



FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



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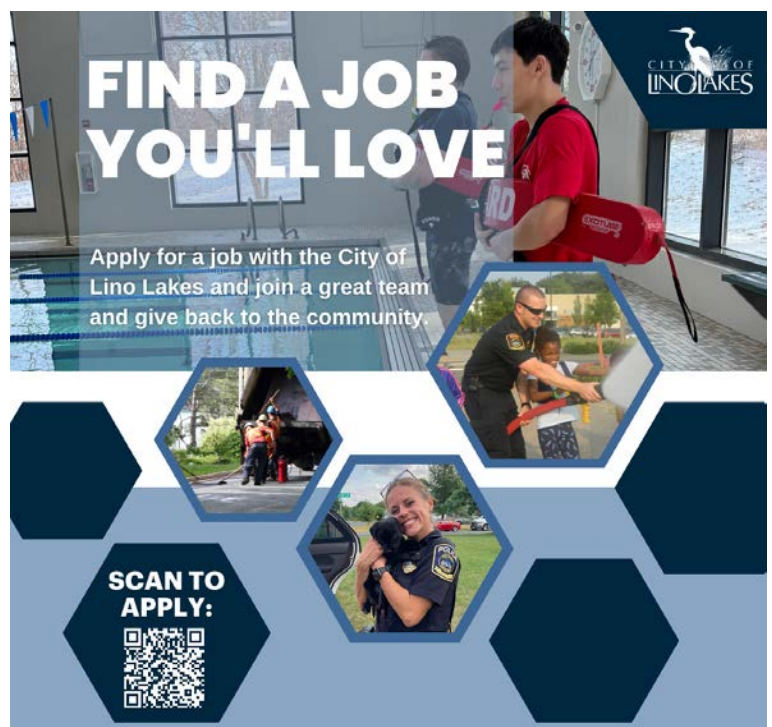
CITY OF LINO LAKES
**PHOTO
CONTEST**
SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS AT:
linolakes.us/photocontest
WIN \$25!



Photo Contest

The City of Lino Lakes is looking for scenic City photos, as well as photos from events. 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's 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 receive a check for \$25. Photos must be submitted by September 15th to be eligible to win.

Submit your photos at www.linolakes.us/photocontest





The Rookery Activity Center is proud to host the City of Lino Lakes' Annual Blue Heron Days Festival.

AUGUST 15 - 18, 2024

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15:

4:00PM - 8:00PM - CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Centennial Education Food Truck and Fun Festival

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16:

4:00PM - 9:00PM - ROOKERY POOL

- Open swimming

4:30PM - 7:00PM - OUTSIDE THE ROOKERY

- NEW! Power Wheels Derby
- Bounce houses
- Carnival games
- Touch-a-truck
- Food truck
- Pony rides
- Crafts
- Fitness challenges with Endurance Fitness

7:00PM - 9:00PM - ROOKERY GYM

- Movie in the Rookery gym

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17:

11:00AM - LAKE DRIVE

- Parade - NEWLY extended route

1200PM - 7:00PM - ROOKERY POOL

- FREE open swimming

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18:

11:00AM - 4:00PM - WALDOCH FARM

- Waldoch Farm Garden Tour and Corn Feed



MOVIE IN THE ROOKERY GYM

Enjoy FREE
Endurance Fitness
classes all
weekend long!



2024 PLATINUM SPONSORS:



FALL INTO FUN AT



JOIN NOW!

Upcoming Youth Programs:

- Non-School Day Programs
- Tot Time
- Kids Kraze – 4th Friday night of each month
- Baby Sitting Class
- Teen Take Over
- Lego Classes
- Aquatic Camps
- Ooey, Gooey and Ick Camp
- Mermaids and Mermen Academy
- Lifeguarding Class

Upcoming Adult/Senior Trip and Programs:

- AARP "Smart Driver" Classes
- Adult Day Trips
- Extended Travel Information Classes
- Open Pickleball
- Open Badminton
- Weekly Fitness Classes
- Weekly Social Activities
- Beginner and Intermediate Pickleball Classes
- Pop in for Popcorn

The Rookery Activity Center has something for everyone! All are welcome to join the Rookery at either monthly or annual rates. Those who aren't ready to join can try it out for the day by paying the daily admission fee. The Rookery also accepts Silver Sneakers, Renew Active, One Pass, Prime, and Fitness Your Way programs.

