

A graphic of a white rectangular sign with a red border, mounted on a black post with green foliage at the base. The sign contains the text "Lauderdale" in a large, bold, black serif font, and "POPULATION 2,271" in a smaller, black sans-serif font below it.

**Lauderdale**  
POPULATION 2,271

# Lauderdale Crier

**City of Lauderdale, MN OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2022**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

Warm Fall Greetings,

Halloween is one of my favorite days of the year. Over the past two years, a heroic group of volunteers pulled together fabulous and safe Halloween activities around the City and at Community Park. We thank them for their creativity and the memories created. The City would be happy to partner with any residents or organizations who wish to follow in their footsteps and make 2022's Halloween festivities fantastic. Please contact city staff with your interest.

The City Council and staff are excited to host a more robust Halloween event than we have been able since the beginning of the pandemic. On October 31 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. stop by City Hall to fuel up on refreshments and treats before you begin your evening haunts. If you can't make the event but want to help, candy donations are being accepted at City Hall for the event. If you plan to dish out treats, decorate your yard, or host a fun activity, please let city staff know. We will post addresses of participating locations on the City's website to help parents preplan their Halloween routes.

The City Council just began discussing changing the speed limits on residential streets where the City is the road authority. Recently, the state legislature amended state statutes to give cities the ability to reduce residential speed limits. In my time on the Council, I have heard many concerns over the speed of drivers on city streets. Until the legislative change, there wasn't anything the City Council could do to about it but now we can. The City Council is considering reducing the speed on city streets to 25 MPH. The Council will hold a public hearing on the topic at the October 25 city council meeting. Please let us know your thoughts during the council meeting or ahead of time by talking to a Council Member or city staff.

The city council just approved the preliminary 2023 levy. It was a tough year to balance the budget because the City's local government aid was reduced by \$47,000 and the fiscal disparities revenue by \$17,500. That coupled with projected increases in costs from the inflationary pinch we all feel led to the need to rely on the American Rescue Plan Act funds to fill the gap. We are fortunate to have these federal funds to prevent the large levy increases other Ramsey County cities are considering. Ultimately, the impact of the city levy increase is approximately \$92.00 on a median valued home. The median home value for 2023 is \$274,300 up 18.56% over the prior year.

In November, property owners will get a statement showing the projected taxes for 2023. I encourage you to contact city staff if you need assistance understanding the form. Staff will present the budget during the December 13 city council meeting before the City Council holds the truth-in-taxation public hearing. Anytime between now and then reach out if you want a deeper dive into the City's finances. I know the city administrator enjoys explaining this information to anyone who will listen.

Finally, we look forward to hosting an AmeriCorps member to assist with restoring our tree canopy this year. When the person is in place, we will send out information. They will be a great resource for all of us.

Until we see each other at Halloween!  
Mayor Mary Gaasch

## OCTOBER — DECEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 11	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 31	Halloween @ City Hall	5:00—6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 8	General Election @ City Hall	7:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
Friday, November 11	Veterans Day	City Hall Closed
Tuesday, November 15	City Council Meeting & Canvassing Board	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 22	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25	Thanksgiving Holiday	City Hall Closed
Tuesday, December 13	City Council Meeting and Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing	7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 23 & Monday, December 26	Christmas Holiday	City Hall Closed
Monday, January 2	New Year's 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](http://www.lauderdalemn.org)

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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

# 2022 ELECTIONS INFORMATION

## General Election Voting Options in 2022

All Lauderdale residents may vote absentee from home by mail, at Lauderdale City Hall, or at a Ramsey County voting center. Lauderdale residents also may vote at City Hall on election day.

If you want to vote absentee *by mail*, please contact city staff for an absentee ballot application or apply online at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org).

If you want to vote absentee *at City Hall*, please stop by during office hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday). Budget about a half hour for this process.

