



SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER

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A Letter from the Mayor

Every winter thaw brings the promise of a new spring and exciting opportunities. As we look ahead to 2025, there's much in the city to accomplish. Several projects are approaching completion, while another is starting to lay the foundational steps of a new building design. Here are a few of those efforts.

New Public Work Facility - Design Services

In our search for design services for the New Public Works Facility, we received architectural submissions from 12 different firms. Oertel Architects of St Paul was selected to lead the project.

The selection process focused on how the 12 firms could align with the City's vision for the facility, including how the facility can best service the residents as well as the City's Public Works staff. As part of the evaluation process, City staff visited Hugo's facility, built in 2022, to gain insight into the architects' approach to the scale of our similar project.

Oertel Architects emphasizes sustainable and functional designs which will enhance the essential services that Public Works provides in relation to all aspects of the project now, as well as into the future. Additionally, the firm is also the design lead for the City's new Water Treatment Facility located on Birch Street, which is currently under construction.

Public Safety Analysis Nearing Completion

Citygate Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in public sector services, has been hired to conduct an in-depth public safety analysis of our City's Police, Fire, and Emergency Management services. In February, the consultants presented a significant portion of their findings, and the study is now nearing completion.

The study highlights areas needing improved service delivery, addresses response time challenges, and recommends strategic changes. It also examines administrative options for optimizing the services provided during this transition period and identifies potential costs and planning needed for the future.

City Administrator Position Search

Utilizing the services of DDA Human Resources Inc., the City has made significant progress in the search for a new City Administrator. Out of an impressive group of 30 highly qualified candidates, the field was then narrowed to eight through video interviews. The City Council will then interview the finalists in person on April 15th.

The position is responsible for managing the city's daily operations, supervising staff, managing the budget, driving strategic planning efforts, and serves as the bridge between elected officials, city staff, and the community.

Stay safe and enjoy the warmer weather.
Rob Rafferty – Mayor

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 help 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 and assist officers on patrol.



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

PHOTO CONTEST

The City of Lino Lakes is looking for scenic City photos, as well as photos from events. 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 May 11th to be eligible to win. The photos submitted may be used on the City's website, social media accounts, or a future newsletter.

Submit your photos at www.linolakes.us/photocontest



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.





THE ROOKERY
ACTIVITY CENTER

SPECTACULAR SUMMER SPECIALS

Elevate your summer with fun activities at The Rookery Activity Center!

Whether you want to stay active on the fitness floor, raise your game in the gym, or beat the heat in the Aquatics Center, our summer specials will help you reach your goals.

SUMMER 2025 MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS

Youth (ages 15 - 18): \$100

Valid June 2 - August 31

College Students (ages 18 - 22): \$140

Valid May 5 - August 31

Household Resident: \$250 | **Non-Resident:** \$300

Valid June 2 - August 31

*\$39 Enrollment Fee is waived. Not available for current members.

Rookery Kids SUMMER CAMP

Each week of summer camp will feature a fun theme and includes time in the pool, riding bikes, games, field trips, and more!

Campers can join for all 8 weeks, or hand select the weeks they would like to attend. There are package options for full-time and part-time attendance (minimum of 3 days per week). Before and after care hours are available for an additional fee.

June 16 – August 15 | 9:00am – 3:30pm

- Register for the whole summer or by week.
- Register for 3, 4 or 5 days a week.
- Before and after care is offered for an additional fee.

Summer Program Registration is now open!



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

Upcoming Adult Trips & Programs:

- AARP "Smart Driver" Classes
- Adult Day Trips
 - Chateau Winery Tour & Lunch – May 22
 - MN Landscape Arboretum & Lunch – May 28
 - MN Twin Game – June 12
 - Minneapolis Farmers Market & Boat Cruise – July 24
 - Explore Hastings – August 13
- Extended Travel information Classes
- Weekly Fitness Classes & Social Activities
- Open Pickleball & Badminton
- CPR/First Aid Classes
- Lightsaber Fencing Classes
- Beginner Pickleball Classes
- Intermediate Pickleball Classes
- Senior Expo



Upcoming Youth Programs:

- Aquatics Camp
- Tot Time
- Kids Kraze – 4th Friday of each month
- Cheerleading Classes
- Como Zoo Trip, July 2
- Grand Slam Trip, June 30
- Rock Climbing & Mini Golf, July 1
- Hoops, Scoops & Shots Class
- Lightsaber Fencing Classes
- Mermaids and Mermen Academy
- Nothing But Nets Classes
- Soccer Shots Classes
- Sports Play Classes
- Pickleball Classes
- Golf Classes
- Baby Sitting Classes



AQUATICS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Make a splash at The Rookery Activity Center, where swimming isn't just fun – it's a vital life skill! Our year-round program features certified instructors and comfortably heated pools (87°F splash pool, 82°F lap pool), creating the perfect environment for swimmers of all ages and abilities to learn and grow.

