

# The City Minutes

News for Loretto City Residents—December 2010



## Loretto Election Results

The City of Loretto will have three new faces on their Council beginning in 2010. Our new Mayor will be Kent Koch. Our new Council members will be John "Archie" Neumann, and Tom Pedersen.

Congratulations to all!

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## Winter Parking Restrictions

Loretto residents are reminded that winter parking rules are in effect from November 1 through March 31. On-street parking is prohibited on all city streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., with the exception of Medina Street, where parking is prohibited between 2:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. year-round.

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## Cold Weather Rule

This Rule, which took effect on October 15, protects residential customers from disconnection of their natural gas service during the heating season. It also requires utilities to reconnect customers whose service has been disconnected. CenterPoint Energy is encouraging customers who are concerned about paying their natural gas bills this winter to contact them to learn about their rights and responsibilities under the Rule. CenterPoint Energy is also providing residents with information about financial assistance to assist in paying bills. Customer inquiries about the Rule should call 612-372-4680 or 1-800-245-2377

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## City Council Meetings

Are held the second Tues. of the month. The next council meeting will be held on

December 14th, at 7:00.

## Holiday Train 2010

Sponsored by Local Businesses

The Canadian Pacific Railroad will once again be bringing their Holiday Train to the City of Loretto.

The train is scheduled to arrive in Loretto on Monday, December 13th, 2010 at 4:30 pm. The train will make a stop in Loretto. During the stop there will be musical performances aboard the train by Melainie Doane. Santa will also be here to see all the boys and girls.

Beginning at 3:30 pm that day, local area businesses and volunteers will be hosting Holiday Festivities on Railway Street West. This will include a visit from Santa, kiddie train, a hay wagon ride, and caroling by the Saints Peter & Paul Academy. Road closures will begin at 3:00 pm, with shuttle service and parking provided at the Loretto Softball Fields and Saints Peter and Paul Church.

The main purpose of this Holiday Train event is to raise money and non-perishable food donations for the Hanover Food Shelf, which serves our community, and the Delano Food Shelf. There are collection sites set up in local area businesses and there will be collections sites at the event. Please come and enjoy this wonderful event and participate in the opportunity to help out your neighbors.

If you would like to know the history and success of this wonderful Holiday Train as it has crossed the USA for the past 10 years, please log on to the Canadian Pacific Railroad's website at:  
[www.cpr.ca](http://www.cpr.ca)



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City Hall Office Hours:  
Monday 7:00-2:00  
Wednesday 7:00-2:00  
Friday 7:00-2:00

### Mayor

Barry Andersen

### Council Members

Clark Lohr  
Jeff Tepfer  
Jeff France  
Brenda Daniels

### City Clerk

Cindy Patnode  
[cpatnode@ci.loretto.mn.us](mailto:cpatnode@ci.loretto.mn.us)

### Utility Clerk

Kathy Larkin  
[kathylarkin11@yahoo.com](mailto:kathylarkin11@yahoo.com)

### City Treasurer

Joyce Spurzem

### Public Works

Jeff Leuer  
[jleuer@ci.loretto.mn.us](mailto:jleuer@ci.loretto.mn.us)

### Parks

Herb Koch



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### Snow Removal from Sidewalks

Loretto's city code requires that property owners clear the snow from their sidewalks within 48 hours of a snowfall.

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### Public Hearings

Truth in Taxation Meeting Dec. 14th 7:00 @ City Hall

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### Burning in Fire Pits

This is a reminder that when burning in fire pits please use clean wood or branches, twigs, etc. Please be respectful of your neighbors when burning, so the smoke doesn't create problems for them.

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### What is a Watershed?

Watershed is not a word we use everyday, but getting to know about it is very important. Watershed refers to an area of land that drains water towards a given lake, river, or wetland, they can be small, like an area of a field that creates a pond every spring, or huge like the Mississippi draining whole states.

The water quantity and quality are very important, usually the fewer human activities that are going on in a watershed the healthier the body of water it supplies will be. (Probably why the lakes and rivers Up North are the cleanest, less human activity.) As human activity increases in a watershed, through industry or urban development, the condition of the body of water can decline.

