



Newsletter

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LORETTO FUN FEST & FIRE DEPARTMENT 75th ANNIVERSARY STREET DANCE

Saturday, September 9th promises to be a fun day in Loretto. Check out the posters on pages 3 and 4 for all the details. Find the full **EVENT MAP** on the city's website: www.ci.loretto.mn.us

All Fun Fest activities in the Lions Park are free. Tickets to the Street Dance can be purchased at the gate or on the West Suburban Fire Department's website: <https://www.lorettofire.org/75th-anniversary>

LORETTO MARKET/BUSINESS EXPO

Vendors will be lined up on Railway Street West and Lorenz Street. Vendors signed up as of newsletter printing:

OPS America/OPS Assembly	Pippin & Pale Candle Co
Ss. Peter and Paul Church	The Dessert Diaries
Monarch Butterfly Booth	Breath of Life
Saint Therese of Corcoran	Garrett Larson State Farm Agency
Dojo Karate	Bickerstaff Bees
Jan & Joe Jewelry & Clothing	Countryside Art Gallery
Spikes & Houles Feed Store	Medina—Just For Kix

FIREWORKS

Fireworks will be shot off from the usual location at the ballfields and will be even better than ever! Guests are welcome to watch the show from anywhere at the Arnold Klaer's Baseball Field. Come enjoy this great Fun Fest tradition with your neighbors and friends!

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Recycling News



Where do batteries hide?

If it lights up, makes noise or moves without a plug, it has a battery. Batteries can cause fires when they end up in the trash or recycling cart. Knowing where to find batteries is the first step in proper battery disposal. Don't let batteries get past you.

Button

Button batteries cannot be recharged and must be disposed of once they lose their charge. They can be found in flashlights, clocks and watches, smoke detectors, and many other household electronics.



Nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd)

Can be recharged up to 1,000 times and contain cadmium, which can be toxic to the environment. They can be found in power tools, garden path lights and remote controlled cars.



Lithium-ion (Li-ion)

Has excellent performance in high drain devices. They can be found in power tools, cellphones, laptops, portable chargers and toys.



Nickel-metal hydride (Ni-MH)

Performs well in high drain devices and can be recharged up to 1,000 times. They can be found in power tools, two-way radios, digital cameras and cordless phones.



Other

Small sealed and lead acid batteries (SSLA/Pb) are two other types of batteries that should be properly disposed of. They can be found in emergency devices, ride-on toys, security systems and mobility scooters.

Be a battery hero and bring all used batteries to a drop-off location near you.

For more information and to find a drop-off location visit:
co.washington.mn.us/batteries | hennepin.us/batteryrecycling | ramseycounty.us/HHW



Upcoming Recycling Dates

September 6* & 19 October 3, 17 & 31 November 14 & 28
*Pickup delayed one day due to Labor Day holiday

24th ANNUAL LORETTO FUN FEST



All Kids' Activities FREE!

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Schedule - all events are on Saturday, September 9

All events will be held at the **LORETTO LIONS PARK**, starting at 3 p.m.

Starting at

- 3:00 p.m. - **Food and Drink** - Local establishments Choo Choo Bar & Restaurant, Pig on the Porch, Warren's and Detour 19; Hometowne Pizza Food Truck; Beer Garden by Loretto Fire Department
- 3:00-7:00 p.m. - **Food Drive** - Drop off monetary or non-perishable food donations at entrance of event
- 3:00 pm til found - **Medallion Hunt** - Clues posted at city booth. **Grand Prize \$100**
- 3:00-7:00 p.m. - **Loretto Market/Business Expo*** on Railway Street West
- 3:00-7:00 p.m. - **Inflatables**
- 3:00-7:00 p.m. - **Loretto Lions Kiddie Train • Face Painting • Henna Tattoos • Village Church Carnival Games**
- 3:00 p.m.-Midnight - **Loretto Fire Dept. 75th Anniversary STREET DANCE** on Railway Street West, featuring live music by Stampede, Shane Martin and Pop-Rocks! Street dance tickets are available on the Loretto Volunteer Fire Department website and at the gate.
- 8:30 p.m. - **FIREWORKS!!!** Watch the band and stay for the fireworks! Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Free glow necklaces will be distributed while supplies last.

*If you would like to sign up to be a vendor at the Loretto Market/ Business Expo, please contact Mary Schneider at 763-479-4305 or mschneider@ci.loretto.mn.us. The vendor form is also on the Loretto city website under "Updates and Events".

Parking and Shuttle Bus A Shuttle bus will be running from the ball fields parking lots to the corner of St. Peter and Lorenz Streets from 3 p.m. till midnight. There will be a shuttle bus stop at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul from 6 p.m. till midnight. There will be limited parking at the city lot on Railway Street West across from the Lions Park.

DONATION OPPORTUNITY!

All are encouraged to bring a monetary or non-perishable food shelf donation. There will be a drop off booth sponsored by 21st Century Bank in the Lions Park. Your neighbors in need will appreciate your kindness!