Membership and Daily Admission Fees Include:

- Fitness Floor with a combination of cardio and strength equipment, and free weights
- Lap Pool and zero-depth entry Splash Pool with water slide & water feature
- Gymnasium featuring open times for basketball, pickleball, family time, and tot time
- Over 60 group fitness classes taught by certified Endurance Fitness instructors
- Drop-in child watch for ages 6mos. - 11 years old
- Locker rooms and changing rooms
- Sauna

BLUE HERON DAYS

MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

AUGUST 15TH - SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2024

Monthly and Annual Memberships available for anyone NEW to The Rookery. The \$39 enrollment fee is waived, and receive your choice of either a Rookery tumbler or a drawstring backpack. Annual Memberships are priced to include one free month.



Special Events:

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

Friday, August 23rd | 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Ages 11+ | Cost: \$5 per person

**Price will increase after deadline of Sunday, August 18th.*

WELLNESS FAIR: Join us for the first Rookery Wellness Fair where your wellness will take flight. Community vendors will fill the gym with resources to guide your wellness journey. Endurance Fitness will also be highlighting new group fitness classes. If you are interested in being a community vendor, please see the website for vendor registration.

Saturday, September 21st | 9:00 am – Noon | All Ages | Cost: Free

Birthday Parties

Make your big day a blast at The Rookery Activity Center! No matter how you choose to spend your birthday with us, the Rookery will make sure you have an unforgettable time. We have fantastic package options that allow your party goers to play in the gym, splash in the pool, or book both for the ultimate experience.

We offer themed parties like mermaid pool parties, car gym parties, and sports gym parties. Themed parties include an activity, paper products, and more! Birthday child receives a shirt and special goodie bag.



For more program details and pricing information, scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit www.rookeryactivitycenter.com

Fall Aquatics Programming

The Rookery Activity Center offers year-round water safety and swim lessons to the community. Our comprehensive swim program is 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.

Homeschool Lessons: Weekly, 30-minute sessions start the first week of each month ranging between 3-5 classes per month. Ages 3 years to 12 years old.

Group Lessons: 30-minute, skill based, progressive, child centered swim lessons in a small group setting. See our swim lesson level information to check what level/class is right for your swimmer.

Private Lessons: 1-on-1 teaching experience 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. **Now available every day of the week, including the week days.*

**Fall Swim Registration is open now.
Lessons start the week of September 14th.**



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



THE ROOKERY
ACTIVITY CENTER

ENDURANCE
FITNESS OF MN

Join Endurance Fitness at The Rookery Activity Center!

Endurance Fitness, located within The Rookery Activity Center, provides world-class fitness programming and top of the line fitness equipment. We offer **over 60 live group fitness classes** each and every week! There is something for every fitness level, including yoga, group cycle, cardio and strength-based classes. If live classes are not for you or your schedule, members have the option to use our new Immersive Studio and choose from a full library of classes!

Immersive studio classes combine our world-leading fitness programs with pumping sound and motivation from some of the hottest instructors on the planet. It's a truly inspiring experience that will drive amazing results.



**Come celebrate with us for a FREE fitness event!
Saturday, September 21st**

Our amazing instructors will lead the way to bring you the hottest new workouts, energy and a fun experience. There will be a full day of classes to try.



Scan the QR code to check out our schedule online, view our current class schedule and learn more about the formats we offer at Endurance Fitness!



Swim Safety for Swim Coaches Certification

This course emphasizes accident and emergency prevention while providing guidance on responding to swimmers who experience illnesses or injuries, whether in the water or on land. Additionally, participants who wish to have the opportunity to obtain certification in CPR & AED, can add this to their in-water skills. This certification empowers them to recognize and appropriately respond to cardiac and respiratory emergencies. The course imparts crucial skills that enable participants to provide immediate care to individuals who have suddenly become injured or ill until advanced medical personnel arrive and take over.