If you want to vote absentee *at a Ramsey County Voting Center*, check out [www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting/voters/vote-election-day/vote-person](http://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting/voters/vote-election-day/vote-person)

The locations are:

- Ramsey County Library in Roseville
- Ramsey County Elections Office in St. Paul

Residents are encouraged to register ahead of the election (by October 18) to minimize wait time in the polling place. Please contact city staff for a voter registration form or apply online at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org).

On November 8, the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please let city staff know if you have questions.

## 2022 General Election Calendar

### Friday, September 23

General Election absentee voting begins

### Tuesday, October 18

End of pre-registration for General Election

### Saturday, November 5

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

### Tuesday, November 8

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



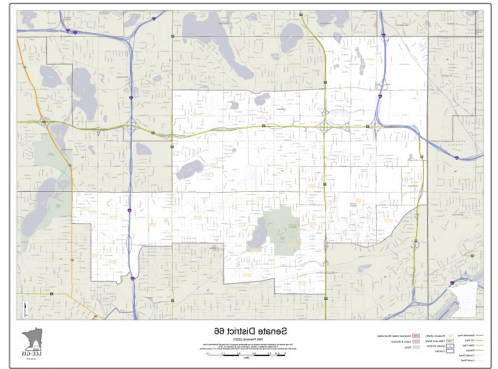
## Reception for Senator John Marty and Representative Alice Hausman

Location: Lauderdale City Hall

Date/Time: December 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

The City Council invites all residents and business owners to a reception to recognize State Senator Marty and State Rep. Hausman. Due to redistricting, Lauderdale will no longer be served by Senator Marty and Rep. Hausman has decided to retire from state politics. Collectively, they have served Lauderdale for more than a half century. All are welcome to stop by City Hall starting at 6:30 p.m. on December

13 to share your appreciation and wish them luck in their future endeavors.



## Turtles Hatched!

Defying the odds of survival, neighbors of Community Park reported seeing at least 12 baby snapping turtles hatch in August. The mother turtle laid the eggs in the sand volleyball court in June. Thank you Andrew Lewis and Crystal Hedman for the great photos.



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## CITY HALL UPDATES

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### Coming Soon: Seasonal Hiring for the Skating Rinks

The City soon will be hiring for rink maintenance activities such as scraping and flooding of the hockey and recreational rinks. The rinks are usually flooded in the evening after open skating or in the early morning when temperatures are coldest. We also are looking for employees to staff the warming house each day. Responsibilities include monitoring activity on the rinks and sledding hill and keeping the warming house clean and tidy. It is possible to apply for one or both positions. If you are an early riser and only interested in early morning ice rink maintenance, you may also apply. Applications will be available on the city's website by October 15.



### Fall 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 flies.

Each year we ask residents not to rake leaves into the streets. The sweepers are not equipped to pick up that volume of leaves. Sweepers will drive around your house if they see a cluster of leaves near the curb.

Please consider hiring a private company that provides leaf removal services or bring them to a Ramsey County Yard Waste (see page 7) site if you have an abundance of leaves.

### Ramsey County Recycling Updates

Ramsey County is planning to build a new Environmental Service Center to make it easier for residents to reduce waste, reuse, recycle, and compost while furthering environmental protection, racial and health equity, and environmental justice.

The proposed site is 1700 Kent Street in Roseville.

Services at the center will include:

- Recycling, household hazardous waste, and electronics drop off.
- A free product reuse room.
- Space for Fix-It Clinics and other environmental education activities.



Ramsey County is hosting virtual and in-person events to let you learn more about the project.

**Virtual: Tuesday, Oct. 18, 5-6:30 p.m.**

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93452121153?pwd=TmhmbkFBT0cybC9EamRlWkRtUkZ3dz09#success>

Zoom Call In Number: [16513728299](tel:16513728299)

Meeting ID: 938 0255 4347; Passcode: 642394

**In-Person: Monday, Oct. 24, 5-7 p.m.**

New Life Presbyterian Church

965 Larpentour Avenue West, Roseville, MN 55113



# Halloween at City Hall

**Location: 1891 Walnut St**

**When: October 31, 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.**

Visit us in front of City Hall for treats and refreshments. We will be handing out candy to trick-or-treaters so be sure to bring your trick-or-treat bag!

