



The City Newsletter

News for Loretto City Residents

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Mark Your Calendars!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The City of Independence is holding their annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection on **Saturday, May 4th from 9am to 2pm** at their City Hall, located at 1920 County Road 90. Hennepin County will not be on site this year. Independence will have a vendor there to take the following items (ID showing Hennepin County residence still required): Auto, vehicle and household batteries (FREE); Electronics (\$5-25 depending on item and size); Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs (Do NOT tape together-in original packaging or surrounded by cardboard-must be dissembled and ballasts disconnected from housing unit. Bulbs 4' and under - \$.50; Bulbs over 4' - \$1; ballasts - \$2; light fixtures - \$10); Propane tanks (under 3' - \$5, over 3' - \$10).

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Loretto's City Wide Garage Sale will be held **May 8th - 11th**. City staff will request notice on the Lion's sign. If you'd like free advertising on our website, please contact Mary Schneider at City Hall to be included in the listing.

CITY WIDE CURB SIDE CLEAN-UP

Loretto residents can take advantage of the City's Curb Side Clean-up by placing your items curb side by **6am on Tuesday, May 14th**. Items NOT accepted are: paints, hazardous waste, asbestos, propane tanks, and fluorescent bulbs. For bulk items such as couches, mattresses, or construction debris, please call Randy's at 763-972-3335 to make arrangements for pickup - have your credit card number ready as there is a charge for pickup of bulk items.

CURB SIDE LEAF & GRASS COLLECTION

Curb side leaf and grass collection will take place on **Tuesday, May 21st**. Brush must be tied in 3' x 3' bundles. All yard waste must be in compostable bags. Please stop by City Hall for your free box of compostable bags, while supplies last!

FUN FEST 2013

Mark your calendars - **September 14th, 2013, for Loretto's 14th Annual Fun Fest**. The event will be held along West Railway Street again this year, with children's events in the Lion's Park starting at 1:00pm. Come enjoy the Loretto Market, great food, music and fun for all ages. There will be fireworks at dusk, followed by a street dance on West Railway Street. Please watch the City's website and upcoming newsletters for more details. If you're interested in joining the planning committee, please contact Mary at City Hall.



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Recycling News



HENNEPIN COUNTY FIX-IT CLINICS

At Fix-It Clinics, residents bring in small household appliances, clothing, electronics, mobile devices and more and receive free guided assistance from a volunteer with repair skills to disassemble, troubleshoot and fix their item. Fix-It Clinics reduce the amount of stuff that gets thrown in the trash, teach valuable troubleshooting and basic repair skills, and build community connections. Volunteer fixers are needed! Volunteers have skills in soldering, electronics and electrical repair, computer repair, sewing and general tinkering, and have a strong desire to teach and empower people.

UPCOMING FIX-IT CLINICS

Bring your broken household goods and clothing in need of repair to a Hennepin County Fix-It Clinic. First come, first served. Please also bring any tools and supplies you think might help with the job.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013, 10AM - 2PM

South Mpls Housing Fair, inside the Mpls Sports Center at the YMCA, 2121 E Lake St, Mpls, 612-215-4333

SATURDAY, MAY 11, NOON - 4PM

Plymouth Library, 15700 36th Ave N, Plymouth, 612-543-5825

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, NOON - 4PM

Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington, 952-563-4777

WANT TO HELP?

Volunteer fixers are needed - please email Nancy Lo at nancy.lo@co.hennepin.mn.us or call 612-348-9195 for more details or to volunteer.

Upcoming Recycling Dates

March 5th & 19th
 April 2nd, 16th & 30th
 May 14th & 29th*
 June 11 & 25th

**Indicates a change in normal pick-up due to Holidays*

Upcoming Meetings

City Council Meetings

Loretto City Council meetings are held at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

The next Council meetings:

April 9th, May 14th, & June 11th

On occasion these dates need to be rescheduled due to conflicts, please watch the City website for the most up-to-date information.

Redevelopment Meetings

Watch the City website for information on these meeting dates and times.

All meetings are held at City Hall Offices/Council Chambers at 279 North Medina Street, Suite 260. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 763-479-4305 or trosin@ci.loretto.mn.us.



Updates from Randy's

Randy's Sanitation Holiday Schedule for 2013

This refers to garbage and organics pick-up.

Memorial Day: Pick-up on Wednesday, May 29th

Independence Day: Pick-up will not be effected

Labor Day: Pick-up on Wednesday, September 4th

Thanksgiving: Pick-up will not be effected

Christmas: Pick-up will not be effected

Route times may change, please have trash out by 6:00am.



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:

Great River Energy Resource Processing Plant
10700 165th Ave. NW, Elk River, MN 55330
Sanitary Landfill #SW305

Secondary:

Hennepin Energy Resource Company
505 6th Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55405
Sanitary Landfill #SW396



News from Holiday Train 2012

HOLIDAY TRAIN DONATIONS

The 2012 Holiday Train event brought in donations of 1,850 lbs of food and \$17,162 in cash donations - which went to the following food shelves: Hanover, Delano, Rockford, and Maple Plain.

Thank you to all who came out to support this fundraiser and to all who donated! Thank you to the Holiday Train Planning Committee and all of the organizations and people who helped to make it a huge success.

