



FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER

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A Note from Mayor Rob Rafferty

Summer after summer, things fly by – school's out, the Fourth of July is here and gone, the State fair is back, and then it's back-to-school in a blink. While we all enjoy the season, the City stays busy behind the scenes: planning current and future projects, preparing the next budget, and tackling the weather-related challenges that come with construction season. Here's a quick look at some of the work happening to keep our community running smoothly.

City Transitional Process is Nearly Complete

In November 2024, David Pecchia stepped into the role of Interim City Administrator. During his time in this position, Mr. Pecchia was instrumental in overseeing City operations and leading the search for several key leadership roles, including a permanent City Administrator, a Finance Director, and a successor to the retiring Public Safety Director. He also played a vital role in navigating a Public Safety analysis that brought about important directional changes and necessary department adjustments.

The City extends its sincere gratitude to Mr. Pecchia for his dedicated service — both for his 17 years as Lino Lakes Police Chief (1993–2010) and for his professional leadership as Interim City Administrator. His contributions in both roles have left a positive impact on the community and helped shape and guide the City's continued growth by always striving to make it better today than yesterday.

As part of this leadership transition, the City filled the Interim Finance role and restructured Public Safety into separate Police and Fire services. In May, Curt Boehme was sworn in as the new Police Chief, followed by Dan L'Allier becoming Lino Lakes' first Fire Chief. The transition continued in June with the appointment of Karen Anderson as City Administrator. The City Administrator's first major task was to hire a permanent Finance Director role. Tracy Thoma started on August 11th as the City's new Finance Director.

City Construction Progress

The city continues to use our Pavement Management Report, which guides us through seasonal projects and other planning purposes. We have a new road at Market Place Drive and the closure of 77th both at Lake Drive near Target and Kohl's. We are finalizing construction planning for the Otter Lake Road extension for 2026. In addition, there are the County projects, the largest of which relate to 35E, County Road J, and Centerville Road. More can be found at www.linolakes.us/roadwayimprovementprojects.

We have multiplied locations of new business buildings along Lake Drive and Main Street on both the west and east sides of 35E. The businesses have been identified as Auto Parts, a dental care clinic on Lake Drive, Aldi, an oil change business along Main Street, and Chipotle restaurants on both east and west sides of the city.

The Water Treatment Facility along Birch Street is nearing the end of its first year of construction, with an expected 18–24-month completion and activation. Recently, construction crews installed the vertical exterior panels. These exterior walls are designed, built, and assembled by Molin Concrete, which highlights the detail of the design by one of Lino Lakes' largest employers and valued businesses.

City Municipal Dispensary?

City residents may have heard about the City Council's discussion to consider a city owned Cannabis Retail Store. With the recent state laws changes, the City has taken the most restrictive approach to cannabis retail business registrations, holding to the minimum of two required by law. However, the State does allow for a city to establish a Cannabis retail store as well. The Council is considering the potential for a public/private partnership that would capture profits from cannabis sales for investment in the community. The City is currently seeking potential partners with the intent of evaluating the best options for the community.

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 September 30th to be eligible to win. The photos submitted may be used on the City's website, social media accounts, a future newsletter, or other City publications.



WELLNESS WEEKEND

**Saturday, September 20th
& Sunday, September 21st**

Wellness Fair: Bring your family and friends to the 2nd Annual Rookery Wellness Fair where your wellness will take flight. Community vendors will fill the building with resources to guide your wellness journey, there will also be a fun craft project for children.

If you are interested in being a community vendor, please see the website for vendor registration.

Endurance Fitness: Join the instructors and a national presenter from Les Mills for sample classes offered each week at The Rookery Activity Center.



For the Endurance Fitness class schedule, scan the QR code or visit us online at www.endurancefitnessofmn.com/schedule



The Rookery Activity Center WELLNESS WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

Wellness Fair 9 am – Noon
Endurance Fitness Classes 7:30 am – 12:30 pm
Open Swim and Waterslide. 12:30 pm – 7 pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

Open Pickleball 8 am – 11 am
Open Swim and Waterslide. 8 am – 2 pm
Kids Kraze (bounce house / gym games) . . 2 pm – 4 pm
Open Basketball 11 am – 1 pm & 4:30 pm – 8 pm

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!



fly into FITNESS

MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS

AUG – SEPT
15TH 21ST

The Rookery Activity Center is where wellness and community take flight! Come visit for a day with a daily admission pass or become a monthly or annual member. Silver Sneakers, Renew Active, One Pass, Prime, and Fitness Your Way programs are also accepted. Whether you are a resident or non-resident, young or young at heart, everyone is welcome to join The Rookery Activity Center!