Choose the program that fits your needs:

Group Lessons: Skill-based, progressive 30-minute lessons in small groups. Visit www.linolakes.us/swimlevels to find the right level for your swimmer.

Private & Semi-Private Lessons: Customize your learning experience with either one-on-one instruction or small group sessions. Flexible scheduling is available. Contact the front desk for more information.



THE ROOKERY
ACTIVITY CENTER

ENDURANCE
FITNESS OF MN

Spring into Summer with ENDURANCE FITNESS

Choose from over 60 fitness classes each week. Memberships include full access to all fitness classes. Members also enjoy our fitness floor and access to personal trainers ready to help you reach your fitness goals.

If you are looking to add to your fitness routine, Endurance Fitness offers Pilates Reformer Classes and individual sessions with a certified Pilates Reformer Specialist. The classes begin at the beginning of each month and run for 4 sessions. Class sizes are limited to 4 participant to ensure individual attention while also maintaining the motivation of a group setting. Drop-ins are welcome (subject to availability) to allow more flexibility in your schedule.



NEW! Adaptive Lessons

Our specialized program offers one-on-one instruction for children and adults with physical, cognitive, or sensory disabilities. These personalized 30-minute lessons take place in our fully equipped pool, with certified adaptive swim instructors focused on your individual goals. We'll match you with the perfect instructor and a schedule that works best for you.

NEW! Intro to Synchro

Love being in the water? Discover the exciting world of synchronized swimming. Our beginner-friendly group classes are the perfect way to explore this unique sport. You'll learn the basics of synchronized swimming in a fun, supportive environment alongside other new swimmers. No experience needed - just bring your enthusiasm and love for the water. Our expert Aquatics team will guide you through fundamental movements and help you discover the joy of moving to music in the pool.

Summer Aquatics Programming Starts Saturday, June 14



To register summer aquatics scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit www.rookeryactivitycenter.com



Scan the QR code to learn more about Group Fitness Classes.

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



BLUE HERON DAYS:
August 14 – 17, 2025

www.linolakes.us/blueherondays

Friday, August 15, 2025:

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

Saturday, August 17, 2025:

- Free Open Swimming
- Parade at 11:00am



SAVE THE DATE

Mapping Northwest Main: Development Planning Enters Next Phase of Evaluation

After more than four months of gathering community feedback, the Mapping Northwest Main planning initiative is moving into its next phase.

Over the next few months, the City will complete an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) to assess the environmental impacts of different land use scenarios for the 980-acre study area in the City's northwest corner. The AUAR will evaluate potential effects of development scenarios on community and environmental resources such as soil, surface water, wildlife, noise, public utilities and traffic.

Prior to beginning the AUAR, the City provided multiple opportunities for residents to weigh in on possible development scenarios for the study area, including three open houses, an online feedback map, and meetings with nearby landowners. City planners also met with the Rice Creek Watershed District, Anoka County, and the Centennial and Forest Lake school districts.

A key takeaway from public input has been strong support for prioritizing lower-density housing and keeping Lino Lake's natural amenities a key focal point as this area is the gateway into the city. As a result, scenarios that concentrate high-density housing in a single, smaller area have received the most support from residents. This approach would enable the city to meet regional density requirements while preserving green space and maintaining low-density development across most of the study area.

AUAR to Evaluate Development Scenarios

These two scenarios will be analyzed through an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR)—an environmental review assessing potential impacts on soil, water, wildlife, noise, utilities, and traffic:

- **Scenario 1** follows the city's 2040 Comprehensive Plan, with higher-density and commercial development along both sides of Main Street and lower-density housing to the north and south. As the city's existing set of guidelines, this scenario is required to be studied as part of the AUAR.
- **Scenario 2.1** centralizes higher-density and commercial development near the Blaine border and at Main Street/Sunset Avenue, with lower-density housing elsewhere. This option was developed using community feedback from open houses and public comments.



The scenarios include new parks, trails, and greenway space. Maps are available at www.MappingNWMain.com/resources.