STATE PRIMARY: **Tuesday, August 13th**
GENERAL ELECTION: **Tuesday, November 5th**
POLLS OPEN: **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Minnesotans are preparing to go to the polls in August for the State Primary Election and are looking ahead to the General Election in November. The City of Lino Lakes, Anoka County Elections Department, and MN Secretary of State's Office work in coordination to carry out the election and are here to assist you with the process.

Voters are encouraged to register in advance, however, Minnesota does allow for same day registration with proper proof of residency. On the Secretary of State's website, you can check your registration status, register to vote, and find a list of acceptable IDs to register on Election Day.

Absentee voting begins 46 days before each election and ballots must be received by Election Day

in order to be counted. You can check the status of your absentee ballot online on the Secretary of State's website. The County can also provide more information on voting in-person by absentee ballot or at the polls, if needed.

Sample ballots are available on the Secretary of State's website. A unique feature of the online version of the sample ballots is that they include candidate provided links to their profile websites. This is a great resource for researching candidates in advance of voting.

The City of Lino Lakes is here to answer your questions and hosts an in-person absentee voting site at City Hall, 46 days prior to each election. Absentee voting for the August 13th State Primary began on June 28th. The start date for the

General Election absentee voting period is Friday, September 20th.

If voting in person on Election Day, you will go to your assigned polling location. A precinct map with polling locations is available at City Hall, on the Secretary of State's website, and through the QR code below. Prior to each election the City will also have a printed copy of the sample ballot available for voters.

Contact us at clerk@linolakes.us or visit us at City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm and during the extended dates/times for absentee voting as outlined by state law. City Hall is located at 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, MN 55014.

Election Resources

- Secretary of State website: www.sos.state.mn.us
- Online information & forms: polling locations, sample ballot, register to vote, request an absentee ballot by mail, view extended absentee voting hours, check status of absentee ballot, and more.
- Contact Anoka County at elections@anokacountymn.gov or 763-324-1300
- Questions about the status of a mailed absentee ballot, in-person absentee voting information, voter registration, and other election questions.

2025 Budget Preview: Work Sessions and Adoption Dates

The City Council is gearing up for 2025 budget discussions. Mark your calendars with the dates and times provided in the chart so you can stay in the loop.

To learn more about the budget process and the 2025 Proposed Budget and Tax Levy visit: www.linolakes.us/budget

Meeting - Date & Time	Agenda Item
City Council Budget Work Session August 12 th following City Council Meeting	2025 Draft Budget & Tax Levy Review and Discussion
City Council Budget Work Session August 26 th following City Council Meeting	2025 Draft Budget & Tax Levy Review and Discussion
City Council Meeting September 23 rd at 6:30pm	2025 Preliminary Tax Levy Adoption
City Council Budget Work Session October – December scheduled as needed	2025 Draft Budget & Tax Levy Refinement
City Council Meeting December 9 th at 6:30pm	2025 Final Budget & Tax Levy Adoption

Find your polling location:



To locate your polling site, scan the QR code with your smartphone.



Fraud Prevention

Financial crimes are one of the most common type of incidents that affect our community. In 2022, 88,000+ victims over the age of 60 reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation they lost a combined amount of nearly \$3.1 billion to fraud and related scam attempts. People over the age of 60 are often targeted as they are perceived as being more vulnerable, respectful, and trusting and it can be difficult to spot fraudulent scams.

The most common types of scams are characterized as 'Sweetheart/Romance', 'Grandparent', and 'Call Center Fraud'. The sweetheart scam involves the criminal adopting a fake online identity to gain the victim's affection, confidence, and trust, whereas the grandparent scam invokes a sense of panic and urgency to help a 'grandchild' (criminal) in need. A majority of scam techniques use fear, urgency, and intimidation to receive payment and/or personal information quickly.

The following are a few ways to help protect yourself against scams:

- Never provide or verify personal information to someone who has contacted you unsolicited.
- If you receive a pop-up on your computer, disconnect from the internet and shut down the device.
- A legitimate company will not request or accept payment in the form of gift cards, pre-paid cards, or transfer funds using cryptocurrency.
- Do not send money to someone you do not know.
- Monitor your financial accounts for suspicious activity.

If you suspect you have been a victim of a crime call your local law enforcement agency.

THE PINK PATCH PROJECT



This October, the Lino Lakes Public Safety Department will once again be participating in the Pink Patch Project to raise awareness for breast cancer. This year's Pink Patch Project is shaping up to feature a fun and unique design. Stay tuned to see what we'll be creating this year.