For Our Newest Flock Members:

\$0 ENROLLMENT FEE! That's right - join The Rookery from August 15 – September 21, 2025 and we'll waive your entire enrollment fee, getting you started on your fitness journey without the extra cost.

PLUS, CHOOSE YOUR FREE PERK! As a new member, you'll receive either **FREE Towel Service** OR **FREE Locker Rental** for the rest of 2025. Enjoy added convenience and comfort every time you visit, on us.

A Special Thank You to Our Current Rookery Members:

WE APPRECIATE YOUR LOYALTY! During August 15 – September 21, current members can upgrade their experience with either our **premium towel service or locker rental** for just \$5 per month for the remainder of 2025. That's a \$10 discount every month, just for being part of The Rookery family!

Summer Memberships – Keep the Momentum Going!

EXTEND & ENJOY A FREE UPGRADE! Love your summer experience at The Rookery? Don't let the good vibes end. If you're currently on a summer membership, purchase a regular membership and we'll give you **FREE Towel Service** OR **FREE Locker Rental** for the duration of 2025!



UPCOMING ADULT/SENIOR TRIP AND PROGRAMS:

AARP "Smart Driver" Classes
Adult Day Trips (Theaters, musical performances, bus tours and more)
Extended Travel Information Classes
Open Pickleball
Open Badminton
Weekly Fitness Classes

Weekly Social Activities
Beginner & Intermediate Pickleball Classes
Pop in for Popcorn
Foot Care
FREE Wellness Screening

UPCOMING YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Non-School Day Programs
Tot Time

Soccer Shots
Youth Sports Classes

Visit www.rookeryactivitycenter.com for more details!

FALL AQUATICS PROGRAMMING

More than just fun, swimming is a vital life skill. At The Rookery, our year-round program offers the perfect environment for everyone to learn and grow in the water. Our certified instructors lead engaging lessons in comfortably heated pools (87°F splash pool, 82°F lap pool), ensuring a positive experience for all ages and abilities.



- **Youth Group Lessons:** Build skills and confidence in our 30-minute, progressive group lessons. With a child-centered approach and small class sizes, each swimmer receives personal attention while learning alongside peers. Visit www.linolakes.us/swimlevels to discover the ideal level for your child.

- **Homeschool Swim Lessons:** Looking for an enriching and life-saving activity? Our swim lessons offer a fantastic way for swimmers home during the daytime to develop crucial water safety skills in a supportive setting.

- **Private & Semi-Private Lessons:** Tailor your swimming journey! Choose one-on-one instruction or learn with a small group of friends or family. **These lessons offer ultimate flexibility and can be scheduled at any time that works best for you – just let us know your preferred timing.**

- **Adaptive Lessons:** We proudly offer specialized one-on-one instruction for individuals of all ages with physical, cognitive, or sensory disabilities. Our adaptive swim instructors create personalized 30-minute lessons in our fully equipped pool, focusing on individual goals. Like our private lessons, adaptive sessions can be scheduled at your convenience upon request. We'll work with you to find the perfect instructor and time.

NEW! Rookery Raptor Recreation Squad: For swimmers who have mastered our Swans level (or equivalent) and are ready for a new challenge. This program bridges the gap between lessons and competitive swimming, focusing on advanced techniques and endurance in a fun, engaging environment. Like the raptors we're named after – known for precision and mastery – our swimmers will soar to new heights.



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



THE ROOKERY
ACTIVITY CENTER

ENDURANCE
FITNESS OF MN

Fall back into your fitness routine with Endurance Fitness at the Rookery Activity Center! Each week Endurance Fitness instructors lead more than 60 live group workouts from heart-pumping cycle classes to mind-body connection in yoga, you are sure to find something to fit your workout routine.



