



WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER



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Winter is nearly here, which means the holidays and the New Year will soon be too. Therefore, it's a good time to reflect on all that has happened throughout Lino Lakes in 2023, and take a small look ahead at what is to come.

Budget discussions began in August, and although they still need to be completed at this writing, Council has progressed from the first budget work session to adopting the preliminary 2024 tax levy. The initial tax levy adopted in September results in an estimated tax rate of 36%, up slightly from the 2023 tax rate of 35%. The City Council must approve a final budget and tax levy before the end of the year.

Development continues to be strong on several fronts in the City. In 2023, the City saw many grand openings of great commercial businesses like Kwik Trip, Hotworx, Thielen & Green Architects, Renstrom Dental, Tidal Wave Auto Spa, and F45 Fitness. New construction continues at the New Horizons Academy, Starbucks Coffee, Heartland Dental, and Lil Explorers Childcare Center.

Drawings, plans, and specs are being worked on for a Water Treatment Facility along Birch Street.

This past summer, the project received 13 million in grant funding from the State of Minnesota Legislature.

Design work is also underway for the extension of Otter Lake Road heading north on the east side of Lino Lakes. Otter Lake Road is an exciting project to open up an expanded commercial and industrial corridor with city sewer and water. The project is an opportunity to create more of a shovel-ready corridor, providing opportunities for new business development and improving the City's transportation system. The city staff and engineers continue to do an excellent job looking for county, state, and federal funding opportunities for all these critical projects within the City.

Many positive things are happening for Lino Lakes in 2024. And as your Mayor, I will continue to serve our City and work with Council to improve life in Lino Lakes for all.

May your holiday season be joyous and safe.



Rob Rafferty

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Mayor of Lino Lakes

JOIN THE LINO LAKES PUBLIC SAFETY FIRE DIVISION AND SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY!



We are currently hiring
Paid-On-Call Firefighters
for both of our City's fire
station locations.

What is a Paid-On-Call Firefighter?

The Lino Lakes Public Safety Department depends on its Paid-On-Call-Firefighter to provide a timely response when the alarm sounds. Under the direction of Lino Lakes fire officers, a Paid-On-Call-Firefighter is responsible for responding to calls and extinguishing fires, protecting life and property, and operating and maintaining fire equipment apparatus.

Lino Lakes Public Safety Paid-On-Call-Firefighter are expected, when available, to respond to their assigned fire station when paged for an emergency incident. The Lino Lakes Public Safety Fire Division relies on the response of firefighters to ensure adequate apparatus and personnel are sent to scenes for crews to work safely and effectively to save lives and property.

If you live within 9 minutes of one of the fire stations and you have a desire to serve your community and help others, then we are looking for YOU!



If you are interested in becoming a Lino Lakes Public Safety Paid-On-Call Firefighter, scan the QR code to apply.



Training

All Paid-On-Call-Firefighter recruit training is paid for the City. If you do not have previous firefighting experience or emergency medical education, you will be provided with equipment and support to complete Firefighter I and II training at the Anoka County Fire Academy. The courses at the academy will introduce you to the basic knowledge and skills necessary to perform firefighting tasks. At the end of this training, you will complete both a written and a practical exam to then become certified by the Minnesota Fire Certification Board as a Firefighter II.



During entry-level firefighter training, you will also be involved in Lino Lakes Public Safety new recruit training. The purpose of this training is to provide a standard set of requirements and skills in addition an understanding of the Lino Lakes Public Safety Fire Divisions policies, procedures, special orders and evaluations prior to being an authorized responder for the City of Lino Lakes.

2024 Annual Budget

At the September 25, 2023 meeting, the City Council adopted a preliminary 2024 tax levy of \$14,120,928, a 9.52% increase above the 2023 tax levy. The preliminary tax levy maintains essential services and programs while the City continues to experience rising costs in the current inflationary environment.

The 2024 tax levy increase can be attributed to:

- Wages and benefits of current personnel
- Increased cost for supplies and services
- Recreation funding returning to pre-pandemic levels
- Purchase of two fire apparatus
- Pavement management funding to maintain target street condition ratings

The preliminary tax levy is the maximum tax levy the City can adopt for 2024. The City Council continues to meet and consider changes before final adoption on December 11, 2023. To learn more about the budget process and 2024 Proposed Budget and Tax Levy, visit www.linolakes.us/budget.

2024 Annual Budget Public Hearing

Monday, December 11th - 6:30pm
Lino Lakes Civic Complex
600 Town Center Parkway



THE ROOKERY
ACTIVITY CENTER

WINTER FUN AT THE ROOKERY

The Rookery Activity Center is gearing up for the winter with some great programming opportunities.

