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City of Lakeville Newsletter

MEETINGS

Monday, August 18

City Council, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, August 20

Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee, 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 21

Planning Commission, 6 p.m.

Meetings take place at City Hall unless otherwise noted. The public is invited to participate in meetings in person. Agendas are available online at LakevilleMN.gov.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taste of Lakeville

Thursday, August 14, 5-9 p.m.

Lakeville Area Arts Center
20965 Holyoke Avenue

Tickets: \$50 advance / \$60 at the gate

Enjoy all-you-can-eat samples of food from some of the area's best restaurants and caterers. Wine, beer and spirits tastings will also be offered. Lakeville Liquors will be bringing a wide variety of beverages that you will have an opportunity to sample and vote for your favorites on Facebook. You must be at least 21 years of age to attend this event. For more details, go to TasteOfLakeville.org.

Lakeville Art Festival

Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, September 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Lakeville Area Arts Center
20965 Holyoke Avenue

This free festival will host over 100 juried exhibiting artists in ceramics, drawing, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking and wood. A Youth Art Tent, Community Art Project, artist demonstrations, live music, food vendors, and a wine and beer tent will also be part of the event. Go to LakevilleArtFestival.org for more details.

St. Paul Farmers' Market

Come to downtown Lakeville to shop at the St. Paul Farmers' Market! Both markets take place in the Lakeville Area Arts Center parking lot.

- Wednesdays from noon to 5 p.m.
- Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

News From the City Forester

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update

EAB continues to infest untreated ash trees in Lakeville, with a visible increase in the number of infested, dead and declining ash trees across the City. Nearly all ash trees that have not been treated are showing signs of infestation.

Forestry staff will survey for infested ash trees in August and September. EAB is identified by looking for generally recognized signs of infestation including insect galleries, canopy decline, woodpecker activity and epicormic sprouting. Ash trees located on private property will be surveyed from the street and property owners will be notified by mail if it is determined that an ash tree on their property is infested with EAB. The letter will provide information on scheduling an inspection to determine if treatment is an option, or if the tree requires removal under the Shade Tree Pest Control ordinance. Property owners are responsible for the costs of treatment or removal of infested ash trees on their property.

It is important that you take steps to manage ash trees on your property.

Ash trees not treated for EAB will become infested and will need to be removed. If you have chosen to remove your ash tree, remember that it is easier for contractors to remove ash trees before they have died

Grand Prairie Park Pickleball Courts Set to Open on Tuesday, August 12

We're excited to announce the opening of new pickleball courts at Grand Prairie Park! The 10 lighted courts will be open to the public beginning on Tuesday, August 12.

The park will open in phases and remains a construction site. We ask the public to keep off the property where active construction is occurring.

Grand Prairie Park is located at 7700 185th Street West.



Ash tree showing signs of EAB infestation

from EAB. Once they die, trees become brittle and high risk, increasing the removal costs.

If you have already invested in injections, now is a good time to have an ISA certified arborist assess any pruning needs. While the treatment window for therapeutic ash injections is coming to an end for the year, you can still call ahead and schedule your ash to be injected in the spring with a tree care contractor. The City has an ash tree injection program which provides a discounted rate to residents to treat ash trees located on private property.

Forestry staff will provide free ash tree inspections. If you notice woodpecker activity, bark splits or canopy dieback on your ash tree, call 952-985-2711 to schedule your free inspection.



COUNCIL MEETING August 4, 2025

Longtime police dog K9 Storm was officially retired and ownership transferred to his handler, Officer Chad Loeffler, upon Loeffler's retirement from the Lakeville Police Department.

The City Council authorized participation in the latest Purdue/Sackler opioid settlement, allowing the City to receive funds to support prevention and enforcement efforts related to opioid abuse.

Amendments were approved for the Sundance Lakeville Second Addition development contract and final plat approval was granted for Heritage Commons 9th Addition (Starbucks and Chipotle).

An ordinance amending Titles 10 and 11 of the City Code was adopted, updating land use and zoning regulations, with a summary ordinance approved for official publication.



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