For more information on classes offered by Endurance Fitness and the class schedule, visit us online at: www.endurancefitnessofmn.com/schedule

**FALL SWIM
REGISTRATION
IS OPEN NOW!**



FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY TIPS

CAMPFIRE SAFETY TIPS



1. Use a fire ring and build your fire at least 5 feet away from any combustible material.
2. Keep a pail of water nearby to put out the fire.
3. Create a kid-free zone 3 feet from campfire.
4. Never leave your campfire unattended.
5. Check burning restrictions with the DNR before starting your campfire.

DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately 98 percent of wildfires in Minnesota are caused by humans.

Smokey Bear was created in 1944 and reminds us that "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires."

More than 50 wildfires are started each year in Minnesota by campfires that are not completely extinguished, too large, or unattended.



CLOTHES DRYER SAFETY TIPS



1. Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
2. Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
3. Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove any lint that has collected around the drum.
4. Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
5. Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted, and that the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating.
6. Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
7. Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

DID YOU KNOW?

The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.

You should inspect and clean the dryer vents at least once a year.

To prevent electrical hazards, the dryer must be connected to a safe grounding system.

In the winter, you should check the outdoor vent flap to make sure it is not covered by snow.

Keep the area around the dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing.

FALL WILDLIFE AND DRIVING PRECAUTIONS

Lino Lakes is home to an abundance of wildlife, including deer, turkeys, ducks, geese, blue herons, coyotes, and even the occasional bear. Our wildlife and natural environment are some of the many reasons our community is such a special place for both residents and visitors to enjoy.

With an abundance of wildlife comes extra responsibility for motorists to watch for animals on the roadway including deer, which become more active in the fall. The Lino Lakes Police Department frequently responds to deer-related crashes, and thankfully most only involve vehicle damage.

To help you stay safe on the roads this fall, here are some tips for avoiding deer collisions:

- Be extra cautious at dawn and dusk. These are peak activity times for deer.
- Drive at a safe speed.
- Continuously scan the road and the ditch, especially near wooded areas and fields, checking for deer and other wildlife.
- Use high beams when there is no oncoming traffic to improve visibility.
- Watch for the reflection of your headlights in the eyes of wildlife.
- If you see one deer, expect that others may be nearby, as they often travel in groups.
- If an animal enters the road, brake firmly but don't swerve. Swerving could lead to a more serious crash.
- If you do hit an animal, find a safe place to pull over and inspect your vehicle to make sure it is safe to drive.
- Contact the police and your insurance provider to report the incident.

By staying aware and cautious, we can help protect both people and wildlife throughout the fall season. Drive safely and enjoy everything our beautiful community has to offer!

VOTE

CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD November 4th, 2025

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

The City of Lino Lakes will be holding a Municipal Election for the offices of Mayor (two-year term) and two Council seats (four-year terms).

POLLING LOCATIONS

Candidate information is available at the Secretary of State website. North Metro TV will also be airing a Candidate Forum. www.northmetrotv.com

Your polling location is determined by your address. If you are unsure of your polling place, please check online by scanning the QR code or visit the Secretary of State's website. On November 4th, polls will open at 7:00am and close at 8:00pm.



Scan the QR code
for polling locations.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Anoka County is processing all in-person and mail absentee ballot for the 2025 Municipal Election. Voters should request and return their absentee ballot application and completed ballots to Anoka County. Absentee voting begins September 19, 2025. All ballots must be returned to Anoka County by Election Day at the time specified in law, to be counted.

LINO LAKES ABSENTEE VOTING LOCATION

In-person absentee voting will be hosted by Anoka County Government Center
2100 3rd Avenue, Suite 160
Anoka, MN 55303

For questions about Absentee Voting call Anoka County Elections at 763-324-1300 or visit their website at www.anokacountymn.gov

SECRETARY OF STATE

Visit the Secretary of State's website for voter registration, candidate information, absentee voting, polling locations, and more.

Secretary of State website www.sos.mn.gov

PARKS DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Ever wonder what the Lino Lakes Parks Department handles on a typical day? From maintaining trails and parks across the city to overseeing shelter reservations and public safety programs like Trail Watch, the department keeps the city's green spaces running smoothly and safely. Parks Supervisor Mike Hoffman tells us how the Parks Department keeps our city parks beautiful and safe.

