



The City Newsletter

News for Loretto City Residents March 2011



SAVE THE DATE SEPT. 17TH

12TH ANNUAL LORETTO FUN FEST

2:00PM TILL DARK

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NOTICE: CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE SET FOR MAY 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th



City

Clean Up

Wide

Tues. May 17, 2011—City Curb Side Clean Up

Items that will not be taken are: Paints, Hazardous Waste, Asbestos, Propane Tanks, & Florescent Bulbs.

For bulk items such as couches, mattresses, or Construction Debris, Please call Randy's at 763-972-3335 to make arrangements for pickup and have your credit card number ready.

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Tues May 24th, 2011 -Leaf & Grass Collection

Please have on curbside by 6AM that morning

Brush must be tied in 3" x 3" bundles.

Plastic bags of yard waste will not be accepted. All yard waste must be in Compostable Bags. This law is to keep black plastic out of composting facilities, which will create an organic waste stream free of plastic.

Please stop by City Hall for your free box of compostable bags, while supplies last!

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Winter Parking Reminder

Loretto residents are reminded that winter parking restrictions will end on March 31st.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

For Hennepin County Residents

**Thursday – Saturday May 5th, 6th, & 7th
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. all three days:**

Independence City Hall
1920 CR 90 Independence

Accepted Materials:

- Adhesives (flammable or petroleum based)
- Aerosols (pressurized or containing product)
- Auto wastes (fuel additives, starter fluid, waxes, but **no motor oil**)
- Household batteries (AA, C, D, rechargeable, etc.)
- Cleaning solvents
- Consumer Electronics(computers, TVs, radios, VCRs, etc. (**Limit 5 of the same type**))
- Drain cleaners
- Driveway sealers
- Fluorescent and HID lamps (**limit of 25**)
- Fuels (gasoline, kerosene, diesel)
- Mercury items
- Rechargeable appliances (cordless tools, weed whips, etc.)
- Paint (latex and oil based) or paint thin and solvents and wood preservatives.
- Pesticides (insecticides, herbicides, etc.)
- Photographic and hobby chemicals
- Vehicle lead-acid batteries (cars, boats, etc.)
- Pool chemicals

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Vacation Home Checks

If you are planning a trip out of town, the Medina Police Department provides a 'House Check' to Loretto residents. Call the Medina Police Dept. at 763-473-9209, and have your house placed on their list. The police will check your home by driving up the driveway and walking around the house while you are gone. If any problems are noticed, they will notify your contact person.

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Monday 7:00-2:00
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Hydrant Flushing

City water hydrants will be flushed on the second Wed. of each month, beginning in April and going through October. Flushing will begin at 8:00 AM and finish by 11:30 AM. Residents may experience low water pressure during this time. The flushing process may loosen rust sediments in the water lines, so please check your water prior to doing laundry.

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Interesting Environmental Facts

- **Each year Americans throw away 18 billion disposable diapers. This is enough to extend from the earth to the moon and back 7 times.**
- **In 2 weeks, Americans throw enough glass bottles and jars out to fill the New York Trade Center's twin towers.**
- **Americans go through an average 2.5 million plastic bottles per hour.**
- **58% of U.S. newspapers are recycled.**
- **500,000 trees could be saved from being cut down if every family in the U.S. recycled their newspaper.**
- **Ford Motor Company indicates that 75% of every vehicle is recyclable.**
- **Dishwashers use about 11 gallons of water. Hand washed dishes use up approximately 16 gallons.**
- **Taking a bath, half full of water, uses around 20 gallons of water. However, an average length shower uses only about 13 gallons.**
- **Americans normally use about 70 gallons of water each day.**

Think About It!

Loretto Residents Get Organics Out of the Trash and Give Back to Nature

The City of Loretto is starting its 4th year in recycling programs. Organics make up nearly 25 percent of the trash that's thrown away. Organics include all food scraps, such as meat, bones and dairy products; and food-soiled paper, such as paper towels, napkins, plates, milk and juice cartons, pizza boxes, and boxes from frozen and refrigerated foods.

Approximately 27 tons of organics were picked up in 2009 compared with 23.8 in 2008. In 2010 there were 22.86 tons picked up. Lets get those numbers back up!

