

The City Newsletter

News for Loretto City Residents

Get to know our newest City Council member, Ben Scanlon

Q: What's the most interesting thing you've learned so far by being involved in local government?

A: *There are many details that go into maintaining a city that I wasn't aware of.*

Q: What is your day job?

A: *I am a project manager and scheduler at Milow Electric in Long Lake and have been there for 25 years.*

Q: Where is your favorite place to vacation?

A: *I enjoy going to Cancun with my family.*

Q: What are your priorities as a council member?

A: *To learn more about the inner workings of our city, be a good representative and continue to make Loretto a great community.*

Q: What is something you like to do for fun?

A: *I like to spend time with my family, bowl, play baseball and spend time at the family hunting shack.*

I was born and raised in Loretto, and continue to raise my family here. Also, my mother, Rita Scanlon, was a council member from 1983-1990.

A warm welcome to Ben, who was sworn in on February 7, 2023.



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Curbside Leaf & Grass Collection: Tuesday, May 2nd

Brush must be tied in 3' x 3' bundles. Acceptable bags include paper (Kraft) or compostable plastic (usually clear or a translucent shade of green or white).

Citywide Garage Sales: May 10th - 13th

City staff will request notice on the Lion's sign. If you would like free advertising on the city website, please contact Connie Scheibe at cscheibe@ci.loretto.mn.us to be included in the listing.

Curbside Clean-up: Tuesday, May 16th

Loretto residents can take advantage of the City's Curbside Clean-up by placing items curbside by 6am. Items NOT accepted are: electronics, hazardous waste such as: paints, oils, liquids, asbestos, propane tanks, and fluorescent bulbs. Republic Services determines what is acceptable. If they do not pick up items, residents are responsible for their disposal. See the [Hennepin County Green Disposal Guide](#) to find how and where to dispose of any item. For large items such as furniture, appliances, or construction debris, call Republic at 763-972-3335 to make arrangements for pickup. There is a charge for disposal of bulk items.

Recycling News

Repair tips from handy Fix-It Clinic volunteers

At monthly Hennepin County Fix-It Clinics, residents bring in small household appliances, clothing, electronics, mobile devices and more and receive free guided assistance from volunteers with repair skills to disassemble, troubleshoot and fix their items. Fix-It Clinics teach valuable troubleshooting and basic repair skills, build community connections and reduce the number of repairable objects that are thrown in the trash.

After helping hundreds of residents get their broken household items back in working order, the handy volunteers at Fix-It Clinics have gained valuable insights into common repair issues. Here are some of their fixing tips:

- ◆ One of the first things to overcome is the fear of taking something apart. The item is already broken, so there's no harm in trying to fix it.
- ◆ Items that seem broken often just need to be cleaned.
- ◆ You will need tools and some knowledge of how to use them in order to fix things. You don't necessarily need a lot of specialty tools - a basic toolset can go a long way.
- ◆ Look for replacement parts. Many items stop working due to one broken part that is relatively inexpensive to replace.
- ◆ Invest in good-quality household items and consumer goods. Higher quality items are likely to last longer, making them less expensive and less hassle in the long run.
- ◆ Consider the ability to repair an item when purchasing it, including how feasible it is to take apart and how well-made the components are.
- ◆ Some things that are broken may not be worth fixing. Make sure to properly dispose of these items. Search the [Hennepin County Green Disposal Guide](#) for options.
- ◆ For more information, visit www.hennepin.us/fixitclinic.



Upcoming Recycling Dates

March 7 & 21

April 4 & 18

May 2, 16 & 31*

June 13 & 27

*Pickups that fall on or after a holiday will be serviced one day late.

2023 Holiday Pick-up Schedule

Memorial Day: Wed., May 31st

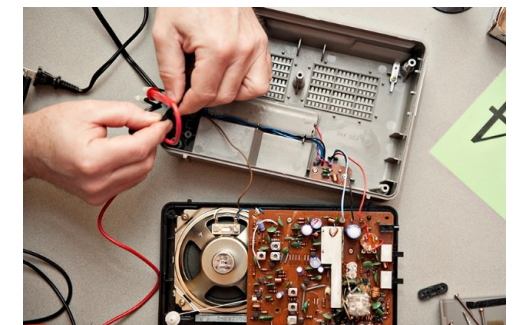
Independence Day: Wed., July 5th

Labor Day: Wed., September 6th

Thanksgiving: Pick-up not affected

Christmas: Pick-up not affected

Route times may change, have carts out by 6am



Help your favorite local eateries reduce single-use plastic waste! Looking to support your favorite food businesses and reduce plastic waste in our environment? MNimize is a new program to help food businesses reduce single-use plastic waste and receive recognition for their efforts. Working closely with business owners to identify opportunities to reduce waste, MNimize also provides businesses up to \$500 to replace single-use plastic products with reusable or compostable alternatives. Businesses are then recognized for their efforts with a listing on the MNimize website and other promotion. MNimize hopes any and all food businesses will take advantage of this free opportunity.

