



# The City Newsletter

News for Loretto City Residents

## Important News from Public Works:

Due to the extreme cold this winter, the frost has set very deep and is causing problems with frozen water service lines to properties. If you think you may have a frozen line, please alert City Hall immediately to be placed on the service list (763-479-4305 or 612-221-4963 during non-office hours). Under no circumstances should you pour chemicals into the water line in an effort to thaw it. If you are leaving for more than 24-48 hours, we recommend you leave your water running, with the stream the width of a pencil, to prevent the line from freezing. Please notify the city if you are letting your water run. Contact City Hall with questions or concerns.

## LCAA Registration Now Open for Spring Baseball/Softball!

LCAA (Loretto Community Athletic Association) now has registration forms online. Go to: [www.lorettoathletic.org](http://www.lorettoathletic.org) for all the information you'll need to register for spring tball, nearball, baseball, and softball. Forms may be dropped off at Koch's Korner.

## Curb Side Leaf & Grass Collection: TUESDAY, MAY 13th.

Brush must be tied in 3' x 3' bundles. All yard waste must be in compostable bags. Stop by City Hall for your free box while supplies last!

## City Wide Garage Sale: MAY 14th - 17th.

City staff will request notice on the Lion's sign. If you'd like free advertising on our website, please contact Connie Scheibe at [cscheibe@ci.loretto.mn.us](mailto:cscheibe@ci.loretto.mn.us) to be included in the listing.

## City Wide Curb Side Clean-up: TUESDAY, MAY 20th.

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

## The 15th Annual FUN FEST is SEPTEMBER 13th, 2014.

The event will be held along West Railway Street again this year, with children's events in the Lion's Park starting at 1:00 pm. 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 W. Railway Street featuring the **Shane Martin Band**. 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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Monday 8:00-1:30  
Wednesday 8:00-1:30  
3:00-6:00  
Friday 8:00-1:30

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## Recycling News

### Hennepin County Offers Grants to Businesses to Increase Recycling

Are you a business that wants to start recycling? Maybe improve the recycling program you already have? Hennepin County is offering recycling grants of up to \$50,000 for businesses, non-profit organizations and institutions to start or improve programs to divert recyclables and organics (food and non-recyclable paper) from the trash. These grants can help with the purchase of containers, equipment and installation, hauling service charges and minor improvements to loading docks and waste enclosures. Having a strong recycling program conserves natural resources and reduces greenhouse gas emissions, can help a business's bottom line, and demonstrates their commitment to sustainability to their customers. Learn more at [www.hennepin.us/businessrecycling](http://www.hennepin.us/businessrecycling) or call 612-543-1316.

### Update on recycling Styrofoam:

Some Styrofoam containers have what appears to be a recycling number on the bottom. This number does not pertain to plastics recycling but has to do with the resins which make it up. After checking with Randy's, we confirmed that they **DO NOT** accept any Styrofoam for recycling and it should be disposed of in the trash.

## Rethinking Blue Bag Organics (BBO)

You and your household can help our community convert food waste and food-soiled paper into nutrient-rich compost that fortifies lawns, flower beds, backyard and community gardens, and small vegetable and berry farms. Curbside composting is a much better use of food waste and food-soiled paper – which accounts for as much as half of most household trash – than dumping it into a landfill or incinerator.

### Did you know.....

- If you are signed up for BBO, you can get a 65 gallon trash cart for the cost of a 35-gallon cart - a cost savings of \$26.76 per year.
- The cost of BBO is \$40 for the first year and \$79.95 per year after that. This includes the 65-gallon cart size, the BBO can, the BBO liners, a kitchen compost bucket, additional time and labor to separate BBO from other trash, transportation to a designated facility for composting.
- Randy's provides 60 BBO liners per year. Two sizes are available; 32 or 13 gallon, whichever you prefer. This is a \$72 value.

Contact City Hall to sign up or to get additional information.



### Upcoming Recycling Dates

March 4th & 18th  
April 1st, 15th & 29th  
May 13th & 28th\*  
June 10th & 24th

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

# Preventing Stormwater Pollution

**We** all live in a watershed – the area that drains to a common waterway, such as a stream, lake, river, wetland, aquifer, or even the ocean – and our individual actions can directly affect it. In Loretto, our rain and storm-water runoff flow to Lake Independence and Lake Sarah. Each newsletter will include guidelines you can follow to help make a difference in the quality of our local waters.

### Best Practices

**Illicit Discharge** is defined as any direct or indirect discharge of anything other than storm/rain water into the storm drains. This is against city code and should be reported immediately to: Jeff Leuer at 612-221-4963. See city code section 412:30 for details and exemptions.