The AUAR is not intended to select a final plan but will provide critical data on environmental impacts and potential mitigation strategies. Findings will help City leaders make informed decisions on future development guidelines.

Public Comment Period Will Provide Further Opportunity for Input

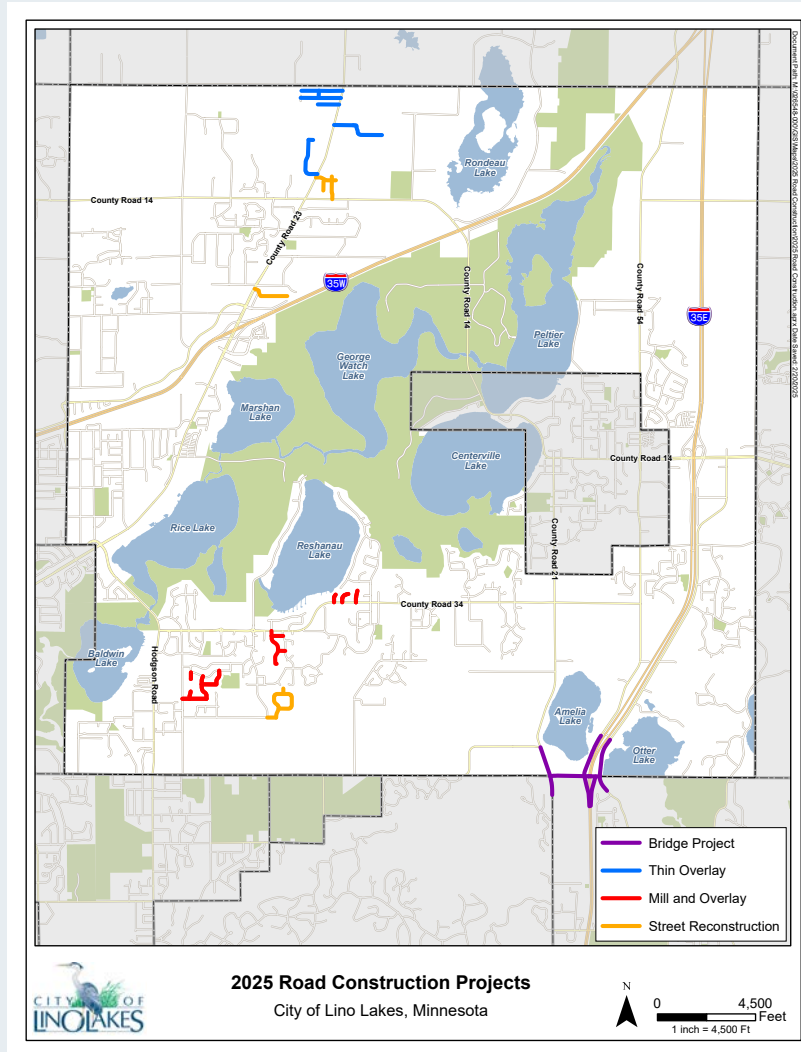
Community input remains crucial to the Mapping Northwest Main planning process. There will be a 30-day public comment period as part of the AUAR process that will offer residents another chance to provide feedback and ask questions.

The draft AUAR is expected to be completed and the public comment period to begin in summer 2025. City officials will then use the findings to identify a preferred development scenario from the ones studied, which will then be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board before being presented to the City Council. The City will continue to share progress updates throughout the AUAR process.

For details on the AUAR, public comment period, and how to submit feedback, visit www.MappingNWMain.com.

2025 ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

This summer, the City will be completing street improvements on approximately 4.6 miles of roadway. The roadways to be improved are determined in accordance with the City's Pavement Management Plan. The Pavement Management Plan evaluates the condition of the roadways and provides recommendations for maintenance for the City's entire network of roadways. The proposed improvements are as follows:



THIN OVERLAY

- Diane Street
- Evergreen Trail
- Orange Street, Eva Street, Olive Street and Maple Street

MILL AND OVERLAY

- Coyote Trail and Court
- Fawn Lane - South of Birch, Beaver Trail and Muskrat Run
- Ease Shadow Lake Court, White Birch Court and Red Birch Court
- Linden Lane
- Red Hawk Trail

STREET RECONSTRUCTION

- Market Place Drive - 77th Street Realignment
- 62nd Street - East of West Shadow Lake Drive
- Red Maple Lane
- 81st Street
- Elbe Street
- Danube Street

I-35E Interchange Project

In addition to the city projects, Ramsey County, Anoka County, and MnDOT are starting construction of the County Road J & I-35E Interchange Project. This construction is planned to last two years thru to fall of 2026. This project includes detour routes as they work through the phases of construction of the new bridge and roundabouts.