Planning Committee:

Cheri Chalstrom	Jill Lee
Chris Stoltenow	Morgan Marti
Cindy Spaulding	Mary Schneider
Clark Lohr	Roy Spurzem
Ed Belland	Steve Lundell
Helen Skutley	Tim Pivec
Janine Zimmerman	Tom Grinnell
Jeff Leuer	Walt White
Jeff Kordiak	
John & Nancy Nelson	
Kay Schumacher	
Michelle Koch	



Holiday Train Supporters:

21st Century Bank	Loretto Lions
API - Jim Aeshliman	Loretto Post Office
CAS Tax & Acct Services	Loretto Fire Department
Canadian Pacific Railway	Mayor Kent Koch
Choo Choo Restaurant & Bar	Medina Police Department
Clark Lohr	RE/Max
Doboszinski & Sons	SNAP Fitness
Hanover Food Shelf	Stahlke Bus Service
KD Canopy	State Rep Jerry Hertaus
KRWC Radio	State Senator David Osmeck
LMCC - TV	Wade Klick
LORAM	West Hennepin Auto
Sts. Peter & Paul Faith Formation and Youth Group	

If there's anyone we missed in this list, please accept our apologies. We appreciate all of the help and support of our community to make the Holiday Train event a success.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2012 Holiday Lighting Contest:

Best Holiday Display

First Place (Winner of \$50 Prize Basket donated by CAS Tax & Accounting Services):

Pepin family @ 152 Creekview Lane

Second Place (Winner of Free Oil Change donated by West Hennepin Auto):

Pedersen family @ 142 Creekview Lane

Third Place (Winner of a 3-month membership to SNAP Fitness, donated by SNAP Fitness):

Vieau family @ 180 Meadow Drive

Best Neighborhood Display (Winners of Bragging Rights!)

Highlands Area

Best Business Display (Winner featured on the City website and in the Newsletter)

Choo Choo Restaurant & Bar

The **Choo Choo Restaurant & Bar** is located on West Railway Street in Loretto. It is well known for it's delicious food and great atmosphere, and also for it's unique layout. Smack in the middle of the Choo Choo is a real railroad caboose that was retired from service in the late 1920's. They also have a nice dining room as well as a bar area. Outside seating includes a beautiful granite fire pit. The Choo Choo accepts reservations for group events including meetings & birthday parties.

Choo Restaurant & Bar, 160 Railway St W, 763-479-3565



Miscellaneous News

WINTER PARKING REMINDER

Loretto residents are reminded that winter parking rules are still in effect (November through March). On-street parking is prohibited on all city streets between the hours of 2:00am and 7:00am, with the exception of Medina Street, where parking is prohibited between 2:30am and 6:30am year-round.

TRANSIT LINK

Transit Link is a service that provides rides for local area residents to medical appointments, shopping, work and more. Transit Link is available from 6:00am to 7:00pm Monday through Friday.

To reserve a ride, call **651-602-5465**. (You may reserve a ride up to 5 business days in advance.) Tell the reservationist your destination, and staff will help you determine whether your trip is eligible for **Transit Link** or if you have regular transit route options available. Be sure to tell the staff if you are going to a scheduled appointment time. Customer service staff will also help you through the process of riding **Transit Link** and regular transit buses.

For more information, visit their website at: www.transitlinktc.org.

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 Department at 763-473-9209 to have your house placed on their list. The police will check your home by occasionally driving up the driveway and walking around the house while you are gone. If any problems are noticed, they will notify your contact person.

CITY OF LORETTO NEWSLETTER

The City 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 3 weeks before the publication month.

Contact Mary Schneider at Loretto City Hall (763-479-4305 or mschneider@ci.loretto.mn.us) to submit your event for publication OR if you would like to be on the list of residents who receive a paper copy of the newsletter.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

City water hydrants will be flushed on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning in April and going through October. Flushing will begin at 8:00am and finish by 11:30am. 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.

SWIFT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Beginning with hydrant flushing this year, we will be using our SWIFT Notification System to alert residents to important information going on in our city. If you haven't signed up to be on this alert system yet, please contact City Hall with your information (phone numbers and/or email address). Each residence is allowed up to 4 phone numbers, one text number and one email address. If you are leaving a message, please also give the name of your mobile carrier if you wish to receive text messages for your alert (i.e. AT&T, Verizon, Sprint).

SELLING YOUR HOME?

If you are selling your home, please contact City Hall to arrange a final meter reading for your utility bill. This gives us notification to finalize your bill.

EAST RAILWAY STREET

Please be aware that East Railway Street (by the Post Office) is a **ONE WAY STREET**. We have received complaints that drivers are not following the street signs. This could cause serious injuries to drivers coming onto East Railway from County Road 19, expecting the full right of way. Please follow the street signs to keep us all safe.

LORETTO COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, March 21st 2:00-8:00pm. Please sign up online at www.mbc.org/searchdrives and enter code 1524 or call Dan Wise at 763-479-3998.

Team up with Memorial Blood Centers and save lives during **March Madness!** Donate during the month of March and be entered to win 1 of 4 four packs of tickets to a **Minnesota Timberwolves** game in April 2013 (suite seating with appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages provided).

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LORETTO WELCOMES NEW CITY CLERK

At the December city council meeting, Travis Rosin was appointed City Clerk for the City of Loretto. Travis grew up in Nicollet, Minnesota with his parents and younger brother. He enjoys fishing and going to Twins and Wild games when he gets the chance.

Travis is a 2007 graduate of Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with a minor in Political Science. Travis served three internships in the cities of Nicollet (4 months), St. Peter (2 months) and North Mankato (3 years). He is currently living in St. Peter but has plans to move to the West Metro area soon.

Please feel welcome to stop in at City Hall to welcome our new City Clerk!