Tired of getting plastic utensils in your take-out order when you don't need them? So are we. Encourage restaurants to get started by taking the MNimize Pledge to offer single-use plastic utensils by request only! Learn more at mnimize.org

#MNimize #singleuseplastic #sustainablebusiness

Miscellaneous News



Camp Ihduhapi Fundraiser

Eddie's Auto and Marine of Mound hosted a Camp Out Fundraiser to raise money for YMCA Camp Ihduhapi in Loretto. Over \$3,500 was raised to provide scholarships for children with financial hardships to attend camp. Pictured left to right: Gary Wyman, Ed Vanecek, Christie Larson, Hudson Hosmer, Jana Graczyk (Camp Ihduhapi Executive Director), Paul Jolicoeur.

Seasonal Spring Weight Limits

Be aware that spring road weight restrictions may be in effect. These limits protect our roads and keep the cost of repairs down for all taxpayers. Check with City Hall before scheduling any large deliveries using heavy trucks. Help protect our roads!

Loretto Larks Home Game Schedule



Come support the Loretto Larks!

Wednesday, May 31	7pm	vs. Buffalo
Friday, June 2	7pm	vs. Maple Lake
Sunday, June 11	1pm	vs. Cokato
Wednesday, June 14	7pm	vs. Maple Plain
Sunday, June 18	1pm	vs. Hutchinson
Wednesday, June 28	7pm	vs. Dassel
Wednesday, July 12	7pm	vs. Waverly
Friday, July 14	7:30pm	vs. Rockford
Sunday, July 16	1pm	vs. Delano
Wednesday, July 19	7pm	vs. Howard Lake
Friday, July 21	7:30pm	vs. Litchfield
August 3-13: Region12 Tournament at Loretto		

For details and schedule updates, visit: @LorettoLarks on Twitter, Loretto Larks Baseball on Facebook or <http://lorettolarks.teams.mnbaseball.org/>

Three Rivers Park District Summer Camps



Lifelong memories are made at summer camp! Three Rivers Park District offers camps for kids ages 4-15 on topics including nature exploration, outdoor recreation, golf, fishing, farming, art and Minnesota history. Campers gain an appreciation for nature while making new friends and memories. Summer camps are available at the Baker Outdoor Learning Center, The Landing, Gale Woods Farm, nature and visitor centers.

Registration for summer camps opens Tuesday, February 28, at 7 a.m. Browse the 2023 summer camps and learn more at ThreeRiversParks.org/SummerCamps.



Three Rivers Golf Academy

Maximize your enjoyment of the game of golf with lessons through Three Rivers Golf Academy! A full progression of lessons is offered by experienced teaching professionals and provides a variety of options to fit golf instruction into your schedule. Public and private lessons, clinics and camps are available for youth and adults of all skill levels.

Registration begins Tuesday, March 7, at 8 a.m. for 2023 lessons and leagues. Learn more at ThreeRiversParks.org/GolfAcademy.

Winter Parking Restrictions Until 3/31/23

There is no parking on city streets between 2am and 7am, with the exception of Medina Street, where parking is prohibited between 2:30 and 6:30am year-round. The restrictions are in effect until March 31st. Police enforce this ordinance to keep the streets clear for snowplowing. If you have any questions regarding the parking ordinance, please contact City Hall.

Dates to Note

City Council Meetings

Loretto City Council meetings are held at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the City Council Chambers, 279 N. Medina St., Suite 260.

Please watch the City website and bulletin board for notices of meeting changes.

Future Dates: March 14, April 11, May 9 and June 13

March 11: Fix-It Clinic, Ridgedale Library

March 31: Last day of winter parking restrictions

April 16: Fire Dept. Pancake/French Toast Breakfast (see back page for details)

May 2: Curbside leaf and grass collection

May 10–13: Citywide garage sales

May 16: Curbside clean-up

Hydrant Flushing

The second Wednesday of each month, April through October, between 8 and 11:30 am. Run outside faucet prior to doing laundry.