As the weather turns colder and the days get shorter, stay active and beat the winter blues by joining in on all the fun activities at the Rookery. ***All programs are open to the public and do not require a Rookery membership.***

Upcoming Adult/Senior Trip and Programs:

AARP "Smart Driver" Classes
Adult Art Classes
Adult Day Trips
Sip and Lean with the Quad Chambers of Commerce
Extended Travel information Classes
Weekly Fitness Classes
Weekly social activities
Beginner Pickleball Classes
Intermediate Pickleball Classes

Upcoming Youth Programs:

Non School Day Programs
Rookery Kids Hang-Out Night
Youth Art Classes
Tot Time
Preschool Sports Sampler
Spring Break Non School Day Programs
Swim lessons
Open swim & waterslide



COMING SOON! Les Mills Immersive Virtual Studio Classes

Experience group fitness in a new way! With our new immersive studio experience, you will get a world-class workout, when it fits your schedule.

Our virtual studio creates a cinematic experience with a large projection screen, top of the line stereo equipment and studio lighting.

Virtual classes are often less busy than instructor-led classes and run throughout the day. Virtual options are perfect for those who need more flexibility in their workout routine.

These classes are also perfect for our members who are new to group fitness. With a virtual workout, members can try a class to get familiar before jumping into Live Classes!

Our new **premium membership add-on** includes everything in our standard membership PLUS access to our new immersive studio experience with Les Mills Virtual.

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

Single Member Add-On: \$30/month

Household Add-On: \$50/month

Senior Member Add-On: \$20/month

***Drop-in rates available**

THE ROOKERY
ACTIVITY CENTER
ENDURANCE
FITNESS OF MN

MOVE MORE in '24

Ring in the new year by
joining the Rookery to have
your best year yet!

The Rookery offers fitness classes
youth and adult programming,
swim lessons, and more all
designed to help you move!

Membership Promotion details:

- December 18 through January 7
- \$30 enrollment fee waived
- December 18-31 is free
- \$20.24 for the month of January
- Annual membership 10% discount
- Immersive virtual studio 2 weeks FREE

Endurance Fitness also offers **pilates reformer classes** with certified personal trainers. Classes run for 4 weeks with both beginner and intermediate levels. We offer training packages for individuals and small groups.

School's Out! Winter Wonder Week

Join us for fun activities all holiday break, Tuesday, December 26th through Friday, December 29th.

- Open Swim, Open Gym, & Fitness Classes daily
- \$2 daily admission fee
- Non-School Day Camps
- Water slide open 12-7 daily
- 4-day swimming lessons
- Tot Time

Non-School Day Camp Schedule

Join us for one winter wonder camp day, or join us all week! Camp days will be filled with themed fun, games, swimming, and more!

Participants must be currently in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Campers will need to bring their own bag lunch and a water bottle. Before and After Care will be offered for an additional fee.

Crazy Randomness: Tuesday, December 26

Its Crazy Randomness Day! Our day will be filled with crazy activities and games. We will make a mystery craft, play Robots Go Beep, Cats Corner, and Hula Hoop Freeze Tag. We will play in the bounce house and go swimming in the Aquatic Center, and walk down the path to the Woods Edge Park. Campers will need to bring winter gear, and all of their swim gear.



Sea-Amazing: Wednesday, December 27 **Field Trip**

What is the under the sea you ask? Well let's go and explore it together! We will start our morning with a sea themed craft and an early lunch and then we will load the bus to head to Sealife at Mall of America. We will spend some time exploring the Underwater Tunnel standing next to sharks, brave the rainforest with creepy cockroaches and curious crocs, and touch a rough sea star fish in the rockpool.

Slime, Slime and More Slime: Thursday, December 28

Let's get gooey with Slime! We will make a winter slime, a marshmallow slime, and a mystery slime. We will play some group games and walk down the path to the Woods Edge Park. Campers will need to bring appropriate winter outdoor gear.

Pajama FUN: Friday, December 29

Let's celebrate winter in our PJ's! We will make a winter craft, play in the gym with the bounce house, and enjoy some popcorn while watching the movie "Sing." We will be going outside and play at Woods Edge Park, so campers will need to bring appropriate winter outdoor gear. Campers are encouraged to wear appropriate pajamas.

Winter Wonder Week Details:

9:00am - 3:00pm | Before and After Care hours available

\$45 child member per day | \$50 child non-member per day

Register by Sunday, December 17th

Upcoming Special Community Events:

Kids Kraze: Grab your friends and let's get crazy in the gym every 4th Friday of the month. We will have the bounce house up, basketballs and soccer balls, the gaga pit, tic-tac-toe, and more out for kids to play with. Adult supervisor is required.

Event starts Friday, December 22

6:00pm – 8:00pm

\$5 child member | \$6 child non-member



Royal Ball: Your little princesses and princes have been invited to the Rookery Royal Ball. Activities will include a craft, refreshments and lots of dancing while the DJ spins the tunes. All can dress in their favorite princess/prince costume or outfit.