The material is delivered to Resource Recovery Technologies in Empire Township, where it is composted. The finished compost is used in landscaping and road construction projects to replenish soils and reduce soil erosion.

Taking part in the residential organics recycling program benefits the community as a whole, as well.

Make Recycling Profitable

The City Loretto has started an incentive program to encourage everyone to recycle. Two families every month that have been spotted recycling will receive a 3 month credit on their recycling bill.

Jan winners were Schneider & Tepfer Family.

Feb winners were Markham & Kliszcz Familys

March winners

You could be the next Lucky Recycler!



Holiday Train Donations

The 2010 Holiday Train event brought in donations of 750 pounds of food and \$16,316.00 in cash which will go to help Hanover Area Food Shelf, Delano Helping Hands, and Rockford Food Shelf. Thanks to everyone who donated! Thank you to the Holiday Train Committee and all of the other organizations and people that helped to make it a big success.

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Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

Here are the results of the annual City of Loretto Holiday Lighting Contest for 2010. The judging was done by officers from the Medina Police Dept. Thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations to this year's winners:

- 1st Place: Henry Pepin—152 Creekview Lane
- 2nd Place: Paul & Cindy Spaulding-180 Hillview Lane
- 3rd Place: Shane & Nicole Awker—125 Meadow Drive.

Each of these winners received a prize of a “Free Oil Change” from West Hennepin Auto & Tire Inc. Awards were presented at the January 2011 City Council Meeting. The Best Neighborhood Display Award goes to the Highlands of Loretto, Ponds, & Albert & Elsen Street. These neighborhoods win bragging rights until the end of 2011!

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Think Gardening

Now is the time to start planning your vegetable garden or flower garden, maybe both. Get the whole family involved, its fun, educational, and the rewards are great. Think of all the Ripe Tomatoes and flowers you can enjoy all summer long.



Recycling Dates: 2011

- March 8th & 22rd
- April 5th & 19th
- May 3rd & 17th
- June 1st(Wed), 14th, & 28th
- July 12th & 26th
- Aug. 9th & 23rd
- Sept. 7th (Wed) , & 20th
- Oct. 4th & 18th
- Nov 1st, 15th, & 29th
- Dec. 13th & 27th

Donations of Used Goods

Residents may contact one of the following organizations for clothing, housewares and certain other household items for drop off or pickup.

- Bridging (drop off and pickup—household items only): 952-888-1105
- Goodwill (drop off): 763-420-8013 **Maple Grove**
- Salvation Army (pickup): 612-332-5855
- Vietnam Vets (pick up): 651-778-8387

By law, unwanted phone books must be recycled. You may place a maximum of 2 phones books at a time in your Randy's Recycling bin. It is possible to stop receiving delivery of unwanted telephone books. If you would like to stop receiving both White Pages and Yellow Pages books at your address, please go to the following links:

- <http://www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org>
- <http://www.dexknows.com>

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Transit Link

Transit Link provides rides for local area residents to medical appointments, shopping, work and more. This service is set up through public, private and volunteer services. Transit Link is available from 6:00AM to 7:00PM Monday through Friday. Call 651-602-5465 to schedule a ride, or visit their website at: www.transitlinktc.org to schedule a ride.

Fares are based on the distance traveled.

Up to 10 miles \$2.25 (one-way)

10-20 Miles: \$4.50 (one-way)

More than 20 miles: \$6.75 (one-way)

Try it out if you need a ride or just don't feel like driving.

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Are you planning to sealcoat your driveway this year?

Reminder: Recent legislation passed in Minnesota bans the purchase of coal-tar sealcoat, you will need to find an asphalt-based product.

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon or PAHs occur naturally in crude oil, coal and tar. Coal-tar pitch can contain 50% or more PAHs and is known to cause cancer in humans. PAHs are toxic to mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, and plants life. Small animals that live in streams and lakes are particularly susceptible to PAH contamination, especially the bottom dwellers that live in the mud.

Lower concentrations of PAHs in waterways will prevent costly maintenance for the City and keep waterways safe for fish and other aquatic organisms.

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Easter is coming April 24th!

Enjoy your holiday with family and friends. Keep all of your traditions, or start some new ones, there is always time to enjoy company, and think of all the things we have to be thankful for..

Happy Easter from everyone on the City Council and the City Employees.