Q: What are your primary responsibilities?

A: Our primary responsibilities are maintaining the parks & trails and the grounds of City buildings.

Q: How large is the area you're responsible for?

A: There are 23 parks, with sizes varying from less than an acre to more than 20 acres. There are several government buildings, open space areas, and more than 30 miles of trails and sidewalks.

Q: Are there seasonal changes in your tasks?

A: In the winter, we take care of tree removal, tree pruning, ice rink upkeep, and snow removal. We mow and take care of city property throughout the other seasons.

Q: How do you prioritize tasks during your shift?

A: We start by taking care of any dangerous situations. Set up the fields for the youth sports group. Prioritize maintaining the parks and city grounds.



Q: How many employees are in the Park Department?

A: We employ five people full-time. We employ six seasonal staff from mid May to the end of August.

Q: What's the most challenging part of your job?

A: Trying to keep everything maintained to a high standard. This is especially hard in the spring before the seasonal staff arrive.

Q: What would you say is the most important part of your job?

A: Keeping parks and trails safe for Lino Lakes residents.

Q: How do you feel your work impacts the community?

A: It provides areas where residents may go for walks, bike rides, jogs, sports, bird viewing, relaxation, and more.



Q: In the last 12 months, what projects has the parks department finished?

A: The major projects that we've worked on in the last 12-14 months have included:

Sunrise Fields #1 & #2: Moved outfield fences from 300' to 210'. Removed and restored both warning tracks. Poured players bench pads and built dugout enclosures, installed new players benches.

Brandywood Park Playground: Removed old equipment and border, graded site and poured concrete curbing and bench pads, installed new playground equipment and engineered wood fiber (EWF).

Birchwood Acres Playground: Removed old equipment, surfacing and border, graded site and poured new concrete border, installed new playground equipment and EWF.

Foxborough Boardwalk: Removed and rebuilt 240' of failing boardwalk.

Behm's Park: Removed old equipment and surfacing (equipment donated to Kids Around The World). Removed and replaced damaged plastic timber borders, graded site, installed new playground equipment and EWF.

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 yard waste disposal options.
- Backyard composting.
- Utilize the Rice Creek Compost Site located at 7701 Main Street, Lino Lakes (managed by Anoka County). Fees may apply.



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.



