visit their website ([https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/](https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/recycling-waste/education/green-ramsey-e-newsletter)

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Assistance for Removal of Diseased Trees

The first Minnesota trees with Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) were found at the I-94 and TH280 intersection ten short years ago. The spread and damage of the insect are more apparent each year. The City has been removing diseased park and boulevard trees

each year and anticipate that will continue until the ash trees are gone.

As private trees are not immune to EAB, the City Council recognizes the spread of this insect creates a financial liability to home owners with ash trees. In response, the City Council has approved the use of "petition and waiver" agreements to pay for the upfront costs

of removing diseased and hazardous trees. This allows homeowners to spread the costs of diseased tree removal over a couple of years by paying back the expense via special assessments.

If you have a tree you are concerned about, contact city staff to learn more about the process.

What Can You Do to Improve Water Quality this Fall?

We know it's autumn by the crunch of leaves under our feet. We also know each autumn that the leaves are releasing pollutants that are entering our water bodies. Tree leaves contain key nutrients used for plant growth. If 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 to improve water quality this fall? Rake your leaves! Removing these nutrients from the equation will cut 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, bag up or mulch those clippings. Leaves and clippings are collected at Ramsey County Yard Waste locations. The service is free to Ramsey County residents so don't forget to bring your ID. Don't forget to clean out the storm sewer grates and gutters along the street as well. The more leaves and other debris removed, the better for our lakes and streams.



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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.