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF THE LORETTO FIRE DEPARTMENT

AND THE INTEGRATION OF THE WEST SUBURBAN FIRE DISTRICT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH 2023
IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LORETTO **3PM-12AM**



JOIN THE LORETTO FIRE DEPARTMENT IN CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SERVICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL LORETTO FUN FEST

FUN FEST FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 3PM AND CONTINUE THROUGH THE NIGHT

- **INFLATABLES, KID'S GAMES, FACE PAINTING AND MORE LOCATED AT THE LIONS PARK FROM 3PM - 7PM**
- **LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES AND STREET DANCE BEGINNING AT 4PM**
- **FIREWORKS SHOW AT 8:30PM**
- **SPECIAL FOOD AND DRINK OFFERS BY SOME OF LORETTO'S LOCAL RESTAURANTS**
- **\$10 PER TICKET AVAILABLE ONLINE AND AT THE DOOR**
- **BEER, WINE & SELTZER SALES BY LFD**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE AND PURCHASE TICKETS BEFORE THE EVENT



SPECIAL PERFORMANCES FEATURING:
4:00PM-6:00PM - STAMPEDE
6:30PM-8:00PM - SHANE MARTIN
9:00PM-MIDNIGHT - POPROCKS

SHANE MARTIN



PARKING & SHUTTLE: LORETTO BALL FIELDS AND STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH
SHUTTLES FROM BALL FIELD RUN FROM 3PM - 12AM; STS. PETER & PAUL 6PM - 12AM

VISIT: WWW.LORETTOFIRE.ORG/75TH-ANNIVERSARY

Preventing Stormwater Pollution

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 **City Hall 763-479-4305** or email **Jake Leuer** at jakeleuer@ci.loretto.mn.us. See City Code Section 412:30 for details and exemptions.



TYPES OF ILLICIT DISCHARGES

- Improper disposal of auto and household chemicals
- Spills from roadway accidents or vehicle leaks
- Improper disposal of yard and pet wastes
- Construction site sediment
- Laundry and car wash water
- Septic tank discharge and sanitary wastewater
- Chlorinated pool water

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Persons dumping liquids, animal waste, leaves, grass clippings, or anything unknown into a storm drain.
- Unusual colors or odors in the surface water.
- Stains, unusual odors, or structural damage to streets.
- Dead or distressed fish, plants, or other wildlife near surface water.
- Abnormal vegetative growth in water bodies.
- Sediment accumulation in water bodies.

HOW TO HELP

- Never dump anything into a storm sewer or storm drain.
- Dispose of waste properly by checking the [Hennepin County Green Disposal Guide](#)
- Wash your car on your lawn or at a commercial car wash.

ACCEPTABLE DISCHARGES

- Clean water discharges including water line flushing.
- Air conditioning condensation.
- Irrigation water, sump pump and lawn watering.
- Discharges or flow from firefighting and activities necessary to protect public health and safety.

HELP KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN BY RAKING LEAVES

In natural landscapes, leaves blanket the forest floor and eventually become rich soil. But as we have interrupted natural water and nutrient cycles with our homes and other “people spaces,” much of the land is covered by impervious surfaces like streets, parking lots and roofs. Instead of water and nutrients making their way into the soil, storm drains expediently send leaves and stormwater runoff directly to our lakes, rivers and wetlands. Autumn leaves may not seem like a pollutant, but leaf litter contributes a significant amount of phosphorus to urban stormwater, which then feeds algae and depletes oxygen in our lakes and streams.

The good news is that **the solution is simple: rake up leaves and keep them out of the streets.** Removing the leaves from streets can reduce phosphorus concentrations in storm water by over 80 percent, according to a U.S. Geological Survey study. The study found that if it’s not removed, leaf litter and other organic debris in the fall contributed 56 percent of the annual total phosphorus in urban stormwater compared to only 16 percent when streets were cleared of leaves prior to a rain.



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Dates to Note

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Loretto City Council meetings are held at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the City Council Chambers, 279 Medina Street North, Suite 260.

Please watch the City website and bulletin board for meeting change notices.

Future Dates:

September 12 (Meeting will be held at Saints Peter and Paul’s Parish Center, 145 Railway Street East, and includes an Improvement Hearing for the Hillview Lane South/Meadow Drive Street Project)

October 10, November 14, and December 12.

WeCAN

WeCAN comes to City Hall on the second Monday of each month from 2 to 4 pm.

Upcoming dates: September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11.

LORETTO FUN FEST

Saturday, September 9, 3–7 pm @ Loretto Lions Park, see poster on page 3 and the city website for details.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STREET DANCE

Saturday, September 9, 4 pm–Midnight on Railway Street West, see poster on page 4 for details.

LEAF & GRASS COLLECTION

Randy’s will be picking up leaves and grass clippings in Loretto on **Tuesday, November 14.** Please have compostable bags curbside by 6 am.

- 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.**