

The City Newsletter

News for Loretto City Residents

LCAA Registration Now Open for Spring Baseball/Softball!

LCAA (Loretto Community Athletic Association) now has registration forms online. Go to: 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 12th.

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 13th - 16th.

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 to be included in the listing.

City Wide Curb Side Clean-up: TUESDAY, MAY 19th.

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 16th Annual FUN FEST is SEPTEMBER 12th, 2015.

The 2015 Fun Fest planning will begin on April 16th, noon at City Hall. The tentative vision for this year is to have events in and around the Lions Park from 3-7pm. Some attractions that may be included: inflatables, rock wall, KRWC Road Show, K9 Demonstration, Concessions, Gonzo the Clown, Face Painting, Photo Booth, pony rides or petting zoo, and the Loretto Market. The planning committee discussed the possibility of having a softball game from 7-8pm, then the fireworks at dusk (about 8:15pm). There will be no street dance this year. Please watch the city website and future newsletters for more details as they become available.

Do you have some new ideas for the Fun Fest - or maybe you just want to join in the decision making process and offer your help. Those interested in joining the planning committee are most welcome. Please contact Mary Schneider for more information: mschneider@ci.loretto.mn.us.

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3:00-6:00
Friday 8:00-1:30

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Recycling News

Hennepin County Offers Grants to Businesses to Increase Recycling

Hennepin County recognizes Environmental Partners for their efforts to recycle and divert organic waste from the trash through composting, sending food scraps to local farmers to feed animals, or by donating edible food. By creating and sustaining strong recycling programs, businesses help conserve natural resources, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and support the local economy.

Hennepin County wants to help businesses recycle:

- Start or improve your recycling and/or organics collection with a [Business Recycling Grant](#) - 2015 grant application deadlines are: **March 15, June 15, and October 15.**
- Get recognized and become an [Environmental Partner](#) to advertise your efforts on our website and at your store.
- Hennepin County staff is available to help identify opportunities to improve your recycling.
- Order [free educational materials and signage](#) online.

Grants up to \$50,000 are available from Hennepin County for your business to improve or start recycling efforts. Funds can be used to:

- purchase recycling containers and equipment
- cover start-up cost for hauling services
- install minor improvements to loading docks and outside container enclosures

Please contact Andre Xiong at andre.x.xiong@hennepin.us or 612-543-1316 to discuss business recycling grant project ideas and future funding opportunities or visit <http://www.hennepin.us/businessrecycling>.

How clean do my recyclables need to be?

Cleaner is better. Be sure no contents remain in the container and lightly rinse. Here are some other pointers for preparing recyclables.

- ◆ Leave plastic caps and lids on, they can also be recycled
- ◆ Remove lids from glass jars and place in the trash
- ◆ Flatten boxes
- ◆ Remove pumps from spray, lotion or soap bottles and place in the trash
- ◆ Do not place recyclables in plastic bags, they will need to be removed at the facility. Dump recyclables directly into the cart or use paper bags

What should I do with confidential paper?

Confidential paper can be recycled, but proper preparation is important. It's a good idea to shred paper with financial information or other sensitive personal information to prevent identity theft. Place the shredded paper in a brown paper bag, staple it shut, and put it in your curbside recycling cart.

Recycle Everywhere

Whether you're at work, home, school, a park or an event, remember to recycle everywhere you go. If you can't find recycling, ask for it! Hennepin County's [Recycle Everywhere](#) campaign encourages people to recycle everywhere, connects them to resources to improve recycling and offers the opportunity to learn more about recycling.



Upcoming Recycling Dates

March 3rd, 17th & 31st
April 14th & 28th
May 12th & 27th*
June 9th & 23rd



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

- **Pet Waste** is full of harmful nutrients and bacteria, especially when it washes into lakes and rivers. **Pick up after your pet and put it in the trash.**
- **Keep leaves and grass off the sidewalks and streets.** When they wash into the street, they become food for weeds and algae in lakes and rivers. Rake or sweep leaves and grass clippings out of the street, gutter and away from storm drains.
- Storm drains carry trash from your street to a lake or river, even if it's miles away. **Seal your trash bags and keep litter out of the street.**
- **Prevent Erosion:** Phosphorus attaches to soil. Keep soil from washing into the street
- Direct water from your downspouts away from your house and paved surfaces and onto your lawn.

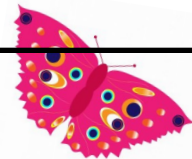
What is a Storm drain anyway?

A storm drain, (also called a storm sewer) is designed to drain excess rain and ground water from paved surfaces such as streets, driveways, parking lots and roofs. Storm drainage systems are designed to drain the storm water, untreated, into rivers or streams. See picture below.



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.

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 are: March 10th, April 14th, May 12th, & June 9th.

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
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.

Updates from Randy's

Randy's Sanitation Holiday Schedule for 2015

This refers to garbage and organics pick-up.