When a river, lake or wetland is in trouble, one of the first things water specialist look at is what is going on in the watershed. Then a plan must be developed to assist people in changing from harmful practices to more water friendly plans.

Lets learn to develop better practices before this happens by looking at website!



### Toys For Tots Drop Off Sites

21st Century Bank, Loretto and  
The City of Loretto

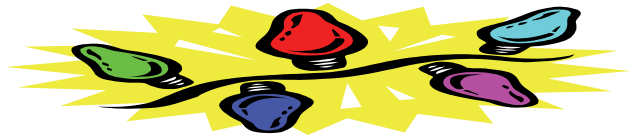
Please drop off before Dec. 16th

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### Holiday Lighting Contest

The city of Loretto invites its residents to participate in the annual Holiday Light contest. Judging this year will take place between December 15th–19th. The displays will be judged by members of the Medina Police Department. The winners will be announced at the January 11th, 2010 City Council Meeting.

*PLEASE BE SURE YOUR LIGHTS ARE ON FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE HOLIDAY TRAIN!*



### Christmas Tree Pick Up Dates

Trees will be picked up by Randy's on Tuesday January 4th and 11th. Trees must be placed at the curb by 6:00 am the day of pick up. There will be a charge of \$3.00 for an "unbagged" tree and \$6.00 for a "bagged tree. This charge will appear on your next utility billing cycle.



### Pet Tips

A reminder, when walking your leashed dog, please pick all pet waste. Pet stores and general retailers sell ‘doggie bags’ for this purpose. Dog waste pollutes our street and waters, and creates a health hazard. It is also against city code #600:06 to leave dog waste lying about the public areas of the city.

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### Keeping it Clean

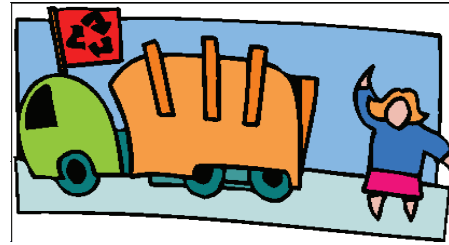
Keeping pollutants out of storm water runoff is less expensive than installing storm water treatment facilities. Here are some ways that you can help prevent pollution:

- Avoid the use of salt on side walks & driveway
- Recycle oil
- Direct downspouts to lawns
- Sweep paved areas to keep waste out of storm drains
- Keep your car tuned, repair fluid leaks
- Clean up pet waste
- Dispose of toxic wastes properly



### Bike Trail Stop Signs

Stop signs have been removed from the bike trails at all controlled intersections with less than a four way stop. This means the driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway, intersection, or building shall stop and yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and bike traffic on the sidewalk. State Statutes regulate this and it is anticipated that there will be future legislation to change bike traffic through intersections.



### Randy’s Recycling Dates for 2011

January 12th & 26th

February 8th & 22nd

March 8th & 22nd

April 12th & 26th

May 10th & 24th

June 14th & 28th

July 12th & 26th

August 9th & 23rd

September 7th\* & 20th

October 11th & 18th

November 8th & 22nd

December 13th & 27th

\*Change in regular pickup date

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IMMUNIZATIONS: Your best shot at Good Health  
Brooklyn Center Clinic

6125 Shingle Creek Parkway

On the 4th Tuesday of each Month from 9 to 11AM

Jan 25th, Feb 22nd, March 22nd, April 26th, May 24th,  
& June 28th.

Low cost shots, including flu shots are available to children and adults at regularly scheduled Hennepin Co Immunization Clinics. For more information on these clinics please call 612-348-2884 or website—  
[www.hennepin.us/vaccines](http://www.hennepin.us/vaccines).

## Holiday Organics Recycling

### Holiday Baking

#### Organics Cart

Butter Wrappers  
Sugar & Flour Bags  
Paper egg cartons  
Wax Paper  
Parchment paper  
Nut shells  
Wooden tooth picks  
Unused dough

### After Dinner Cleanup

#### Organics Cart

Food Lift on the plate  
Meat & bones  
Vegetable scraps  
Burnt Food  
Paper napkins  
Paper cups & plates  
Paper milk cartons  
Floral Center piece

### Decorating & Gift Giving

#### Organics Cart

Poinsettias & Mistletoe  
Gingerbread Houses  
Fruit Cake  
Wreaths Wires removed

