



SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER



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2024 ELECTIONS

STATE PRIMARY: August 13, 2024

EARLY VOTING AT CITY HALL:
Begins Friday, June 28, 2024

GENERAL ELECTION: November 5, 2024

EARLY VOTING AT CITY HALL:
Begins Friday, September 20, 2024

PREPARING TO VOTE

If you have had an address change, a name change or have not voted in the last four years, you are required to complete a new registration application before voting. Voter registration applications are available at Lino Lakes City Hall or online at www.mnvotes.org. Voters may also register at their polling place on Election Day with proper identification.

WHERE TO VOTE

Your polling location is dependent upon your address. If you are not sure of the location of your polling place, please check online at www.mnvotes.org or call City Hall at 651-982-2400. On Election Day, polls will open at 7 am and close promptly at 8 pm.

EARLY VOTING

Beginning 46 days prior to Election Day, you may cast an early ballot in person at Lino Lakes City Hall, during regular business hours. If you would like to submit your early ballot through the mail, please apply at mnvotes.org. Military and overseas voters may also vote by early ballot.

ELECTION JUDGE OPPORTUNITIES

Serving as an election judge is a great way to be involved in the election process. Visit www.linolakes.us/electionjudges for more information and our online application. Note that students who are 16 or 17 years of age are eligible to serve as student election judges.

If you have any questions about this year's election, contact Lino Lakes City Clerk, at 651-982-2406.

Splash INTO SUMMER



THE ROOKERY
ACTIVITY CENTER

Join The Rookery Activity Center Today!

There is something for everyone at The Rookery Activity Center! Residents and non-residents are welcome to sign up for either monthly or annual memberships. The Rookery also accepts Silver Sneakers, Renew Active, One Pass, Prime, and Fitness Your Way programs. Not ready for a membership just yet? We are open to the public with daily admissions fees so you can check out all the Rookery has to offer.

SUMMER MEMBERSHIPS

Student Summer Membership*

- Available starting May 6, 2024
- Membership is valid through Sept. 8, 2024
- Ages 15 – 18 = \$100
- Ages 19 – 22 = \$160
- \$39 Enrollment Fee is waived

*Not available for current members

**Not available for anyone with a current Household membership

Household Summer Membership**

- Available starting June 1, 2024
- Valid through August 31, 2024
- Resident = \$250
- Non-Resident = \$300
- \$39 Enrollment Fee is waived



THE ROOKERY ACTIVITY CENTER

ENDURANCE
FITNESS OF MN

Endurance Premium Membership

Our new Premium Membership add-on includes everything in our standard membership **PLUS** access to our new immersive studio experience with Les Mills Virtual and live group cycle classes.



- Scheduled virtual workouts (including beginner classes)
- Equipment needed for each class
- On-Demand workout option
- Access to all live group cycle classes
- Towel service

Single Member Add-On: \$30/month

Household Add-On: \$50/month

Senior Member Add-On: \$20/month

*Drop-in rates available

Pilates Reformer – a low-impact full-body workout with a variety of moves that will challenge your balance, range of motion, strength, and flexibility while engaging your core muscles the entire time.

Classes begin at the start of each month and includes 4 sessions, each 45 minutes in length. Small class sizes, limited to 4 participants, ensures individual attention while maintaining a motivational group setting. Private sessions may also be scheduled and can be held one-on-one or with a partner.

Personal Training – work with a skilled personal trainer one-on-one, to create a tailored fitness program to match your needs. Choose between the 30 or 60-minute sessions to work with your trainer. You will also receive guidance to create a workout plan you can do on your own time.



SUMMER AQUATICS PROGRAMMING

Knowing how to swim is a skill that could save your life. At The Rookery Activity Center, we have created a safe and secure aquatic center to bring year-round water safety and swim lessons to the community.

Our highly trained and certified swim instructors lead comprehensive swim lessons designed for both children and adults, focusing on developing essential swimming skills that foster self-confidence both in and out of the water.