**FREE
STAKES
AVAILABLE**

at Public Works:
1189 Main Street

Protect Your Lawn and Sprinkler Heads

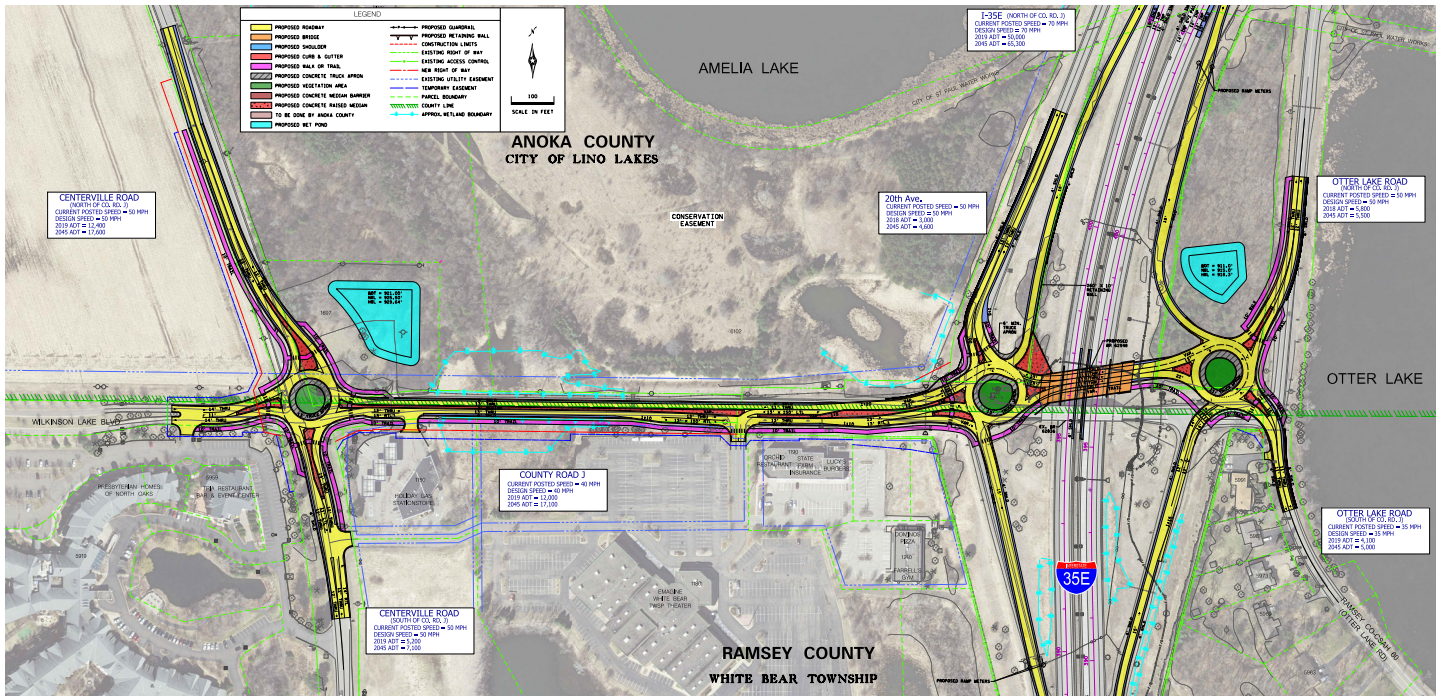
It's not too early to start planning for the winter plowing season. To help prevent plow damage to your sod and irrigation heads, mark the edge of the road prior to the first snowfall with 24" high reflective, or brightly colored stakes, at about 20-foot intervals. If your sod is damaged by a plow, report the damage to the City as soon as you become aware of it.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

**November 1st – April 1st
2:00am - 6:00am**

MAJOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS COMING YOUR WAY

After four plus years of planning, County Road J from Centerville Road to Otter Lake Road, including the I-35E interchange, is under construction. The project, led by Ramsey County in partnership with MnDOT, Anoka County, Lino Lakes, North Oaks, and White Bear Township will span two construction seasons, finishing up in 2026.



The current interchange and surrounding area face significant safety, congestion, and access challenges for all users. Planned improvements will complete missing freeway connections by adding access to and from I-35E, enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities along County Road J (Ash Street), replace the bridge over I-35E, and improve stormwater management with new stormwater ponds. The estimated \$23 million project was made possible with nearly \$19 million in state and federal funding. The partner communities, including the two counties, share the remaining local contribution.

Planned detours will be in effect during the construction process. Residents are encouraged to check the project website for up-to-date information.



Scan the QR code with your smartphone to learn more.

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 feet overhead clearance and 1 foot minimum side clearance from trail edges. City staff will remove encroaching vegetation if homeowners do not.

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 at www.facebook.com/linolakes.mn. To report a problem or repair please contact the Public Services Department at 651-982-2440 or email PublicServices@LinoLakes.us.