Questions? Contact the City Engineer, Diane Hankee, at dhankee@linolakes.us.



For additional information regarding 2025 Road Construction Projects scan the QR code with your smart phone.





FIREARM SAFETY COURSE

Now is the perfect time to begin contemplating your summer plans and activities. Be sure to add the DNR Firearms Safety Certification hosted by the Lino Lakes Public Safety Department to your schedule. 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 or guardians of youth participants are encouraged, but not required, to attend each session with their child. Students do not need to have hunting aspirations to find value in the course.

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



Scan the QR code for more information regarding the class, or to sign-up.

DOG LICENSES

Every dog over six months of age that resides in the City of Lino Lakes is required to be licensed. Residents will be required to have proof of up-to-date rabies vaccination for the dog to obtain a dog license.

LICENSE PRICING:

- \$6.00 for a spayed female and neutered male
- \$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.

Dog licenses can be obtained via inperson or by mail.

In-person requests can be completed at the Lino Lakes Public Safety Department during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm.

Mail-in applications must include a copy of proof of current rabies vaccination, along with a check for the fee. Applications can be found online by scanning the QR code below.



Scan the QR code to obtain a dog license online.





GARAGE FIRE SAFETY

Did you know?

You should not use an extension cord when charging an appliance or tool. Plug the charger directly into an outlet. Oil and stain-soaked rags can spontaneously combust if improperly stored. Hang rags outside until they are fully dried. Do not throw soaked rags into a pile until they are completely dry.

SAFETY TIPS

- Make sure there is proper ventilation when working on projects involving oil, gasoline, propane or other flammable materials.
 - Store flammable liquids in labeled containers and only in small amounts. Keep the containers away from heaters, appliances, pilot lights and other sources of heat or flame.
 - Only plug one charging tool into an outlet at a time. Unplug the tool and charger when not in use.
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APARTMENT LIVING SAFETY

Did you know?

On average, more than 30 percent of structure fires occur in multi-family housing units. When considering renting an apartment, check if the building has a fire sprinkler system. Practice exiting two different ways from your apartment so that it comes naturally in an emergency.

SAFETY TIPS

- If the fire alarm sounds, take action and leave the building immediately.
 - Open the door slightly to check for smoke. If there is no smoke, move to the exit; do not use the elevator.
 - If there is smoke, close the door. Call 911. Move to the furthest window and turn on the light.
 - If there is a fire in your unit, leave immediately and close the door behind you. Pull the fire alarm in the hallway if there is one. Call 911 when you are outside the building.
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ADDRESS SAFETY TIPS

Did you know?

Firefighters can't help if they can't find you. Your safety in an emergency depends on responders' ability to find you quickly. Saving lives and property can come down to a matter of seconds. Emergency vehicles need to be able to see your address day or night.

SAFETY TIPS

- House numbers should be at least 4 inches tall.
- Numbers should be visible from the street.
- If your house is set back, affix numbers to a mailbox or post that can be seen from the public road.
- Trim any greenery and remove decorations that may block clear view of your address.
- If possible, post your address near a porch light, or at least use reflective numbers.



SPRING PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE

STREET SWEEPING

Lino Lakes conducts a Street Sweeping Program twice a year to remove residual sand and debris from city streets. Spring sweeping typically begins in early April (once curbs are exposed) and takes approximately six weeks to complete.

How You Can Help: Move vehicles off city streets during sweeping. Place trash cans **behind the curb** (see example photo). Keep yard waste and debris **out of the streets**.

STREET MAINTENANCE

Following street sweeping, the Streets Division will begin citywide maintenance efforts. This includes:

- Patching roads
- Repairing catch basins and curbs
- Maintaining boulevards
- Adjusting manholes and water main valves
- Seal coating and crack filling
- Drainage maintenance

We appreciate your patience as crews work to keep our streets in top condition!



HYDRANT FLUSHING

Every spring, the City flushes all fire hydrants to clear out impurities. This may cause **temporary water discoloration or interruptions** in service. If you notice discolored water, run your cold tap for a few minutes until it clears.

MAILBOX AND SOD DAMAGE

Report issue to the City if a snowplow has damaged your mailbox or sod. Please contact PublicServices@LinoLakes.us or call 651-982-2440.