The Rookery's pools maintain a comfortable average temperature of 87°F in the splash pool and 82°F in the lap pool, creating an environment that promotes enjoyable and confident swimming experiences, particularly for our younger swimmers. Join us for lessons, where fun meets safety, and make a splash while acquiring a life-saving skill!

Group Lessons: 30-minute, skill based, progressive, child centered swim lessons that are taught in small group sizes. Visit www.linolakes.us/swimlevels to check what level/class is right for your swimmer.

Private Lessons: Embark on a personalized aquatic journey at The Rookery Activity Center with our private swim lessons, tailoring instruction to your unique needs and abilities. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced swimmer, our 1-on-1 teaching experience is available for all ages and skill levels. Our certified instructors will focus on refining swimming skills based on your individual goals, ensuring a customized and effective learning experience.

Homeschool Lessons: Are you looking for a fun activity to get out of the house? The Rookery offers weekday class times* geared towards home-schooling families. Monthly, 30-minute sessions start the first week of each month. Ages 3 to 12 years old.

*Now available every day of the week, including the week days, in the morning, afternoon, and evenings.

Summer Swim Registration is open now.
Lessons start June 8th.



To register for our classes and programs scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit www.rookeryactivitycenter.com



NEW! Shallow Water Lifeguarding Class

Provides entry-level participants the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to aquatic emergencies in shallow water up to 5 feet and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies injuries and sudden illnesses until EMS personnel take over. Ages 15+

Mermaids & Mermen Academy

This is your chance to experience what it's like to swim like a mermaid/merman! A trained instructor will teach safe fin use and proper breathing while swimming. The 60-minute swim session will incorporate movement skills, fitness, pool entries and exits, dolphin dives, spins, turns and of course mermaid/mermen games. There will be time during the class for self-exploration and games, including diving for treasures at the bottom of the deep end.





Rookery Kids SUMMER DAY CAMP

Join us each week at Rookery Kids Summer Day Camp, where the fun never stops. Each day, we will enjoy time outside, doing small and large group games, arts and crafts, and other fun weekly-themed activities. Each week we will go swimming at the Rookery Aquatic Center on Mondays and Fridays, take part in swimming lessons on Tuesdays, enjoy gym time on Wednesdays, and go on field trips on Thursdays.

You can join us for all 8 weeks of camp or pick the weeks that work best for you. Day Camp will run Monday–Friday from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. You will be able to choose which days you will be attending camp, with a minimum of 3 days a week. Before and After Care is available Monday–Friday for an additional fee.

**When: June 17 through August 16**

- Register for the whole summer or on a week-by-week basis
- Register for 3, 4 or 5 days a week

Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

- Before and After Care is available from 7:00 am - 9:00 am & 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm for an additional fee

Ages:

- Mini Kids: Ages 4-5
- Rookery Kids: Ages 5-12

SPECIAL EVENTS

Splash into Summer Pool Party

Get ready to make a splash as we usher in the sun soaked days and balmy nights with our much anticipated Summer Kickoff at the pool! Join us for a evening of fun, laughter, and endless memories as we float into the summer season in style. All ages are welcome.

Saturday, June 1, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
\$5 child member | \$7 child non-member
Register by Monday, May 27

Teen Take Over | Ages 11 and up

Teens are taking over the Rookery for a night of exclusive pool use, dodgeball, basketball, corn hole, and light snacks.

Friday, June 7th, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
\$10 per teen
Register by Sunday, May 26

*Price will increase after the registration deadline

Upcoming Youth Programs:

- Non-School day programs
- NEW! Kids Kraze – 4th Friday night of each month
- Babysitting classes
- Teen Take Over Event
- CPR/first aid classes
- 3D printer / coding classes
- Lego classes
- Aquatic camps
- Ooey, Gooley and Ick Camp
- Summer field trips
- Weekly Tot Time

Upcoming Adult/Senior Trip and Programs:

- Open pickleball
- Open badminton
- Pickleball classes (all levels)
- Fun-filled pickleball tournament
- Weekly fitness classes
- AARP "Smart Driver" classes
- Adult day trips
- Extended travel information classes
- Weekly social activities
- CPR/first aid classes



Register now for summer camp and summer programs by scanning the QR code with your smartphone.