## Halloween Candy Donations

If you don't plan to hand out candy at your door to trick-or-treating ghosts and goblins, you may leave your candy and cash donations at City Hall. You will receive a flyer to put on your door in recognition of your donation.

## Calling Other Halloween Sites

If you will be handing out treats or decorating your yard, please let city staff know. Register your activities with the City by phone at (651) 792-7650 or send an email to Jim Bownik at [jim.bownik@lauderdalemn.org](mailto:jim.bownik@lauderdalemn.org). We will list participating sites on the city's website [www.lauderdalemn.org](http://www.lauderdalemn.org) to help parents create a fun route for the evening.



## Hello from St. Anthony Park Area Seniors!

**“Medicare 2023:”** Chris Abbott from North Star Resource Group will explain the changes in the Medicare market and answer questions on October 17 at 3:00 p.m. We welcome participants at our office (2200 Hillside Avenue) or you can view the online stream at [facebook.com/sapaseniors.org](https://facebook.com/sapaseniors.org).



**Senior Cinema Series** is back! We show movies at the St. Anthony Park Library (2245 Como). Come to see “Dog” on Tuesday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m. and “King Richard” on Tuesday, November 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Do you take care of your spouse or parent? We have volunteers and staff who want to support you. Do you have projects that are too small for a contractor to do? We have a **handyman** who is available to help you out!

**In-person services are available.** If you need help with rides to health-related appointments, home chores, cell phones, computers, or visiting for a loved one while you “take a break,” contact us to get connected with our volunteers. Volunteers are screened and follow COVID-19 protocols.

Our **virtual lunch meet-ups** allow us to get together on Wednesdays to catch up on what we have been doing, play BINGO for prizes, and watch a short video. Participants can join by phone or internet device (computer, SMART phone or tablet).

We **exercise** together online through Zoom. We have a beginning Tai Ji Quan class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and chair yoga on Monday mornings. To find out more about our program visit our website at [www.sapaseniors.org](http://www.sapaseniors.org).

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## PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES

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### Theft Prevention

by Officer Jonathan Schlingman

Theft is a crime of opportunity. You may have been a victim of a vehicle break in, motor vehicle theft, theft of property, purse being stolen, catalytic converter theft, and/or identity theft. Most criminals seek out people that are vulnerable, leave vehicle doors unlocked, garage doors open, keys in vehicles, and valuable property visible. There are several ways that our citizens can help prevent/deter becoming a victim of theft.

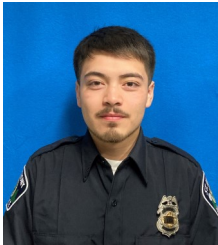
One simple way to prevent theft is to lock vehicles. Most theft from auto/motor vehicles are from vehicles that are left unlocked. Make it a habit to remove the keys, and lock the vehicle whenever you leave your vehicle. Don't leave valuable items or bags/purses in plain sight inside of the vehicle. If you are able to secure your vehicle in a locked garage, do so.

Bike thefts are another consistent crime. Remember to place bikes inside or use a bike lock. Having the serial number of your bicycle written down helps our investigators recover them by using several resources available to law enforcement. LEADS ONLINE is an online platform used by pawn stores throughout Minnesota to track all items that are pawned/sold. SAPD Investigators have access to this platform and can track items by the serial number or make/model to lead to recovery of items and charges filed against offenders.

St Anthony PD recently enrolled in a catalytic converter theft prevention program. All residents and victims of recent catalytic converter theft can stop at our police department to obtain a kit during normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM—4:30 PM. This program provides label kits at no cost that can be installed on catalytic converters to permanently mark them and deter theft. Registration must occur in-person at the police department. For more information, contact the St Anthony Police Department at 612-782-3350.