ROAD RESTRICTIONS

Each year, the City imposes spring weight restrictions on commercial vehicles to protect roads during the spring thaw typically March – May.

Why It's Necessary: As the ground thaws, high moisture levels weaken pavement, making it more susceptible to damage from heavy loads. Restrictions begin on the date specified by MnDOT (Minnesota Department of Transportation). Report street, trail, or street light issues please contact PublicServices@LinoLakes.us or call 651-982-2440.



Scan the QR code for MNDOT updates.

CITY PARK UPDATES

Shenandoah Park and Behm's Park: New Playground Equipment

The City Council approved the replacement of the aged playground equipment at Shenandoah and Behm's Park for 2025. The playgrounds at Shenandoah and Behm's Park were put in place in 1998 and 1999. A licensed playground installer and staff from the Parks Department will install the playground equipment.

H2O: What You Gotta Know

TREATMENT FACILITY UPDATE:

Lino Lakes completed a water treatment pilot study in 2021 to test the effectiveness of biological filtration in removing manganese and other minerals.

KEY FINDINGS:

- ✓ **95% removal rate of manganese from water.**
- ✓ **Significant reduction in iron and ammonia levels.**
- ✓ **Treated water meets EPA drinking water standards.**



To Learn more about the Lino Lakes Water Treatment Facility, scan the QR code with your smart phone.

The new Lino Lakes Water Treatment Facility will ensure safe, high-quality drinking water for residents.



Watering Restrictions Begin May 15th

From May 15th through September 15th, watering restrictions are in effect:

- No watering between 10:00am - 6:00pm
- Follow the odd-even watering schedule:
Odd-numbered addresses water on even days (ex: June 2)
Even-numbered addresses water on odd days (ex: June 1)

Water Quality Report

The 2024 Water Quality Report will be available online this summer.



Find the Water Quality Report online by scanning the QR code with your smart phone.



Mother Nature and City Residents Team Up to Reduce Water Use



Community conservation efforts, along with a little extra rain, helped drive a substantial reduction in City water use last year. After reaching a high of 737,000,000 gallons pumped in 2023, water use plummeted to 536,435,000 gallons in 2024 – **a 27% drop!** That's about two times the amount of water in Centerville Lake. This is even after adding nearly 200 new customers in 2024.

Why such a change? The 2024 rainfall from June to September in the Twin Cities increased by nearly six inches over the same period in 2023 and over 10 inches when compared to 2022. The June to September period typically coincides with our peak water use months. While several factors contribute to summer demand, including construction and outdoor activities, discretionary use of water for lawn irrigation is a significant component. On average summer water use is over three times average winter use. In 2024, likely due to the uptick in rainfall, summer water use dropped by over 43% of what was used in 2023.

For more resources on Water Conservation Tips, scan the QR code below or take advantage of the Smart Irrigation Controller program.



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.



The groundwater that we rely on for our daily lives is a precious resource that needs to be conserved. The recharge or replenishing of the groundwater takes years. As we approach summer, it is important to ask, **"What can I do to use less water?"**

- **July records the highest average usage** at over 98 million gallons for the month. June, July and August are the three highest usage months with over 282,000,00 gallons used on average for those months.
- **The lowest usage month is February** at 24.7 million gallons on average, with the three lowest months being January, February and March with an average of 78.6 million gallons for the three months.

SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS

Help 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 30% 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. That's nearly 1 millions gallons of water City-wide. 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 the 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 2025. 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.



Does your pond look like this?

STORMWATER PONDS

Stormwater ponds remove pollutants from our waters and help prevent flooding downstream.

Stormwater ponds are human-made or modified basins designed to capture and hold stormwater runoff to reduce flooding and improve water quality. Stormwater ponds are designed to capture nutrients and pollutants to prevent them from entering adjacent lakes, streams, and wetlands.

Stormwater ponds are designed to have vegetation growth. Duckweed is one of the most common forms of vegetation. Having a thick layer of duckweed on the pond shows that the pond is functioning. The vegetation is using the nutrients captured in the pond.

Stormwater ponds are not designed to be clear water ecosystems like most lakes. Recreation is not a function of these basins, and the intent is to keep them in a natural state so that they can protect the public waters that the entire community has access to for recreation. They may not be the prettiest, there might be an odor, you do not want to swim in one, but they provide an important benefit.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE IS ILLEGAL DUMPING

The City's stormwater system is designed to transport stormwater (rain and melting snow) to the nearest lake, stream, or wetland. Any waste or pollution that enters the storm drain system is called an illicit discharge. These pollutants will flow to the nearest waterbody and may cause serious environmental damage.