Where Do Your Annual City Property Taxes Go?

The final 2024 tax levy was adopted by the City Council on December 11, 2023. The tax levy supports a portion of the annual budget. Visit www.linolakes.us/budget to learn more about the 2024 adopted budget.

1. Police & Fire

Daily operations, fleet replacement, and Fire Station #2 debt service repayment.

2. General Government

Mayor, Council, Administration, Elections, Finance, Legal, and Building & Facilities departments.

3. Street Maintenance

Daily operations and fleet replacement.

4. Park & Trail Maintenance

Daily operations, fleet replacement, and playground equipment/park upgrades.

5. Street Reconstruction

Debt service repayment of street reconstruction projects.

6. Rookery Activity Center

Daily operations.

7. Conservation of Natural Resources

Environmental and Forestry departments daily operations.



PHOTO CONTEST

The City of Lino Lakes is looking for scenic photos, as well as photos from events, around the city. The photos submitted may be used on the City's website, social media accounts, or a future newsletter. Photos must be submitted in a high-quality JPG format; scanned images will not be accepted. All photos submitted become the property of the City. The City will identify the top photos and the finalists will be posted on the City Facebook page. The winner will be determined by a people's choice voting system - the image with the most likes will be selected as the winner. If your photo is chosen, you will win a check for \$25. Photos must be submitted by May 10th to be eligible to win.

Submit your photos at www.linolakes.us/photocontest.



The Rookery is proud to host Lino Lakes' Annual Blue Heron Days Festival



BLUE HERON DAYS: August 15th-18th, 2024

SAVE
THE DATE

Friday, August 16:

- NEW! Power Wheels Derby
- Carnival Games
- Touch-A-Truck
- Bounce Houses
- Food Truck
- Movie in the Gym
- Open Swimming
- And MORE!

Saturday, August 17:

- Free open swimming
- Parade

www.linolakes.us/blueherondays



PROTECTING STORMWATER PONDS

As the snow begins to melt and April showers are sitting on the horizon, our stormwater ponds and wetlands will be hard at work taking care of the extra water. If not managed properly, stormwater can contaminate streams, rivers, and lakes. It can destroy aquatic habitats and kill aquatic plants, fish, and animals. Here are a few tips about these systems and what you can do to help protect them.



Photo of Stormwater Pond



Photo of Wetland

Common pollutants that are washed into stormwater ponds and wetlands include:

- Fertilizers and pesticides from lawn care
- Animal waste and debris
- Lawn clippings or leaves
- Oil or grease from vehicles
- Road salt

What you can do to protect stormwater ponds and wetlands:

- Seal your trash bags and keep litter out of the street
- Use pesticides and herbicides sparingly
- Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste
- Wash your vehicle on your lawn instead of on the driveway so that the water infiltrates into the ground
- Keep your car maintained so it does not leak fluids onto the streets
- Maintain a native plant buffer between the turf grass and the water.

What is the City's Responsibility?

The City does not treat stormwater ponds or wetlands for algae, weeds, odors or other aesthetic problems. It is normal to see some algae growth in stormwater ponds; this means the pond is doing its job and protecting lakes, streams, and wetlands!

The City is responsible for the following tasks:

- Maintenance of the hydraulic and treatment function of water resources that are located within City-owned property, drainage or utility easements.
- Removal of sediment accumulation, obstructions and debris that impede the flow of water, and clearing clogged stormwater pipes.

Do you have drainage concerns?

Contact the City Engineer at **651-982-2430**.



NEW ENGINES FOR THE LINO LAKES PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT – FIRE DIVISION

Our new engines have arrived and are now in service!



ENGINE

Late last summer, the Fire Division assembled a truck committee to develop specifications for two fire trucks that would replace our existing 33-year-old water tenders and meet our current fire response needs. The truck committee's main focus was firefighter safety and designing fire trucks that would adequately serve the community well for many years.