Memorial Day: Pick-up on Wednesday, May 27th

Independence Day: Pick-up will not be effected

Labor Day: Pick-up on Wednesday, September 9th

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 2014

HOLIDAY TRAIN DONATIONS

The 2014 Holiday Train event brought in 7,148 lbs of food and \$28,834 in cash donations, the highest amounts ever raised at the Loretto event. The Hanover, Delano, Rockford, and Maple Plain food shelves received these 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 this year's Holiday Train event a huge success.

Planning Committee:		Holiday Train Supporters:	
Ed Belland	Margaret Maas	21st Century Bank	Loretto City Council Members
Joe Carlson	Jason Nelson	Axel's Tavern	Loretto Fire Department
Cheri Chalstrom	John & Nancy Nelson	CAS Tax & Accounting Services	Loretto Knights of Columbus
City Staff	Sandy Pikus	Choo Choo Restaurant & Bar	Loretto Lions Club
Cari Girk	Jeanie Pilarski	Church of Sts. Peter and Paul	Medina Police & Reserves
Tom Gregory	Tim Pivec	Doboszanski & Sons	RE/Max
John Grenzer	Sue Scanlon	Hanover Boy Scout Troop 563	Stahlke Bus Service
Denise Kesanen	Helen Skutley	Hemker Park & Zoo	West Hennepin Auto
Kent Koch	Cindy Spaulding	Jim Olson	
Michelle Koch	Chris Stoltenow	Kathryn Taylor	
Jeff Kordiak	Brandon Wenande	KD Canopy	
Robin LaFond	Walt White	Koch's Korner	
Jill Lee	Janine Zimmerman	KRWC Radio	
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Thank you!

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:

- 1st Place : 120 Pondview Drive - Guild Residence, with 59 Facebook "Likes"
Prize: \$50 Gift Certificate to Axel's Tavern
- 2nd Place: 152 Creekview Lane - Pepin Residence, with 44 Facebook "Likes"
Prize: \$50 Gift Certificate to Koch's Korner
- 3rd Place: 110 Railway Street East - Rabe Residence, with 42 Facebook "Likes"
Prize: Free Oil Change from West Hennepin Auto & Tire

- Honorable Mention**
- 197 Summit Ave - Schneider Residence
 - 150 Albert Street - Fisher Residence
 - 162 Creekview Lane - Neumann Residence



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 residents to medical appointments, shopping, work and more. Transit Link is available from 6 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday. Fares are based on distance traveled. To reserve a ride, call **651-602-5465**. Reservation staff can help you schedule your trip, and guide you through options. For more information, visit their website at: www.metrocouncil.org/Transportation/Services/Transit-Link.aspx.

Police Department Phone Numbers for Non-Emergency Assistance

If you have public safety questions or need an officer for a **non-emergency** call, you can reach the Medina Police Department at **(763) 473-9209**. If the office is closed and you need assistance, you can call the Hennepin County Communication Center at their new number **(952) 258-5321**. In case of emergency, call 911.

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 if you plan any digging or excavating projects. You can also call 651-454-0002 or 1-800-252-1166.

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!



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 3/31/15

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.

CP RAILWAY COMMUNIT CONNECT LINE

The Canadian Pacific Railway has offered the city of Loretto a Community Connect phone number for residents to use to report concerns regarding the railroad crossing in Loretto. Below is the phone number you may call with your concerns. In regards to the trains blowing their whistles, this is mandated by law and they do not have control over this issue.

Community Connect - 1-800-766-7912

There is also an e-form that can be submitted: www.cpr.ca/en/contact-us/community-connect-form.

Public Notification System

The City of Loretto has a system in place so that residents and businesses can be notified of public safety information or local emergencies with a voice message, email or text. 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** _____

Voice Mail Message (leave blank if you don't want to choose this option)

Please list up to four phone numbers for the voice mail option (include area code.)

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Text Message (leave blank if you don't want to choose this option)

Cell phone number: _____ Name: _____

Carrier Name (AT&T, VERIZON, T-MOBILE, etc.): _____

Cell phone number: _____ Name: _____

Carrier Name (AT&T, VERIZON, T-MOBILE, etc.): _____

Email Message (leave blank if you don't want to choose this option)

Email address: _____

Email address: _____

Please mail the completed form to: City of Loretto
P.O. Box 207
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Or drop the form off at City Hall or email to cscheibe@ci.loretto.mn.us.

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LORETTO COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, March 12th 2:00-8:00pm.

Please sign up online at www.mbc.org/searchdrives and enter sponsor code 1524 or contact Dan Wise at 612-669-0947, 763-479-3998 or drwise4850@aol.com.

4th ANNUAL LORETTO FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE AND FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 12th 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.

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 & include a voided check or deposit slip. The form is available at: 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 or e-mail of the cancellation.
- You will still receive a hard copy of your bill with "Do Not Pay" indicated.