### Washing Your Car:

If allowed to flow into the storm sewers, outdoor car washing results in high loads of nutrients, metals and hydrocarbons flowing into our water sources and negatively affecting the water quality of our local lakes, rivers and streams. Rather than washing your car in the driveway, simply moving it onto the lawn or another permeable surface allows the soap, salt and grime to be filtered through the ground water. Use biodegradable or non-toxic soap that is phosphate-free. You can also take your car to a commercial car wash where wastewater is either recycled or treated.



### Fertilize Smart:

Be sure your lawn fertilizer is phosphorus-free. Be careful to sweep up any fertilizer that spills onto hard surfaces. The soil in our area already contains enough phosphorus to maintain most lawns. Excess phosphorus washes away into nearby lakes or streams where it feeds algae. Algae blooms stress fish and wildlife and makes it unpleasant or impossible to swim or fish.

# Upcoming Meetings

All meetings are held at City Hall  
Offices/Council Chambers  
279 North Medina Street, Suite 260

If you have any questions, please contact  
City Hall at 763-479-4305 or  
[mschneider@ci.loretto.mn.us](mailto:mschneider@ci.loretto.mn.us).

### City Council Meetings

Loretto City Council meetings are held at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month. The next Council meetings are: March 11th, April 8th, May 13th, & June 10th

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.



# Updates from Randy's

### Randy's Sanitation Holiday Schedule for 2014

This refers to garbage and organics pick-up.

**Memorial Day:** Pick-up on Wednesday, May 28th

**Independence Day:** Pick-up will not be effected

**Labor Day:** Pick-up on Wednesday, September 3rd

**Thanksgiving:** Pick-up will not be effected

**Christmas:** Pick-up will not be effected



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

### 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.”

Randy's Environmental Services has worked with your county for approval to process the residential municipal solid waste to remove Blue Bag Organics at our Delano facility.

### Primary:

Spruce Ridge,  
12755 137th St.  
Glencoe, MN 55336  
Sanitary Landfill #SW6

### Secondary:

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

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



# News from Holiday Train 2013

## HOLIDAY TRAIN DONATIONS

The 2013 Holiday Train event brought in 1,800 lbs of food and \$25,522 in cash donations, the highest amount we have ever raised! The Hanover, Delano, Rockford, and Maple Plain food shelves received these generous donations. **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.

<b>Planning Committee:</b>		<b>Holiday Train Supporters:</b>	
Ed Belland	Margaret Maas	21st Century Bank	LORAM
Joe Carlson	John & Nancy Nelson	Bell Mortgage/Pete Ryskamp	Loretto Lions
Mary Cavanaugh	Sandy Pikus	Canadian Pacific Railway	Loretto Post Office
Cheri Chalstrom	Tim Pivec	CAS Tax & Accounting Services	Loretto Volunteer Fire Department
City Staff	Helen Skutley	Choo Choo Restaurant & Bar	Maple Plain Food Shelf
Denise Kesanen	Cindy Spaulding	Clark Lohr	Mary Cavanaugh/Edina Realty
Kent Koch	Roy Spurzem	Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf	Medina Police Department
Michelle Koch	Chris Stoltenow	Doboszanski & Sons	Medina Police Reserves
Jeff Kordiak	Walt White	Edina Realty Corporate	RE/Max
Jill Lee	Janine Zimmerman	Hanover Food Shelf	Riverworks Food Shelf in Rockford
Steve Lundell		Kathryn Taylor Homes	SNAP Fitness
		KD Canopy	Stahlke Bus Service
		KRWC Radio	Wade Klick
		LMCC	Warning Lites of MN
			West Hennepin Auto



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.

## Let's Light Up Loretto! - WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2013 *Let's Light Up Loretto!* Contest:

### Best Holiday Display

**Grand Prize** (Winner of Millennium Hotel - Holidazzle Package, compliments of Mary Cavanaugh/Edina Realty):

Pedersen Residence, 142 Creekview Lane

**Second Place** (Winner of 2 tickets to 2 MN Wild hockey games, compliments of Pete Ryskamp/Bell Mortgage):

Spaulding Residence, 180 Hillview Lane

**Third Place** (Winner of 2 tickets to a MN Wild hockey game, compliments of Edina Realty/Corporate Office):

Pepin Residence, 152 Creekview Lane

**Fourth Place** (Winner of 2 tickets to a MN Gophers hockey game, compliments of Edina Realty/Corporate Office):

Koch Residence, 275 Lorenz Street

### Honorable Mention:

Leuer Residence, 170 Hillview Lane

Wiemelt Residence, 152 Summit Avenue

VanBeusekom Residence, 225 Mallard Lane

**A Big THANK YOU to the donors of this year's prizes!**



# Miscellaneous News

## 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 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday. To reserve a ride, call **651-602-5465**. Tell the reservationist your destination, and staff will help you determine if your trip is eligible for Transit Link or if regular transit route options are available. Let staff know if you are going to a scheduled appointment time. For more information, visit their website at: [www.transitlinktc.org](http://www.transitlinktc.org).