KNOW YOUR CITY

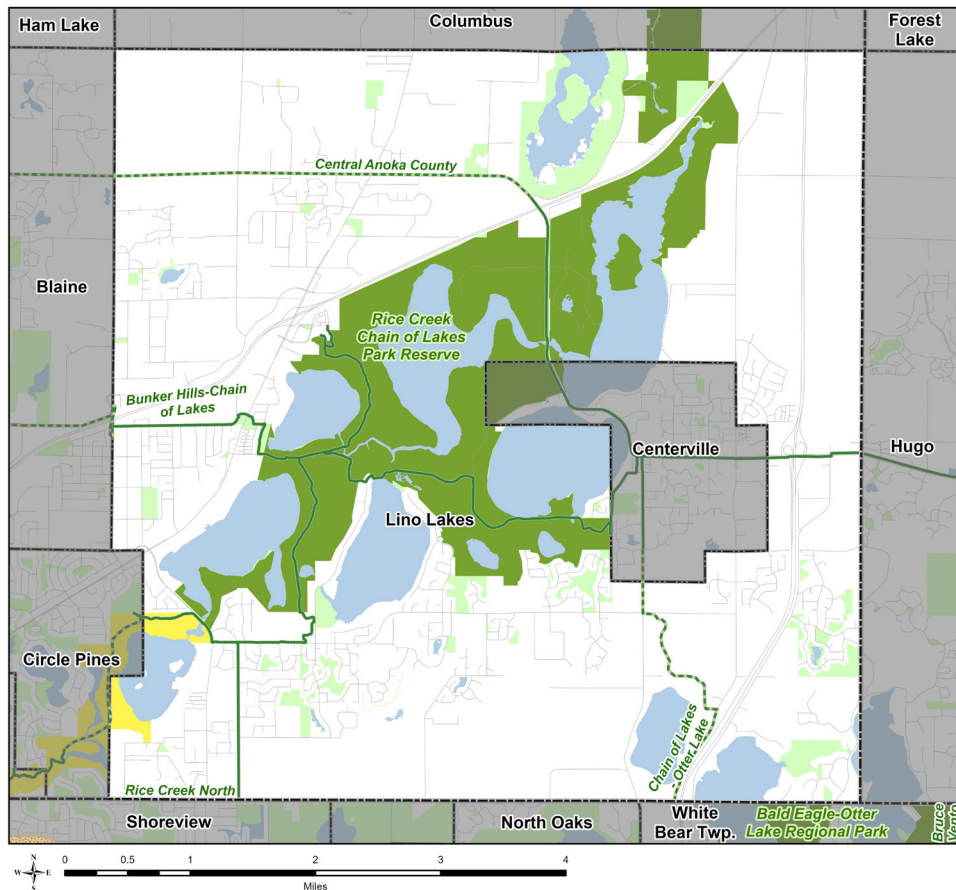
Parks play an important role in the development of a city by ensuring all residents access to open space, preservation of natural resources and ecological habitat, and recreational opportunities. Urban parks come in a number of shapes and sizes, from small pocket parks with a bench to large expanses of open space and playfields.

New York City's famous Central Park is 845 acres. Minneapolis has its own 1,555 acre Chain of Lakes Regional Park surrounding Brownie Lake, Cedar Lake, Lake of the Isles, Bde Maka Ska, and Lake Harriet. Surpassing each of these is Lino Lakes very own Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve.

Created in 1974, the Park Reserve is the largest park in Anoka County and second largest in the metropolitan region, according to the Metropolitan Council. Rice Creek meanders through the 5,500-acre park that borders or includes nine lakes. The park bisects the City from NE to SW covering approximately 1/6 of the City.

Per the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan, "Park reserves, like regional parks, are expected to provide for a diversity of outdoor recreational activities. The major feature that distinguishes the park reserve from a regional park is that the park reserve is also intended to provide, protect, and manage representative areas of the original major landscape types in the metropolitan area and enable appreciation and enjoyment of the natural resources that influenced the region's development."

Regional Parks System City of Lino Lakes, Anoka County



To establish and maintain an uncompromised sense of nature and protect high-quality natural resources, at least 80% of each park reserve should be managed as wild lands that protect the ecological functions of the native landscape. Up to 20% of a park reserve may be developed for compatible recreational activities."

One of the more unique aspects of the park is it is the headwaters to a 22-mile "water trail." The trail meanders from Lake Peltier in the park reserve through several lakes and streams from Lino Lakes through Circle Pines, Shoreview and Arden Hills before ending at Manomin Park on the Mississippi River in Fridley.

**The park had over 550,000 visitors in 2024.
When is the last time you visited?**



For more information on park activities scan the QR code.

Preventing Septic Systems from Freezing

Many people must deal with the frustration of frozen septic systems here in Minnesota where the temperature can drop below freezing. Fresh snow is an excellent insulator while lack of snow and very cold air temperatures can be a real headache. With a little effort now, many potential freezing problems can be eliminated by taking the time to examine your system.

A typical septic system has four main parts where freezing problems can occur:

- ① The pipe from the house to the septic tank.
- ② The septic tank, and for some systems, a pump lift station.
- ③ The pipe from the septic tank to the soil treatment system (drain field).
- ④ The soil treatment system.

How can you prevent this from happening?