Some of the unique firefighter safety features are a crash-rated cab, interior pump panel, communication headsets for all passengers, low hose load compartments, hot water decontamination system, side and rear viewing cameras, pumping water while being able to drive for freeway operations, rear passenger exiting mirrors, automatic tire chains for poor weather conditions, exterior water tank level lights, and ample lighting for nighttime operations.

Design elements to serve the community include:

- Seating for five firefighters
- 2,000 gallons of water per minute fire pump
- 2,200 gallon water tank for non-hydrant areas
- 20 gallons of fire penetrating foam
- 1,500 gallons of water per minute deck gun to get water on the fire quickly
- 1,100 feet of large-diameter hose
- State of the art warning lights and siren



ENGINE

The order for the new fire trucks was placed through Custom Fire Apparatus located in Osceola, Wisconsin in late October 2022. Spartan Motors of Michigan built the chassis for the new fire trucks and was able to deliver both chassis by September of 2023. Custom Fire Apparatus was then able to build the pump module, install the bodies and all of the firefighting components by January 1, 2024.

Since their arrival, the Fire Division has been busy outfitting the trucks with all of our firefighting equipment and training our staff in the operations of the new trucks. After many hours of training and familiarization of the new fire trucks, both were placed in service on Friday, February 16, 2024.

Thank you

The Lino Lakes Fire Division would like to thank the City Council, the Lino Lakes Community, our truck community, and Custom Fire Apparatus for providing the Fire Division staff with the latest and most innovative apparatus for us to be able to provide a professional, safe and well-equipped emergency response to our community.

WE NEED YOU

BECOME A RESERVE OFFICER

Do you have an interest in giving back to your community through public safety service? If so, the Lino Lakes Public Safety Department Reserve Officer Unit needs you!

Lino Lakes Police Reserve Officers augment the Lino Lakes Police Division's resources by serving in a uniformed capacity at special events, assisting with traffic and pedestrian control, conducting neighborhood patrols and business checks, and adding to the number of watchful eyes and ears in our city. Additionally, Lino Lakes Police Reserve Officers represent the police division at community events, assist sworn officers on patrol with a wide variety of situations, assist with police training events, provide security at emergency scenes, conduct prisoner transports, and more!



Interested in learning more?
Scan the QR code or email
Sgt. Dan Thill at dthill@linolakes.us



FIREARM SAFETY COURSE

Now is the perfect time to begin contemplating your summer plans and activities.

We're thrilled to share that the Lino Lakes Public Safety Department will be offering DNR Firearms Safety Certification once again. DNR Firearms Certification is required of anyone born after December 31, 1979 to purchase a hunting license in Minnesota. The firearm safety course is open to anyone 11 years of age or older. Parents/guardians of youth participants are encouraged to attend each session with their child, but parent/guardian attendance is not required. Students do not need to have hunting aspirations to find value in the course.

The certification course takes place in six sessions. Five in-person, classroom sessions, and one additional in-person session at a firearm range.



For additional information regarding the class, or to sign-up, please visit our website by scanning the QR code.

CAMPFIRE SAFETY

Only You Can Prevent Wildfires

Whether you're in a state forest or in your backyard, campfires should be constructed and maintained with safety in mind. Use a designated fire ring or build a campfire in an area cleared of combustible materials 5-feet in all directions around the fire. Campfires must be 3-feet or less in diameter and not more than 3-feet in height.

Building and Putting Out a Campfire

- Think before you strike. Check the burning restrictions for your area before lighting a campfire.
- Select a level spot a safe distance away from trees, low overhead branches, shrubs, dry grass, or logs to prevent the fire from escaping, and clear all combustibles within 5 feet.
- Have a shovel and water available at the campfire site for extinguishing campfires.
- Supervise the fire at all times. Even a light breeze could cause the fire to spread.
- Extinguish the campfire with water using the "drown and stir" method.



Scan the QR code for burning restrictions.