#### Recycling bin

Vanilla bottles  
Condensed milk cans  
Jelly jars  
Cake mix boxes  
Cereal boxes

#### Recycling bin

Wine & beer bottles  
Soft drink bottles & cans  
Salad dressing bottles  
unsuccessful recipe cards

#### Recycling bin

Gift Boxes  
Electronic boxes  
Cardboard boxes  
Paper gift tags  
Holiday cards (with no foil)

#### Trash can

Margarine tubs  
Plastic wrap  
Whip cream canisters

#### Trash can

Plastic deli & produce trays  
Foil roasting pans  
Plastic cocktail skewers

#### Trash can

Styrofoam & Plastic Packing  
Plastic coated wire  
Gift wrap, bows or ribbons (or save for next year)

### NEW LORETTO BUSINESS

Sather Real estate is full-service real estate firm offering a wide array of services in the real estate industry including property management, residential real estate buyers and sellers representation, real estate financing, and business consulting. Leann Sather is a licensed Realtor with Marketlink Realty and Michael adds to the service offering as a Loan Officer with superior financing. Our experience in real estate combined with experience in business consulting, banking, and accounting give us a unique skill set to provide our customers with top notch service. For more information visit [www.satherrealestate.net](http://www.satherrealestate.net) or stop by our new office in Downtown Loretto

### Movie Being Made In Loretto

TRIWAR Pictures looks forward to shooting their next feature in Loretto, MN the home town of actress and producer Nicole Kruex. In the grand tradition of 1980's classics like 'The Goonies' and 'Monster Squad' this projected 2011 release is a kid based, kid friendly, classic comedy set in Summer Camp. Starring eleven year old Tommy Propson of 'Into Temptation' and 'Discursion' as Sean Cooper, the newbie to camp, TRIWAR is proud and excited to see this film come to life. We are also looking forward to including local children in the project as campers provided we are allowed access to the local YMCA facility. The proposal is pending and with the permission of the camp TRIWAR looks forward to tentatively filming this spring. We will provide more information as soon as it is available for extras sign up and audition opportunities.



# Seasons Greetings

## News from the RAC Committee

The Loretto City Council established the Redevelopment Advisory Committee (RAC) in the spring of 2010 in order to continue the City's redevelopment efforts and focus on the next phase, which is the five properties directly adjacent to County Road 19 between St. Peter Street and West Railway. According to the 2004 Downtown Redevelopment Plan, these parcels are a *redevelopment priority* for the City, as they occupy a predominant location in Loretto's downtown. The RAC will be marketing the land assembly package to provide one of the following or a mix of the following, based on market demands: contemporary retail/office space and housing with building designs that embrace the historic architecture of Loretto's downtown.

The five properties are collectively 0.82 acres total. The properties currently include two unoccupied buildings and three vacant parcels. The apartment building that occupied the property along County Road 19 and West Railway Street was razed by fire last winter and leaves a predominant downtown corner vacant. The current market offers the City an excellent time to pursue these parcels.

The RAC submitted a grant application this past summer to the Metropolitan Council for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account Pre-Development Grant and are waiting to hear the results of the application. If the RAC receives this grant, this will allow the City to hire professional services to help lay the groundwork for successful implementation of the redevelopment project. Some of the proposed professional activities include conducting design workshops/open houses that would result in detailed redevelopment design alternatives; performing an economic feasibility study; preparing a geotechnical review; conducting a surface water management study; developing zoning and land use implementation tools; and conducting a commercial real estate appraisal.

The RAC is excited to continue its efforts in adding to the attractive, thriving "Main Street" for the City of Loretto. The RAC meets once a month at City Hall, and the public is welcome to attend-

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### **Election Judges**

A special thanks goes out to the following people for their service as our election judges:

Rosemary Spurzem, Constance Scheibe,  
Peg Eckdahl, Lorelie Yager, Mickey Van Lith,  
Bonnie Bryant and Eleanore Ghostley.

We had a great voter turnout (333 voters). Our judges worked hard to make sure the integrity of this historic election was upheld. The City of Loretto appreciates your service.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A  
WONDERFUL NEW YEAR TO THE  
CITY OF LORETTO  
RESIDENTS AND  
BUSINESSES!**