Senior News

The Delano Senior Center strives to provide the best possible Senior Service and to make sure you have fun and meet a lot of new friends along the way.

You can stop in for a visit, call 763-972-0574, or check them out on the web-site at www.delano.mn.us.

Delano offers many activities Listed are just a few:

AARP 55 & Alive Driving Class

Music Opportunities

Computer Fundamentals

Bridge Group

Farkle Dice Game, no cards, easy and fun to learn.

Writers group

Support Groups

Exercise & Yoga Groups

Seated Chair Massage

Wii game Challenge

Bicycle Club

Senior Dining Program

These are just a few of the programs that are offered, there are also Casino Trips, Theatre Trips, and also Extended trips. Brochures can be picked up at the Delano Senior Center. Transit Link 651-602-5465 offers transportation for Loretto residents, or try car pooling. The Senior Center has many fun classes and outings, many more than mentioned above.

Cable Problems

Call Mediacom Direct @ 1-800-332-0245 for help.



Drugs in Drinking Water

Every time you wash antibacterial soap down the sink or flush an unfinished prescription down the toilet, it ends up in your community's sewage treatment plant or septic tank. Did you know that septic systems and sewage treatment systems are not equipped to remove medications and chemicals in personal care products from wastewater.

These medications, products, nutritional supplements and veterinary medications end up in our wastewater flow, and there is increasing evidence that they're polluting water bodies across the country, including our drinking water. Studies indicate that these chemicals may be harmful to aquatic life. Long term exposure can cause problems for humans, aquatic life and wildlife.

Do not flush prescription drugs down toilet or drain unless the label instructs you to do so.

To dispose of prescription drugs:

- Take prescription drugs out of their original containers
- Mix drugs with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee grounds.
- Put mixture into a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty margarine tub, or into a sealable bag.
- Conceal or remove any personal information, including Rx number on the empty containers by covering it with black permanent marker or duct tape, or by scratching it off.
- Place sealed container with the mixture, and the empty drug container in the trash.
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DO NOT Pour gasoline, oil, or paint down drains or toilets, we have been notified it has shown up in our treatment plant.

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Solid Waste Disclosure Form

The Waste Management Act, as amended in 1993, requires that a person who collects construction debris, industrial waste, or mixed municipal solid waste for transportation to a waste facility shall disclose annually to each waste generator from whom waste is collected the name, location, type of, and the number of the permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, or its counterpart in another state, for the processing or disposal facility or facilities at which the waste will be deposited. The collector shall note both the primary facility at which the collector most often deposits waste and any alternative facilities regularly used by the collector.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 115A.9302, Randy's Sanitation, Inc. hereby discloses that mixed municipal solid waste collected will be delivered to one of the following facilities

during the time period January through December. If an additional facility becomes either a primary facility or an alternate facility during this period, the hauler is required to provide you with updated information within 30 days. In addition, the Minnesota Legislature requires Minnesota waste haulers make the following disclosure to their customers:

"You may be responsible for any liability that results from contamination at the 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."

Primary: Hennepin Energy Resource Recovery,
505 6th Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55405
Sanitary Landfill #SW-396

Secondary: RRT Elk River Resource Recovery,
10700 165th Ave. NW, Elk River, MN 55330
Sanitary Landfill #SW-305

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Late Baseball/Softball Registration

If you missed the sign-up dates for youth T-Ball, softball and baseball registration, you can still sign up by going to the website and downloading an application at www.lorettoathletic.org. Summer ball is open to boys and girls ages 5 through 16. The Loretto Community Athletic



Association offers T-Ball and Near Ball (coach pitched), baseball and softball. Please check website for upcoming events.

www.lorettoathletic.org

Memorial Blood Center Drive Planned

Thursday, April 7th

2:00PM to 8:00PM

St. Peter & Paul School Gymnasium

Call Dan Wise 763-479-3998 to register. Be sure to have something to eat before you come in to give blood. Everyone that gives blood must be healthy.

City of Loretto Newsletter

The City Minutes newsletter is published four times per year at the beginning of the following months: March, June, September, and December. Local civic groups hosting a city-wide event may have the event published in the newsletter, and/or placed on the city website. If your group would like to use this opportunity, please provide the event information to the city no later than 2 weeks before the publication. Contact Kathy Larkin at Loretto City Hall, 763-479-4305.