The previous retro patch, as well as the original LLPSD patch, will be available for purchase to the public for a **\$10** donation. All proceeds will be donated to Minnesota's own **Hope Chest for Breast Cancer**.

To purchase your very own patch, please stop by the Lino Lakes Public Safety Department located at 640 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, MN 55014 or visit: www.llvips.org.

GO PINK! Together as a community, we can make a difference.



What you need to know about your home's CO and Smoke Alarms

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a sneaky threat that you can't see, smell, or taste, making it a serious health hazard. Symptoms of CO poisoning—like headaches, nausea, fatigue, vomiting, and confusion—can sneak up on you fast. Appliances such as stoves, furnaces, and heaters that burn fuel are potential sources of CO if they're not properly ventilated or maintained. Having working smoke alarms can significantly reduce the risk of fatalities in residential fires. These routine checks and replacements help maintain a safe environment in your home.

Keep your family and home safe by following these tips:

- Install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms within 10 feet of each sleeping room or in each room.
- Test CO alarms monthly.
- Call 911 immediately if the CO alarm sounds and you feel ill; if you feel fine, open windows and contact your utility company.
- Ensure vents for your furnace, dryer, fireplace, or oven are clear of snow and debris to prevent CO buildup.
- Test smoke alarms monthly ensuring they function properly.
- Change smoke detector batteries yearly and replace the smoke alarms entirely every 10 years.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement.
- Interconnect the alarms so when one sounds, they all sound, enhancing safety.
- Teach children to recognize the smoke alarm sound and to exit the building promptly.
- Mount alarms on the ceiling or on the wall no more than 12 inches below the ceiling for optimal detection.

FALL MAINTENANCE

Street Sweeping



Lino Lakes conducts a Street Sweeping Program twice a year that involves the removal of residual sand and debris accumulated on our city streets. Fall sweeping typically begins Mid-October until the snow starts to fall. 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. The City Ordinance 405.03 states no person shall intentionally dispose of grass, leaves, dirt, or other landscape debris into a water resource buffer, street, road, alley, catch basin, culvert, curb, gutter, inlet, ditch, natural watercourse, wetland, flood control channel, canal, storm drain or any fabricated natural conveyance.

There are several ways residents can dispose of yard waste:

- Mulching in your yard
- Contact your local trash collector for disposal options
- Backyard composting
- Utilize the Rice Creek Compost Site located at 7701 Main Street, Lino Lakes (managed by Anoka County)

Hydrant Flushing

Each fall the City flushes hydrants to ensure that all hydrants are operating properly, and to clear sediment build-up. This causes turbulence of water in the water mains and may cause dark-colored water. Although the water is safe for human consumption, please check for discolored water before laundering clothes as it may stain certain fabrics. If clothes develop stains, do not dry, but rewash immediately to remove stains. In the case of discolored water, run the **cold** water for a few minutes.



Protecting Your Yard and Sprinkler Heads

It's not too early to start planning for the winter plowing season. To help prevent plow damage to your sod and irrigation heads, mark the edge of the road prior to the first snowfall with 24" high reflective, or brightly colored stakes, at about 20-foot intervals. If your sod is damaged by a plow, report the damage to the City as soon as you become aware of it. Stakes are available **FREE** of charge for delivery by contacting The Streets Supervisor at **651-982-2455** or TPayne@linolakes.us.



Are you decorating the outside of your residence this season?

If so, you are invited to register your address to the 2024 Holiday Lights Tour participants list.

Registration opens in November. Updates will be posted here: www.facebook.com/linolakesmn.

Starting December 5th, a list of participating homes will be available at www.linolakes.us/holidaylights for all to drive around and enjoy the festive lights.



Thinking of Draining Your Pool?

Swimming pool owners and operators can help protect local streams, wetlands, and lakes by following these guidelines for draining (discharging) swimming pools and hot tubs.

Swimming Pools

Discharges that occur from swimming pool filtration systems should be sewerred in municipal settings. In rural areas where municipal treatment is unavailable, pool filtration system backwash water could be discharged to the ground surface where solids could be filtered during seepage. The discharge shall be done at a rate that does not allow for discharge via overland flow to surface waters. Rural pools equipped with diatomaceous earth (DE) filters should have a system designed and constructed for settling out the waste DE so that it can be removed as needed and properly disposed of (i.e. land filled).