What goes into drains? Only rain down the drain.

The most common pollutants that are illegally discharged are:

- oil
- paint
- chemicals
- grass clippings
- yard debris
- pet waste
- construction debris (concrete washout)
- pool water (unless de-chlorinated for 1 week)
- water softener salt
- trash



For disposal options for these materials reach out to the City. Accountability is a community effort. To anonymously report an illicit discharge, please call **651-982-2465**.



Residential Organics Program

The Lino Lakes Organics Drop-off Program is available to all residents. Sign-up is required.

- 1 Sign-up for free at linolakes.us/organicsrecycling
- 2 Visit City Hall to get your free starter kit with compost pail and bags.
- 3 Fill your compost pail and bring it to one of the drop-off locations listed below:

Birch Park

6520 Pheasant Run South

Clearwater Creek

2200 Cedar Street

Lino Park

7850 Lake Drive

Marshan Park

7204 Lake Drive

Anoka County Rice Creek Compost Site

7701 Main Street

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

ORGANICS RECYCLING

Organics, such as food scraps, make up 25% - 35% of what we throw away. Organic materials decomposing in landfills produce methane, a greenhouse gas that is 28 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Organic matter decomposing in landfills is a leading source of methane emissions.

Organic materials can be composted as an alternative to landfilling. The nutrient-rich compost can then be added to soil, where it reduces the need for fertilizer, improves water retention, and reduces erosion and stormwater runoff. As an additional benefit, plants grown in composted soil take up carbon dioxide. Composting organics is a great way to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions while improving the soil close to home.

Organics Guide

AnokaCounty.us/organics
763-324-3400

Compost these:

All Food

- Fruit & vegetables
- Meat, fish & bones
- Dairy products
- Eggs & egg shells
- Pasta, beans & rice
- Bread & cereal
- Nuts & shells



Other Compostable Household Items

- Hair & nail clippings
- Cotton balls without chemicals
- Houseplants & flowers
- Tea bags
- Wooden items such as chopsticks, Popsicle sticks & toothpicks



Certified Compostable Products

- Compostable cups, plates, bowls, utensils & containers
- Must have the BPI logo certifying products are compostable



Food Soiled Paper

- Pizza delivery boxes
- Napkins & paper towels
- Facial tissues
- Paper egg cartons
- Coffee grounds & filters

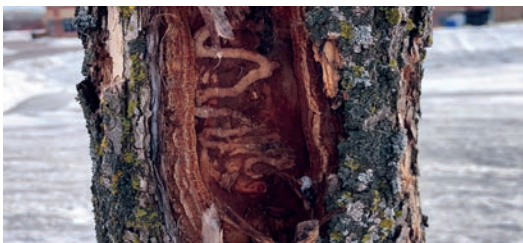


Leave these out:

- refrigerator & freezer boxes
- products labeled biodegradable
- milk & other beverage cartons
- fast food cups, wrappers & boxes
- microwave popcorn bags
- wax & parchment paper
- animal & pet waste, litter or bedding
- diapers, wipes & sanitary products
- grease or oil

- gum
- clothing
- dryer lint & dryer sheets
- produce stickers
- Styrofoam™
- straws
- K-CUPS™
- candy wrappers
- recyclable items

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



Ash Injection in progress. Photo courtesy of Rainbow Tree Care

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.

October 1 through April 30 is the best time to remove ash trees.

If you have treated your trees in the past, now is the time to make sure they are protected. Trees should be treated every 2-3 years to ensure that EAB does not cause damage to the trees. Because of the scale of the infestation in Lino Lakes, trees should be treated every two years during this stage to ensure they are protected.

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



Scan the QR code for additional information and symptoms about Emerald Ash Borer.



Scan the QR Code to arrange tree assessments and injections.

RECYCLE SATURDAYS

Do you have appliances or electronics collecting dust? Bring it to a Recycling Saturday event at Lino Park. Appliances, electronics, furniture, scrap metal, paper for shredding are just a few of the items that are accepted at this monthly event.



Visit www.linolakes.us/recyclesaturdays or scan the QR code below for a complete list of acceptable items.

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

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.



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 to learn more.



Scan the QR code for a list of services.



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SAVE THE DATE: 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

Host a Night to Unite Party in your Neighborhood

Join neighbors across Lino Lakes on Tuesday, August 5th, 2025 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 they attended 39 parties and 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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