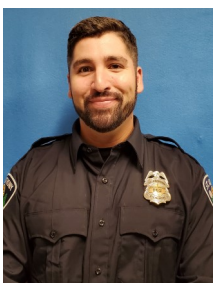
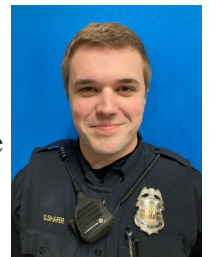
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### St. Anthony Police Department Welcomes New Officers



**Officer Manuel Dominguez**, badge 160, started field training with SAPD in May. He was born and raised in southern Minnesota and graduated from Worthington High School. He attended Alexandria Technical and Community College, majoring in Law Enforcement and earned an Associates of Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement. Manuel has previous policing experience. He was a part-time Police Officer with the City of Springfield, Minnesota, while being employed full time with the Nobles County Sheriff's Department since August 2019.

**Officer Samuel Shafer**, badge 161, started field training with SAPD in May. He graduated from East Ridge High School in Woodbury. He attended Inver Grove Community College, where he earned an Associates of Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement, and attended the certified skills program at Hennepin Technical College. He was a member of the White Bear Lake Police Reserve Program and went on to work as a Community Service Officer (CSO), and Dispatcher, before becoming a full time Police Officer with the City of White Bear Lake in 2018 where he was a patrol officer and field training officer.



**Officer Cody Boegeman**, badge 162, started field training with SAPD in August. He grew up in Bloomington and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. He enlisted in the US Army Reserve, where he reached the rank of E-5 Sergeant. He remained on active duty for six years. He was honorably discharged from the Army Reserve in 2020. From 2016 to 2019, he was employed with the Minnesota Department of Corrections as a corrections officer in HR. In 2019, he received an Associate of Arts Degree from Normandale Community College and was hired by the MN State Patrol, beginning his career in the Law Enforcement Training Opportunity Program. He remained with the State Patrol until July 2021 before transitioning to a job with the Hennepin County Sheriff as a full-time licensed Sheriff Deputy working in the jail. He currently resides in Minneapolis with his wife.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

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### 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 turn lakes 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 but don't forget to bring your ID.

**The closest site is at 1943 Pierce Butler Route, St. Paul, MN 55114.**

**THEY ALSO WILL TAKE YOUR SCARY HALLOWEEN PUMPKINS.**

#### Ramsey County Yard Waste Collection Hours

##### April - November

Monday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

### St. Paul Regional Water New Treatment Plant 10% Complete

Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) and project partner, Jacobs Engineering, have made steady progress on the construction of a new water treatment facility that will serve all SPRWS customers, including Lauderdale residents. The new facility will replace 100-year old infrastructure and will provide improved reliability and durability for generations to come. The water produced by the existing facility is already among the best in the country, and we expect water quality to improve as a result of the ongoing work.

To date, construction work has focused primarily on the demolition of existing infrastructure and excavation of the construction site. Installation of the first pipe work and concrete foundations for the new facility began in the fall of 2022. The new facility will be constructed on the same site as the existing facility, with the existing facility remaining operational throughout the project.

The new facility is expected to become operational in the latter half of 2025 and will undergo rigorous testing to ensure that water quality remains excellent as the transition to the new facility is completed.



### Are the Streets and Alleys Too Dark?

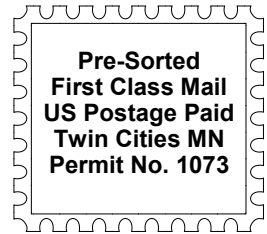
Periodically, residents mention a dark alley or section of a street that would feel more secure if better lit. The question is whether a light can be installed in these locations. The answer is yes. Xcel Energy installs and maintains all of the overhead lights in the City at a reasonable cost. There is always room in the budget to add a light where it makes sense. We ask that neighbors work together on their requests to make sure the new lights don't also light up areas where light isn't wanted, like in bedrooms.



# City of Lauderdale

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Short-sleeve t-shirt: \$10  
Long-sleeve t-shirt: \$12  
Hoodies: \$25  
History books: \$25  
NEW 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.