Chlorination must be stopped seven days in advance of discharging pools. This allows the chlorine to dissipate. It is recommended that swimming pool water, **free of chlorine**, be discharged to the ground surface (i.e. lawn). **The discharge should be directed onto a vegetated surface to encourage infiltration.**

If the discharge flow is to occur across bare soil areas, care should be taken to prevent soil erosion. The flow rate can be reduced to prevent erosion (use a small diameter hose), additional piping or hose can be placed over the erosive area to prevent soil/water contact, and/or sod can be laid in the bare area.

Never discharge chlorinated water to any surface water (storm sewer, ditch, lake, wetland, etc.). In addition, swimming pools should not be discharged into individual sewage treatment systems. The large volume of water can reduce treatment efficiency and can cause other significant problems (i.e. flush solids into the drain field, create a surface outbreak of sewage, etc.).

Hot Tubs

Hot tubs are also in the need of occasional discharge. These systems are often plumbed to the homeowner's individual sewage treatment system or the municipal sewer system. This is not a problem for municipal systems (unless severely undersized); however, you must follow local rules regarding these discharges.

Swimming Pool and Hot Tub Water Discharges Best Management Practices. (2008, October). Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 1-2.

Clean Water Landscaping Practices: Why Does It Matter?

Every lawn is connected to a lake, stream, or wetland. How we manage our lawns adds up to a big impact on the watershed, for better or worse. Unfortunately, lawns can be a source of excess nutrients and sediment that can harm water resources, even fueling toxic algae blooms that impact recreation opportunities for everyone. Having a good-looking lawn that is also good for the watershed is doable. Using some of the following tips can help to keep our water clean!

Fertilizer Application

- Use Phosphorus-free fertilizers, or leave grass clippings as a natural and FREE fertilizer.
- When spreading fertilizer near paved surfaces, adjust your route to ensure it is not being applied to the pavement.
- Sweep or blow grass clippings or spilled fertilizer back onto lawns to prevent it from entering storm drains, ditches and then lakes and rivers.
- Keep fertilizer applications at least 15-20 feet away from the edges of wetlands, lakes, and streams.
- Store fertilizer in well-marked containers to avoid spills.

For more information about how you can help protect water at home visit www.vlawmo.org/residents.



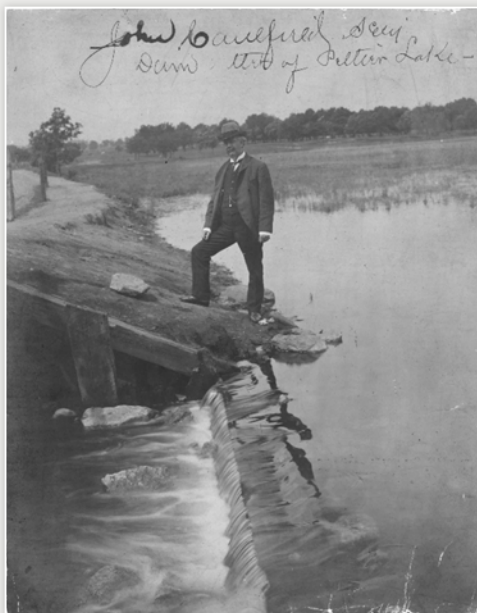
KNOW YOUR CITY

How are the Peltier Dam and the City of St. Paul related?

Many residents and visitors have likely spent a day fishing or boating in Peltier Lake or Rice Creek. Separating the two is the Peltier Lake Dam. While the dam helps maintain water levels for recreational activities it was originally constructed as part of the City of St. Paul's drinking water supply system.



The dam, constructed in 1902, is part of a series of intakes, pumping stations, aqueducts, lakes, and streams that stretches south, from Lino Lakes, to the St. Paul Regional Water Services facilities in St. Paul. While St. Paul currently obtains its water supply from the Mississippi River, parts of the system remain in place. The system has not been used as a raw water supply since 1992.



COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Another one of Those?