## NO WIPES IN THE PIPES

The Problem with "Disposable" Wipes is that despite manufacturers claims that they can be conveniently flushed down the toilet, their cloth-like material does not break down in the city's sanitary sewer system like toilet paper. The plastic-based materials are not biodegradable; which can cause serious equipment difficulties, blockages, plugged pumps and potentially increase the city's maintenance repair costs. Consumer Reports recommends that wipes should be disposed of in the trash instead of flushing down the toilet.

## 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 Connie Scheibe at Loretto City Hall (763-479-4305 or [cscheibe@ci.loretto.mn.us](mailto:cscheibe@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.

## GOPHER STATE ONE CALL

Gopher State One Call is the one call notification system established to inform all Minnesota underground facility operators of intended excavation. As the communication link between the excavator and the underground facility operator, it has increased public safety while decreasing underground facility damage, monetary loss, and personal injury by coordinating the locating of underground facilities. Go to [www.gopherstateonecall.org](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org) if you plan any digging or excavating projects.

## HYDRANT FLUSHING

City water hydrants will be flushed on the second Wednesday of each month, April through October. Flushing will begin at 8:00 am and finish by 11:30 am. Low water pressure may be experienced during this time. The flushing process may loosen rust sediments in the water lines, so please clear your pipes prior to doing laundry. The best way to do this is to run your outside faucet until the water is clear.

## WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS UNTIL 3/31/14

There is no parking on city streets between 2 am and 7 am, with the exception of Medina St., where parking is prohibited between 2:30 am and 6:30 am 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 in reference to the parking ordinance, please call City Hall.

## 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 and ensures that you pay only your portion of the monthly bill.

## EAST RAILWAY STREET

Be aware that East Railway St. (by the Post Office) is a **ONE WAY STREET**. Not following the street signs could cause serious injuries to drivers coming onto East Railway from County Rd. 19, expecting the full right of way. Please follow the street signs to keep us all safe.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

In past years, Loretto residents have been able to utilize the City of Independence's Household Hazardous Waste Collection. This event is no longer available to us. Hennepin County does arrange various Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events. See their web site for details: [www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events).

## SEASONAL SPRING WEIGHT LIMITS

Spring weight restrictions go into effect in early March. Materials for construction projects should be delivered prior to the restrictions. These limits protect our roads and keep the cost of repairs down for all taxpayers. Watch for large trucks using restricted roads during this period and report it to 911 if observed. Help protect our roads!

# Public Notification System

The city has a system in place so that we can notify you of public safety information or local emergencies with a voice message, email or text. Please fill out the information below and drop off the form at City Hall or e-mail the information to: [cscheibe@ci.loretto.mn.us](mailto:cscheibe@ci.loretto.mn.us). You have the option of receiving a voice message, email and/or text message. You may choose any or all of the options. We are able to add and update resident and business contact information at any time. This is a private listing, your information will not be shared with any other entities.

**Our goal is to have 100% participation of Loretto residents - please spread the word!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list in order of importance. (Phone #1 will be the first to receive notification.)	Name (ie. "Home phone", "Jane's cell phone", etc.)	Phone number - please include area code
Phone #1 (voice message)		
Phone #2 (voice message)		
Phone #3 (voice message)		
Phone #4 (voice message)		
Phone number for text message		
Phone number for TTY (for hearing impaired residents)		

My mobile provider (i.e. Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, etc. Needed for text message function): \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Email address

Please return this form to City Hall or e-mail to: [cscheibe@ci.loretto.mn.us](mailto:cscheibe@ci.loretto.mn.us).

Thank you!

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### LORETTO COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, March 6th 2:00-8:00pm.

Please sign up online at [www.mbc.org/searchdrives](http://www.mbc.org/searchdrives) and enter code 1524 or contact Dan Wise at 763-479-3998 or [drwise4850@aol.com](mailto:drwise4850@aol.com).

### 4th ANNUAL LORETTO FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE AND FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 27th 8:00 am - 12 noon

Come support your local Fire Department for an All -You-Can-Eat breakfast. 259 North Medina St., Adults \$8, Children \$5. Gluten-free pancakes and French toast available.

### WANT TO SAVE TIME AND RESOURCES?

Sign up for the city's **direct payment plan**. Have your utility bill automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. No checks to write, no envelopes or stamps to buy, no stopping by City Hall with your check. Your bill is never late. It's free, fast and easy!

- Complete the authorization form and include a voided check or deposit slip. The form is available at: [www.ci.loretto.mn.us](http://www.ci.loretto.mn.us) or contact city hall and we will mail you one.
- The deduction begins with the next billing cycle.
- The payment will be transferred on the due date indicated on your bill (usually the 25th of the month)
- You can cancel your authorization for automatic payment at any time. Simply notify us in writing of the cancellation.