Annual Waste Deposit Disclosure Notification

Effective January 1, 1994, state law (Minn. Statute 115A.9302) required all haulers to disclose to their customers the disposal facility used to dispose of their waste. This is notification for 2023.

You may be responsible for any liability that results from contamination at a facility where your waste has been deposited. Minnesota believes that its waste management system provides substantially more financial and environmental protection than depositing waste in landfills in other states. Managing your waste in Minnesota may minimize your potential liability.

Hennepin County disposal facilities are the following:

Dem Con
13020 Dem Con Drive, Shakopee, MN 55414
MPCA Permit #SW290
A primary facility for construction and demolition debris

Elk River Sanitary Landfill
22460 Hwy. 169 NW, Elk River, MN 55330
MPCA Permit #SW-74
An alternate facility for mixed solid waste, industrial waste and demolition debris

Hennepin Energy Resource Co. (HERC)
505 6th Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55405
MPCA Permit #21525-87-OT-1
A primary facility for mixed solid waste

Pine Bend Landfill
2495 117th Street E., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077
MPCA Permit #SW-45
A primary facility for mixed solid waste, an alternate facility for industrial waste and mixed solid waste

Open Book Meeting

The Hennepin County Assessor's Office will host five in person meetings with locations throughout the county. A virtual meeting session will be offered as well. Taxpayers can attend any of the meetings based on their own preference. The available meeting dates, times and locations will be provided with the property valuation notice taxpayers will receive from Hennepin County in early April. The valuation notice will also be accompanied by an insert providing additional information and instructions to assist taxpayers with understanding the appeal options. It is important to note that taxpayers may call their assessor at any time after receiving their valuation notice up until the County Board of Appeal and Equalization (CBAE) deadline for appointments on **May 17, 2023**. Each valuation notice includes a phone number that will put taxpayers in touch with the appropriate appraiser or assessor for their jurisdiction.



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Loretto Holiday Train 2022

After a two year hiatus we were thrilled to welcome the Canadian Pacific Railroad Holiday Train back to Loretto. The train arrived Wednesday, December 14th, 2022. Local businesses, community groups and volunteers hosted holiday activities on West Railway Street. Visitors enjoyed spending time with adorable llamas, rides on the kiddie train, photo ops with roaming characters, festive music and a bonfire as well as free hot chocolate and cookies. Of course, the train itself is the main attraction and featured fun and festive musical performances.

Our fundraising efforts resulted in 1,577 pounds of food and \$21,166 in cash donations collected for local area food shelves. Many thanks to all who supported this event with donations of time, effort, food, funds, staff and supplies. It makes a difference to those in need and truly embodies the holiday spirit!

Planning Committee

Carla Demchuk	Mackenzie Mendez
City Staff	Jason Nelson
Tristan Hafner	John Nelson
Sue Hitchings	Joyce Rathburn
Brittany Jochum	Matt Rohman
Malia Kaszubowski	Mallory Ross
Kent Koch	Helen Skutley
Emily Kohout	



Loretto Holiday Train

by the numbers

- * \$21,166 donated to local food shelves
- * 1,577 pounds of food collected
- * Over 50 volunteers made it happen
- * 34 degree weather
- * 9 lively characters made us merry
- * 4 friendly llamas dressed in their holiday best
- * 2 years since the Holiday Train passed through
- * 1 most sincere Thank You!



Holiday Train Supporters

21st Century Bank	Loretto Fire Department
Laini & Michael Cossette	Loretto Lions Club
Doboszanski & Sons	Loretto Public Works
Eagle Mouldings	Medina Police & Reserves
Hanover Food Shelf	ProLawns
Hennepin County Sheriff's Office	Pete Rohman
Christopher Johnson	Saints Peter & Paul Church
Malia Kaszubowski	Glen, Mary & Emma Schneider
Koch's Korner	Tim Spaulding
LMCC	Stahlke Bus Service
LORAM	Warren's

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Save the Date

What: Loretto Fire Department 75th Anniversary Street Dance featuring: Poprocks, Shane Martin and Stampede

When: Saturday, Sept 9th, 2023 @ 3pm-12am

Where: Railway St. West, Loretto

Pre -order: \$10 Tickets online!
Stay tuned more info coming soon.....



POP ROCKS

13th Annual Pancake & French Toast Breakfast

Sunday, April 16th, 8:00 am–12 noon

Come support your local Fire Department and enjoy a delicious, All-You-Can-Eat breakfast. On the menu are pancakes, French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, coffee and orange juice. \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids. See you at the fire station!