In 2023, the City pumped over 700,000,000 gallons of water to meet user demand. Water for residential use equated to approximately 80 gallons per person per day. **A goal of the Lino Lakes Water Supply Plan is to bring residential water demand to less than 75 gallons per person per day.**



8-Zone Rachio 3 smart irrigation controllers are being offered to homeowners for a discounted price of \$45.00 +tax. Controllers will be provided on a first-come first-served basis while supplies last.

HELP US MEET OUR GOAL! Conserve water with a reduced price smart irrigation controller.

Fresh water is a finite resource. Fresh water used for irrigation picks up pollutants, such as fertilizer and pet waste, during its journey back to the groundwater supply.

Locally, up to 60% of water usage for a typical home is used for outdoor irrigation during the growing season. Of that water use, roughly 50% is wasted on overwatering, evaporation, and non-target watering. Wasted fresh water could easily reach 150 gallons per house per day. One of the most effective and easy to implement solutions to improve our water conservation efforts in the City is to increase the efficiency of outdoor irrigation.

EPA-certified WaterSense smart irrigation controllers greatly reduce overwatering by tailoring irrigation system operation to local weather, plant type, soil type, slopes, and other factors.

In an effort to enhance water conservation efforts in the City by helping residents conserve water (while saving money), the City of Lino Lakes will again be implementing the Smart Irrigation Controller Program in spring of 2024. This program is available due to a Clean Water Fund Grant that aims to reduce water demand and to ensure the reliability and protection of drinking water supplies.

Visit the www.linolakes.us/smartirrigation for more information about the program and application process.



Watering Restrictions Take Effect May 15th

City watering restrictions will take effect May 15th and will run through September 15th. In addition to odd-even sprinkling restrictions, watering lawns is also prohibited every day between 10:00am– 6:00pm. This is due to the Public Water Advisory related to manganese levels in the City's water supply.



Scan the QR code for additional information.



MANGANESE UPDATE

The City of Lino Lakes completed a water treatment pilot study in 2021 to test the effectiveness of biological filtration to remove manganese and other minerals from the City's drinking water. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) considers biological filtration to be an effective treatment method to remove a variety of groundwater impurities such as ammonia, iron, and manganese. The pilot study was completed with groundwater pumped by Municipal Well No. 6, which is the well with the highest combined concentration of manganese and iron serving the City's water distribution system.

The treated manganese concentration towards the end of the study averaged 0.023 mg/L. This represents a 95 percent removal rate when compared to the average manganese concentration in the raw water produced from Well No. 6. The iron and ammonia concentration in the City's drinking water were also significantly reduced during the pilot study.

Month	Average Readinas (PPB)
January 2024	115
December 2023	129
November 2023	144

The pilot study achieved all treatment goals as the treated water complied with the recommended drinking water standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for manganese.

For more information related to manganese in the water visit www.linolakes.us/publicwater.

CITY MOVES FORWARD WITH DRINKING WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The design of the City's first Drinking Water Treatment Plant is nearing completion with a planned construction start in late summer or early fall. The plant is being constructed in response to high levels of manganese found in the City's drinking water. While manganese is not a regulated contaminate (City water meets all drinking water standards) levels in the City water exceed Minnesota Department of Health recommended guidelines of 100 parts per billion for infants under one year of age and 300 parts per billion for persons older than one.

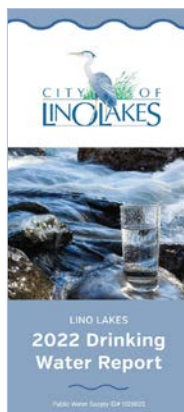
The design team of WSB Engineering & Oertel Architects is currently preparing the final design plans for the plant. The plant will provide for the removal of manganese and iron from the drinking water supply. This is completed through a filtration process using both conventional and biological methods. The plant is planned to serve the City's needs well past 2040.

The overall cost of the plant is estimated at \$34,500,000. With the assistance of our area legislators, the City was successful in obtaining \$16,500,000 in state and federal funds for the project. The remaining \$18,000,000 is paid for by municipal water users through utility rates.



Information on the plant design can be found at www.linolakes.us/watertreatment

More information on Manganese can be found at www.linolakes.us/manganese



WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2022 Water Quality Report is posted on the City of Lino Lakes website. To view the report online, visit www.linolakes.us/waterreport. Paper copies are available upon request by calling 651-982-2401.



ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day is **Friday, April 26th, 2024**.
Celebrate by planting trees from the Anoka
Conservation District tree and shrub sale!



Learn more about this event by
scanning the QR code.



*Emerald ash borer S-shaped tunnel under bark in Lino Lakes.
Photo by Andy Nelson*

EMERALD ASH BORER

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a beetle that kills ash trees. Lino Lakes is heavily infested with Emerald Ash Borer. Ultimately, ash trees in Lino Lakes will be killed, treated with insecticide, or removed. The time to decide if you will treat or eventually remove your tree is now.

Common symptoms include heavy woodpecker activity on the tree, dying branches in the upper canopy, sprouts around the tree base, vertical cracks in the bark, S-shaped tunnels under the bark, and 1/8-inch D-shaped exit holes in the bark.

October 1st - April 30th is the best time to remove ash trees.

Please don't move firewood! Anoka County is in the quarantine zone. Moving ash material and all hardwood firewood from the quarantine zone is prohibited. Utilizing the wood near the site where the tree grew is a good option for disposal.

Residents interested in injecting their privately-owned trees can now receive bulk-rate discount pricing through Rainbow Tree Care!



For more information about Emerald ash borer,
scan the QR code.



Tree assessments and injections can be arranged
by scanning the QR code.



Ash Injection in progress. Photo courtesy of Rainbow Tree Care

SPRING PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE

STREET SWEEPING & MAINTENANCE

Lino Lakes conducts a street sweeping program twice a year that involves the removal of residual sand and debris accumulated on our city streets. Spring sweeping typically begins in early April (once curbs are exposed) and takes approximately 6 weeks to complete. Residents can help with the street sweeping process by moving their vehicles off city streets, **placing trash cans behind the curb**, and refraining from placing yard waste and other debris in the streets.

After street sweeping is completed, street maintenance will begin. The Streets Division will work systematically through the city to fix repairs such as patching of roads, catch basin repairs, boulevard maintenance, curb repairs, manhole, and water main valve adjustments, seal coating projects, crack filling projects, and drainage maintenance.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Each spring all the hydrants throughout the City are flushed to clear out impurities. The flushing process may create a temporary interruption to your water service and/or discolor the water coming out of your faucet. In the case of discolored water, run the cold water for a few minutes.

ROAD RESTRICTIONS

Every year, the City of Lino Lakes imposes a spring weight restriction for commercial vehicles on public streets during the spring thaw (usually early March to mid-May). Weather and traffic are the two main factors that cause asphalt streets to prematurely deteriorate. The gravel beneath the street has a high moisture content as the ground thaws in the spring, which lowers the asphalt pavement's ability to carry loads. Thus, axle weight restrictions are implemented during the spring thaw when streets are most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads in order to protect the useful life of the streets and roads. Seasonal load restrictions in Lino Lakes begin on the day that the Minnesota Department of Transportation specifies (MnDOT).

To report a problem with a street, trail, or street light, contact the Public Services Department at publicservices@linolakes.us or **651-982-2440**.



Scan the QR code for MNDOT updates.



FIND A JOB YOU'LL LOVE

Apply for a job with the City of Lino Lakes and join a great team and give back to the community.

Visit www.linolakes.us/employment to learn about current job opportunities.



SENIOR EXPO

and wellness fair

presented by



MAY 16, 2024

9 AM - NOON

**ST. GENEVIEVE PARISH CENTER
CENTERVILLE**

Resources for a vibrant life!

**Vendor Booths, Health-Screenings,
Prescription & Sharps Collection,
Prizes, Fun and More!**

**No Cost
for
Attendees
!**



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FREE BUSINESS ADVICE



**Looking for a trusted
adviser for your business?**

Anoka County's Open to Business program will provide prospective and existing entrepreneurs with free one-on-one counseling with a business adviser. The program provides assistance in the following areas:

- Financial management
- Loan packaging
- Business plan assistance
- Real estate analysis
- Marketing assistance
- Strategic planning
- Business regulations
- Professional referrals

Open to Business advisers can also assist entrepreneurs to identify borrowing needs and accessing financing options. Advisers work with clients to help them find the financing that best meets their own unique needs. Funds can be used for inventory, working capital, asset and equipment purchases, real estate acquisition, and start-up costs.