- In the fall, add loose, fluffy hay or straw mulch (8-12 inches) over the pipes, tank, and soil treatment area.
- Keep all types of vehicles—including ATV's and snowmobiles—and high traffic people activities off the system. This is a good rule to follow year-round.
- If the system is new, add a thick insulating layer over the bare soil to prevent a system from freezing.
- Use normal amounts of water. If freezing is a concern, increase water use (normal is 50 to 75 gallons per person per day). Schedule laundry to include one warm/hot load per day, use your dishwasher, and take a hot bath daily. DO NOT leave water running all the time, as this will hydraulically overload the system. Also, DO NOT add antifreeze to the system.
- Daily used septic tanks rarely freeze, even in cold weather. If you know you are going to be gone for more than a couple of days, have someone use quantities of water in the home regularly. If you are going to be gone for an extended period, pump the tank before leaving.
- Keep an eye on your system. If any seeping or ponding occurs, contact an onsite professional to help determine the cause and remedy.

It is not necessary to do all of these things to prevent your septic system from freezing, but the more precautions you take, the safer your system will be.



Properly Drain Your Swimming 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

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. The discharge should not flow onto any other persons' property or create nuisance conditions. 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.

In no case should you 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.).

Discharges from your swimming pool filtration systems should be directed to your sanitary sewer 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.

Hot Tubs

Hot tubs are also in 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. Hot tubs should not be drained into individual sewage treatment systems.



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

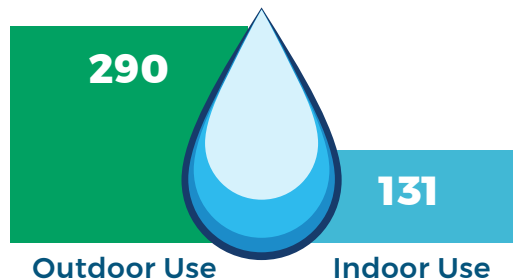
Locally, up to 60% of water usage for a typical home is used for outdoor irrigation during the growing season. Of that water use, roughly 50% is wasted on overwatering, evaporation, and non-target watering. Wasted fresh water could easily reach 150 gallons per house per day.

8-Zone Rachio 3 Smart Irrigation Controllers are being offered to Lino Lakes homeowners for a discounted price of \$45+ tax. **These sell for \$199 retail!**



Scan the QR code to learn more.

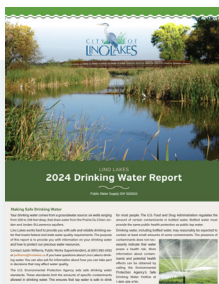
Residential Water Consumption during summer in gallons



NEW 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 is October 31, 2026.