Fire Officer of the Year

The Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association presents one Fire Officer of the Year Award to an officer from a city with population under 10,000. This year they selected Loretto Fire Chief, Jeff Leuer. The selection criteria for the Award emphasizes leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, service to the public and contributions to the fire service as a whole. Leuer was nominated by his peers based on his service and commitment to their organization and his commitment to furthering firefighters' mission in the state. At the December 13, 2022 City Council Meeting, the City Council recognized Fire Chief Jeff Leuer for his achievement and thanked him for his exceptional leadership and service to the Loretto community, both as Fire Chief and as Public Works Director. Congratulations!



WHEN IT RAINS, IT DRAINS. IT ALL HAS TO GO SOMEWHERE

Water from inside our homes goes to a wastewater facility for purification. But water from roofs, streets, and outdoor spigots goes untreated directly into storm drains – straight to our waterways – picking up all kinds of contaminants along the way!

DID YOU KNOW

Excess nutrients, specifically nitrogen and phosphorus, pollute stormwater run-off from urban areas, contributing to the **third greatest cause of lake deterioration** in the US.

DID YOU KNOW

The amount of phosphorus in grass clippings from mowing your lawn just once can produce up to **100 pounds** of unwanted algae if it ends up in our lakes and ponds.

DID YOU KNOW

Just one pound of fertilizer over-application on the average lawn can equate to **34.2 pounds** of excess algae growth in streams and lakes.

DID YOU KNOW

If dog owners don't clean up after their pooches, **390 million pounds** of poop can wash into our waterways every year in just Minnesota! Dog waste contains 10% phosphates and 2% nitrates, contributing to algae growth.

DID YOU KNOW

Leaf "litter" and landscape trash account for **56%** of phosphorus in urban stormwater, not to mention clogging storm drains, causing potential flooding and increasing debris in our waterways.

DID YOU KNOW

When you wash your car in the driveway, you're washing about **120 gallons** of grime-filled water downstream. The soap, together with the dirt, grease, and grime flows untreated into nearby storm drains that run into lakes and streams.

WHY IT MATTERS



Too many nutrients in streams and lakes cause the rapid growth of algae.

Algae looks bad, smells bad, degrades water quality, and can be harmful to your health.

As algae decays, it uses up oxygen in the water, leading to a decline in water quality.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Dispose Properly



- Compost or bag leaves and lawn clippings
- Don't blow leaves or lawn clippings into the street
- Sweep up any spills or overspray of fertilizers on sidewalks or streets

Fertilize Efficiently



- Always follow the manufacturer's application recommendations. More isn't better!
- Fertilizing in early fall promotes healthy root systems – leading to stronger, more resilient lawns and plants

Be Car Smart



- Use a commercial car wash, where water is recycled and sent to treatment facilities
- Wash your car on the lawn or gravel
- Dump your soapy bucket in the sink

Pick It Up & Pitch It



- Clean up dog waste and dispose of it properly
- Pet waste bags are available in most city parks

For Businesses



- Do your part at work to prevent stormwater pollution
- Perform necessary maintenance to ensure stormwater ponds and drainage control structures stay clear of litter and excessive sediment buildup
- Properly dispose of chemicals and grease

Illegal Dumping



- Do not dump chemicals or other waste materials into storm drains — it's illegal
- If you see it, report it

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FREE



Don't trash it – Fix-It!



Hennepin County Fix-It Clinic

Bring in small household appliances, clothing, electronics and more. With free guided assistance, you can disassemble, troubleshoot and fix your item.

No pre-registration required. Items must be carry-in-sized. Bring any parts and supplies that might be helpful. This event is family friendly!

Events are held monthly. Check back for additional dates.

Sunday

February 12

Noon - 4 p.m.

Last items accepted at 3:30 p.m.

American Swedish
Institute

2600 Park Avenue South
Minneapolis

Saturday

March 11

Noon - 4 p.m.

Last items accepted at 3:30 p.m.

Ridgedale Library
12601 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka

Saturday

April 8

Noon - 4 p.m.

Last items accepted at 3:30 p.m.

Brooklyn Park Community
Activity Center
5600 85th Avenue North
Brooklyn Park

Volunteers needed

Do you have skills in mechanical, electrical or computer repair, soldering, sewing or general tinkering? We need volunteers to help others learn to repair their items. Contact Nancy Lo at nancy.lo@hennepin.us or 612-348-9195.

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