Are you an interested entrepreneur?
Contact Carrie Mikkonen to schedule
an appointment. Call **763-438-7315**
or email cmikkonen@mccdmn.org



More information about this program can also
be found online at opentobusinessmn.org.

RECYCLE SATURDAY

THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

10:00AM - 2:00PM

LINO PARK - 7850 LAKE DRIVE

*The above recycling program is funded by
the Anoka County Board of Commissioners
and State SCORE (Select Committee on
Recycling and the Environment) funds.*



ARE YOU A RENTAL PROPERTY OWNER?

As part of the City's Housing Maintenance Code, owners of multi-dwelling rental properties within the city are required to obtain a Rental Dwelling License.

Why? This program supports the City's goal of preserving stable neighborhoods and property values. A licensing program enables a community to ensure that these units and properties are maintained in a manner that provides decent housing for residents

and upholds the property maintenance standards of the community. The purpose of the license is to ensure that rental properties are maintained in a safe, secure, and sanitary manner.



Owners can obtain a license application by scanning the QR code or contacting Building Department at 651-982-2420.

DOG LICENSES

Every dog in the City of Lino Lakes over the age of six months is required to be licensed. Residents moving into the city have 30 days to purchase a dog license. Residents will be required to have proof of up-to-date rabies vaccination for the dog to obtain a license. The cost of a license in the City of Lino Lakes is \$6.00 for a spayed female or neutered male, and \$11.00 for a female that is not spayed or a male that is not neutered.

Your dog's license is valid for the same length of time as the rabies vaccination. It must be renewed within 30 days after the vaccination or a \$6.00 penalty will be applied. Residents with more than three dogs will be required to obtain a kennel license with the City of Lino Lakes.

Mail in applications must include a copy of proof of current rabies vaccinations along with a check for the fee.

In person requests can be completed at the Lino Lakes Public Safety Department during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM.



Dog licenses can be obtained by scanning the QR code.



PICK UP YOUR PET WASTE

Pet waste isn't harmless, it contains harmful bacteria and parasites that can make people sick. There's a common misconception that pet waste is natural and will break down like wildlife waste. Unlike wildlife waste, pet waste is very nutrient dense.

Cities and towns have lots of pets, and these excess nutrients harm local lakes and wetlands by producing excess algae. Excess algae poses risks for toxic algae blooms and impairs water quality for wildlife and people (fishing, recreation, etc.).

Help keep people safe and water clean:

- Don't wait. More time on the ground is likely to contaminate lakes, streams, and wetlands.
- Remember to bring a baggie when going out for walks or to a park.





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Lino Lakes, MN 55014

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Twin Cities, MN

SAVE THE DATE: 2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

Host a Night to Unite Party in your Neighborhood

Join neighbors across Lino Lakes on **Tuesday, August 6th, 2024** for the annual Night to Unite Celebration, which is sponsored by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association along with AAA of Minnesota/Iowa, and local law enforcement agencies.

Night to Unite celebrates and strengthens neighborhood and community partnerships by:

1. Building relationships with your neighbors, which allows you to get to know one another and determine who belongs in your neighborhood.
2. Encouraging and fostering neighborhood involvement by bringing police and communities together.
3. Bringing awareness to crime prevention and local law enforcement efforts by giving you the opportunity to meet and speak with officers from your police department.

Lino Lakes Public Safety Department Firefighters and Police Officers (including K9 Officer Argos) will be partnering with others as they attend dozens of parties throughout the community. Last year we attended 39 parties and we are looking forward to adding even more this year!

For more information about Night to Unite, or for assistance with hosting your own party, please contact llpsdntu@linolakes.us.



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& SUGAR BUSH SOUND GARDEN

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