City staff often receives questions about commercial development from residents. A commonly asked question is **“Another one of those?”** Or, have you ever wondered **“Why there?”** or **“Why don’t we have an insert your favorite restaurant here in town?”**

The truth is that businesses choose Lino Lakes because of a combination of zoning regulations and market dynamics. Contrary to popular belief, the City doesn’t select businesses to establish here. Instead, business development is a natural outcome of zoning policies and prevailing market conditions.

Zoning regulations create a framework within which businesses can thrive while also safeguarding the interests of residents. Zoning dictates what types of businesses can operate in specific areas, ensuring compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods and infrastructure. Zoning districts designate areas for residential, commercial, industrial, or mixed-use purposes. Location is driven by a number of factors but traffic volumes and visibility play a large role in commercial development. That is why you see most commercial activity by interstate interchanges and busy road intersections.

Therefore, when a business decides to open in Lino Lakes, it’s often because the zoning in that area aligns with its needs and goals.

However, zoning alone isn’t the sole factor driving business development. Market conditions play a pivotal role in attracting businesses to the city. Economic factors, such as consumer demand, competition, residential growth, and access to resources influence where businesses choose to establish themselves. For instance, a growing population might spur demand for new retail outlets or service providers, prompting entrepreneurs to seize the opportunity and invest in the Lino Lakes community.

In essence, the synergy between zoning regulations and market dynamics shapes the business landscape in our city. While the government provides the regulatory framework through zoning ordinances, that just sets the table. It’s the evolving market forces that ultimately dictate which businesses thrive and expand. By understanding that relationship, residents and businesses alike can appreciate the organic growth of our local economy.

As the city continues to develop, certain areas can be rezoned to appropriately meet the needs of future growth. This growth is guided by the City of Lino Lakes’ comprehensive plan, which is updated every 10 years. To view the 2040 comprehensive plan and other planning and zoning maps, please visit

www.linolakes.us/cityplanning.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

The new Lino Lakes drinking water treatment facility will provide safe, aesthetically pleasing drinking water to the community. More information on Lino Lakes water treatment plant design and key processes visit www.linolakes.us/watertreatment.

The substantial completion date for this project is September 30, 2026, and the final completion date of October 31, 2026.



PARK UPDATES

Pickleball Courts

The City has nine dedicated pickleball courts and three tennis/pickleball courts throughout our parks. The courts are located at City Hall Park, Tower Park, Arena Acres Park, NorthPointe Park, and Watermark Park. We look forward to seeing everyone enjoying the pickleball courts.



Trail Reminders

A few friendly reminders while you are out enjoying the many trails Lino Lakes has to offer:

- Unauthorized motorized vehicles and recreation equipment are not allowed on the trails.
- When walking your pet, please make sure to clean-up after them.
- If your property is located near a trail, please take a moment to check that your outdoor landscaping is pruned and not encroaching onto the trail. Our trail maintenance equipment requires an 8-foot overhead clearance, and the city maintains the overgrowth on the trails as needed.
- If you have a concern about a trail, please report the problem by emailing PublicServices@LinoLakes.us or call the Public Services Department at **651-982-2440**.

For updates, follow us on www.facebook.com/linolakes.mn.



A goal of the Lino Lakes Water Supply Plan is to bring residential water demand to less than **75 gallons per person per day**.



In 2023, the City pumped over **712,000,000 gallons of water** to meet user demand.



Water for residential use equated to approximately **88 gallons per person per day**.

Smart Irrigation Controller Program and Water Conservation

As we get into the hottest days of summer, over-watering lawns becomes more prevalent. Typically, lawns only need an inch of water per week including rainfall. 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. If enough rain falls during the week, the irrigation system will skip a cycle. The lawn will still be green, you'll save money, and we all save water.

The City of Lino Lakes offers Smart Irrigation Controllers at a discounted rate to promote water conservation in the community. 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.



What is being offered?

Homeowners are being offered **8-Zone Rachio 3 irrigation controllers** for **\$45.00 +tax (MSRP \$199.99)**.

Who is eligible to participate?

Any residence in Lino Lakes that is connected to municipal water and has an irrigation system with **8 zones or less** is eligible to participate. Participation is limited to one per residence for the life of the program. Please see the guidelines and eligibility criteria on the application form to see if you qualify to participate.