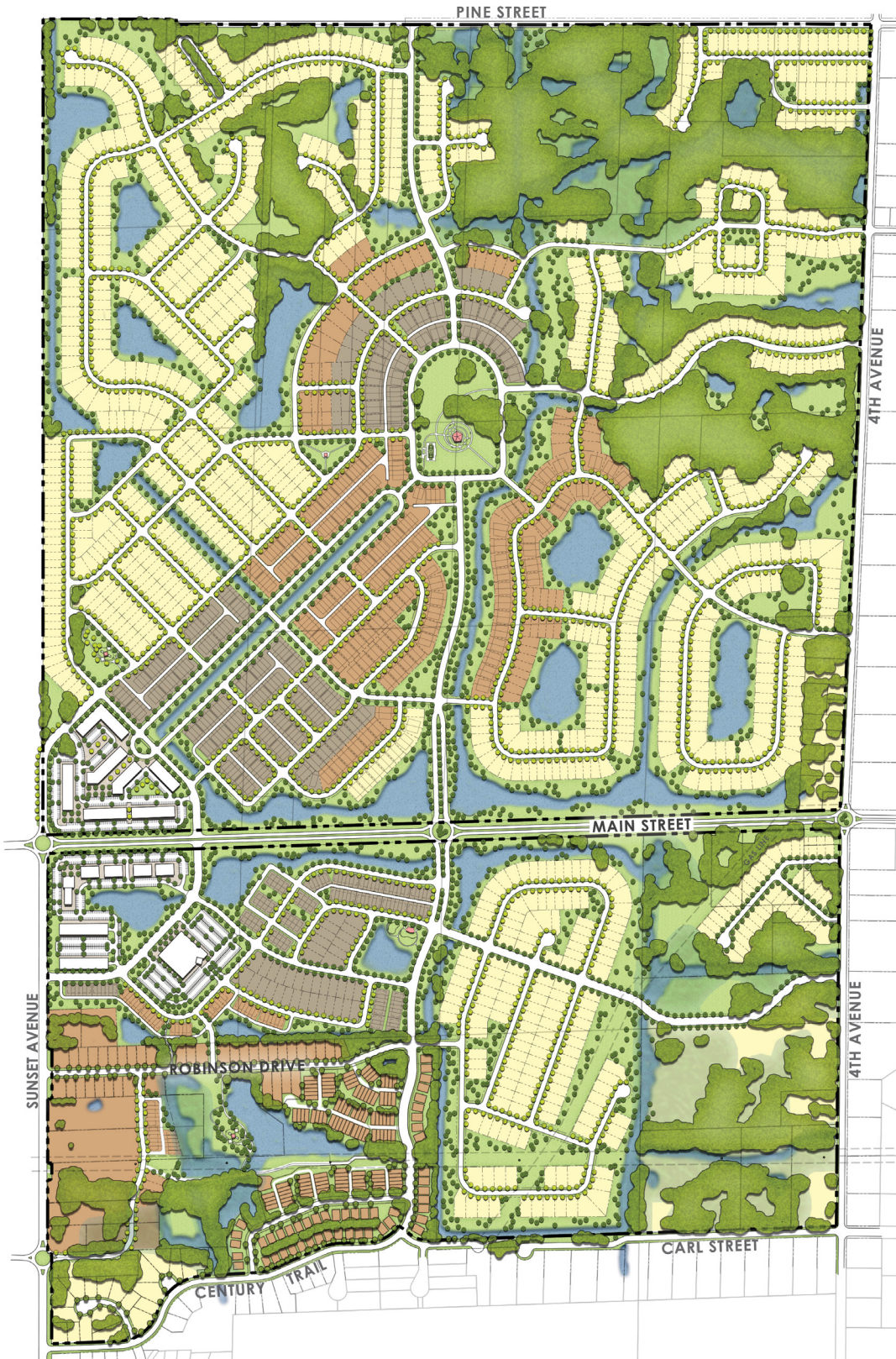


2024 Drinking Water Report

The Drinking Water Report is posted on the City of Lino Lakes website. To view the report online visit www.linolakes.us/water or Sewer Concerns. Paper copies are available upon request by calling 651-982-2440.

MAPPING NORTHWEST MAIN

Over the past year, the City of Lino Lakes carried out a planning process, called Mapping Northwest Main, to create a detailed framework for guiding development in the northwest quadrant of the city for the next 30+ years. The master plan sets clear guidelines that balance private property rights, community priorities, and regional requirements, and it will be used to review all proposed development plans.

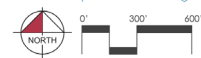


Community engagement was critical for creating the master plan. Residents and local agencies took part in open houses to review scenarios and share ideas. They also contributed feedback during the Environmental Review Process (AUR) public comment period and spoke at the public hearing before City Council review. Input helped narrow potential scenarios from four to one. Feedback from the community was then used to revise the remaining scenario even further before it was reviewed by the AUR.

To learn more about where the master planning process currently stands and what the year-long process looked like, visit www.mappingnwmain.com.



*This master plan is diagrammatic in nature and does not represent final design.



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BUILDING MATERIAL COLLECTION EVENT*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

 **LINO LAKES PUBLIC WORKS**
1189 Main St, Lino Lakes, MN 55014

Not sure what to do with leftover building materials from a home project? Bring leftover building materials to the collection event this September at Lino Lakes Public Works.

For more information and list of acceptable materials scan QR code or visit: AnokaCountyMN.gov/Reuse

*Event only for Anoka County residents, not for commercial use




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ANY OTHER PLASTICS SHOULD BE THROWN AWAY

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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.

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Wade in the splash pool, or swim some
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SCARECROW CRAWL
October 24 - 31, 2025

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
8:30AM - 11:00AM

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