Abandoned and Unsealed Wells Can Contaminate Your Groundwater



Unused and unsealed wells can be a conduit for surface water runoff, contaminated water, and improperly disposed of waste to reach your drinking water.

What can you do?

- Inspect wells regularly for cracks in the casing.
- Make sure all well covers are securely in place.
- Build up the soil so that it slopes away from the well and does not allow surface water runoff to enter.
- Do not use household chemicals or hazardous materials within 100 feet of the well.
- Hire a licensed contractor to seal all unused, unsealed wells.

To learn more visit:

www.groundwater.org/get-informed/basics/wells.html

Water Conservation

Lino Lakes is a community so rich with natural water resources that it can be easy to forget that water is a finite resource. Last year's drought conditions has highlighted how crucial water is to the functioning of our community and everyday lives, and the importance of taking steps to decrease water usage. Conserving water starts at home where small changes can have large effects. Shaving just 1 minute off your daily shower can save more than 900 gallons a year. That is over 6,547,500 gallons of water that could be saved every year.

Follow the tips below to start making an impact:

- Do not flush items that can easily be thrown out
- Load the dishwasher and laundry machine full
- Use cold water for laundry loads
- Keep a container of cold water in the fridge instead of running water for a cool drink
- Check for and fix all leaks
- Buy products with the WaterSense label

Calculate your water usage, find products with the WaterSense label and calculate savings by scanning the QR codes below.



Calculate
Water Usage



Calculate
Water Savings



WaterSense
Products

2023 Water Quality Report



The 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 at City Hall, 600 Town Center Parkway.

RECYCLING SATURDAYS

Join us every 3rd
Saturday of the month

LINO PARK
10:00AM - 2:00PM

There is no Recycling Saturday scheduled for August.

Funded by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners and State SCORE-Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment funds.

Guidelines for Recycling Plastics

No Bulky Plastic Items

Items like plastic toys, chairs, or baskets should not be placed in curbside recycling. They often are made of multiple types of materials making them difficult to recycle.



Only #1,2,5 Plastic Can Be Recycled



Items marked with a #1, #2, or #5 can be repurposed into something else.

Plastic items that can be recycled are food and beverage bottles, milk and juice jugs, laundry containers, shampoo and soap bottles, and clear cups and produce containers. Make sure these are cleaned out as best you can and keep the caps on so they don't get lost in recycling facilities.

Please DO NOT recycle:

- *Black plastic such as takeout containers:* The technology at recycling facilities cannot detect this material.
- *Plastic straws and utensils:* Small items get lost in recycling facilities. Try to use reusable utensils instead.
- *Plastic bags such as grocery bags:* though these are sometimes labeled as #2, these should not be put in curbside recycling. These can get tangled in the machinery used to sort items and need to be manually cut off. Many retail stores have plastic bag drop off programs you can bring them to instead.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

The Lino Lakes Public Safety Department looks forward to another great school year and we understand the increased demands a new school year puts on families throughout our community. If you're new to Lino Lakes, welcome! At this busy time of year, we'd like to offer a few reminders related to school zone and school bus safety:



- Please remember to watch for pedestrians, especially at intersections and crosswalks. As drivers, we all need to be intentional in our efforts to see pedestrians and to stop for them. Remember that our round-about intersections incorporate crosswalks and they come up fast.
- Drive slowly and keep your eyes and your attention on what's ahead.
- Don't be distracted and keep your hands on the wheel.
- Please be aware of school zone speed limits and adjust your speed accordingly.
- Give yourself 5 extra minutes to get where you need to be.
- Please pay close attention to school buses. School bus drivers have a very tough job, give them the space they need and the grace they deserve. Early in the school year, bus drivers are adjusting to new kids, new routes, new stops, and new equipment. A greater following distance will give them the space they need to do their jobs well and keep our kids safe. When the amber lights on a school bus flash, prepare to stop. Remember that state law requires all vehicles, in both directions, to stop at least 20 feet away from a bus with red lights flashing and stop arm extended. Our agency investigates all stop arm violations with the help of school bus video technology. This is the only warning anyone will see for stop arm violations.

AREA FALL FUN

Fall is right around the corner and with it comes apple and pumpkin picking, Halloween scares, and harvest-related fun. Grab your family or a friend and check out these fall themed activities in our local area.

Apple Orchards

- **Applecrest Orchards:**
7306 24th Ave N, Hugo
- **Pine Tree Apple Orchard:**
450 Apple Orchard Rd, White Bear Lake

Pumpkins

- **Bobbing for Pumpkins at the Rookery**
October 11th from 4:00pm - 8:00pm
- **Lendt's Pumpkin Patch:**
6903 Wyoming Trail, Wyoming
- **Anoka County Farms:**
125 Bunker Lake Blvd NE, Ham Lake

Fall Festivals

- **Joyer's Adventure Farm:**
8174 Lake Dr, Lino Lakes
- **Lexington Fall Festival:**
September 20th – 21st in Lexington
- **Pinehaven Farm:**
28186 Kettle River Blvd N, Wyoming

Haunted Attractions

- **Dead End Hayride:**
28186 Kettle River Blvd N, Wyoming
- **Hellwoods:**
5676 170th St N, Hugo



SPORTS TEAM PARTIES

Looking for a fun place nearby to host early-season team bonding activities, mid-season "re-energize the team" events, or end-of-season parties? Look no further than the Rookery Activity Center!



We offer two packages designed specifically for youth sports teams.

Swimming / Birch Room Package:

Includes: 1 hour of exclusive use of the Birch Room for snacks, games, and team activities, and up to 90 minutes of open swimming, including the water slide. The Birch Room is located near the main entrance and seats 16 people with a Room Capacity of 26. The Birch Room also has a counter, sink, and mini-refrigerator.

- Up to 15 swim passes: \$140
- 16 - 25 swim passes: \$200

Swimming / Cattail Room Package:

Includes: 1 hour of exclusive use of the Cattail Room for snacks, games, and up to 90 minutes of open swimming, including the water slide. The Cattail Room is a 1,300 square foot room (maximum capacity of 75) that provides a great space for team building activities! A projector, retractable screen, and stereo for music is included.

- Up to 15 swim passes: \$175
- 16 - 25 swim passes: \$235

*Additional swim passes are \$6 per player, sibling, or parent.

To book, reach out to The Rookery at 651-982-2469 or bnatzke@linolakes.us.

Looking for a trusted adviser for your business?

Need a trusted advisor for your business or financing to expand your business? A partnership between Anoka County and the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) allows business owners or those looking to start a business access to a free program called Open to Business.

Services include:

- Free Business Advising & Loan Assistance
- Business Plan Assistance
- Business Regulations
- Financial Management
- Loan Packaging & Direct Financing
- Real Estate Analysis & Lease reviews
- Marketing Assistance
- Professional Referrals
- Strategic Planning
- Anoka County's Low-Interest Loan for growth-stage businesses and job creation

Small Business Loan Program: Open to Business advisers can also assist entrepreneurs in identifying borrowing needs and accessing financing options. Advisers work with clients to help them find the financing that best meets their unique needs. MCCD also provides direct financing and loans in partnership with banks and nonprofit lenders. Funds can be used for inventory, working capital, asset and equipment purchases, real estate acquisition, and start-up costs.

Don't hesitate to contact Anoka County's Business Advisor Maria Thor at mthor@mccdmn.org or call/text **612-699-4928** to schedule a one-on-one meeting or to learn more.





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JOIN US FOR SPECIAL HOLIDAY EVENTS!



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SCARECROW CRAWL

October 24 - 31, 2024

Participants will make a scarecrow and place it along the path at The Rookery where members and visitors can vote on their favorite scarecrow.

SCAN to register



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BOBBING for PUMPKINS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
4:00PM - 8:00PM

Go pumpkin picking at the Rookery! Wade in the splash pool, or swim some laps and pick your pumpkin. This is a fun family event, and perfect for children of all ages.

Be sure to pre-register to guarantee your spot and a pumpkin.

www.RookeryActivityCenter.com



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
8:30AM - 10:30AM

Lino Lakes Fire Station #1
7741 Lake Drive
Lino Lakes, MN 55014

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Secret Holiday Shop

SCAN to register

MEET SANTA AND MRS CLAUS!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
4:15pm - 7:15pm

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