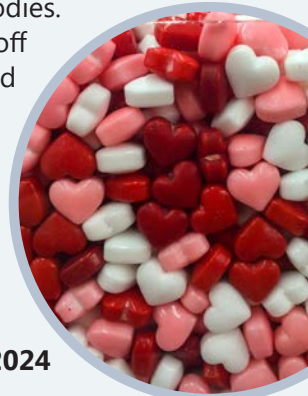
Friday, February 9, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

\$20 child member | \$25 child non-member

Register by Sunday, January 28

Active Adult's Valentine Party: Love is in the air! We will enjoy a live performance from the Malt Shop Melodies.

They will rock our socks off with singing, dancing, and skits from the 50's and 60's. Light refreshments will be provided during the performance. Lace up those shoes and get ready to shake, rattle, and roll with us!



Tuesday, February 13, 2024

1:00pm – 2:15pm

\$15 member | \$20 non-member

Winter Aquatics Programming

The Rookery swim lesson program is geared towards teaching children and adults the skills that build self-confidence in and out of the water. We offer group and private lessons in our warm water pools, which are kept at an average of 87F in the splash pool, and 82°F in the lap pool. The warm water temperatures promote happier swimming for young swimmers.

Group lessons are taught in groups of 4-6 participants per class, and each lesson is 30 minutes in length. Our swim lesson program is divided by swim ability and age starting at 6 months.

If you are looking for more individualized instruction and experience, private lessons provide 1-on-1 teaching experience for children and adults of all ages and ability levels.

**Winter Swim Registration is open now.
Lessons start the week of January 6.**

NEW! Soaring Swim Lesson Clinic

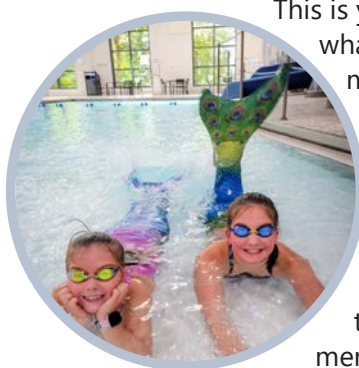
Continuity and repetition allow swimmers to progress quickly over a short period of time. The soaring swim lesson clinic allows four days of swim lessons in a row.

Lessons are 30 minutes.

**Tuesday, December 26 through Friday, December 29
9:00am-12:00pm**

\$59 member | \$72 non-member

NEW! Mermaids & Mermen Academy



This is your chance to experience what it's like to swim like a mermaid! A trained instructor will teach safe fin use and proper breathing while swimming. This swim session will incorporate movement skills, fitness, pool entries and exits, dolphin dives, spins, turns and of course mermaid/mermen games.

\$40 member | \$50 non-member

Summer Camp Registration is now open!



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

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 special goodie bag. Learn more about birthday party packages and book online at www.linolakes.us/birthdayparties.



Are you decorating your home for the season? If yes, we invite you to add it to the 2023 Holiday Lights Tour by filling out the entry form with your name and address.

Starting December 19th, a list of participating homes will be available at www.linolakes.us/holidaylights for all to drive around town to enjoy the festive lights.



To register your residence as part of our tour list, scan the QR code with your smartphone.

WINTER HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Follow these winter safety tips to ensure that you have a safe holiday season.



Holiday hosting safety

- Use flameless candles when decorating holidays.
- Make sure exit paths and exits are clear of holiday decorations and clutter.
- Never leave food cooking on the stove unattended.
- Keep a timer with you when baking in the oven so you don't lose track of time; check on items in the oven frequently.

Christmas tree safety

- Never block an exit with a Christmas tree.
- Only use non-flammable decorations.
- Keep trees away from heat sources and vents.
- Remove the tree from your home when the needles are brittle or begin to fall off.
- Pick a tree stand that can hold the tree securely. The Stand should hold enough water for two days.

Winter safety

- Keep all doors and windows that could be used for an escape route clear of snow and ice.
- Keep all vents (fireplace, dryer, furnace and oven) clear of snow, ice and debris.
- Never use a blow torch to thaw frozen pipes.
- Use flashlights, not candles, if you lose power.
- Keep anything that can burn three feet from heat sources; do not use your oven to heat your home.



Beware of Porch Pirates

With our winter holidays approaching, many of us will have an increase in package deliveries at our homes. We would like to encourage you to take steps to help reduce the chances of becoming a victim of doorstep package theft. Consider these strategies when ordering package delivery:

- Schedule your delivery for a time when someone will be home to receive it.
- Sign up for delivery alerts to stay informed when a package will be delivered.
- If you're not home when a package is delivered, ask a neighbor to pick it up for you.
- Provide delivery instructions, asking the driver to place the package in an inconspicuous area.
- Install a doorbell camera so you are notified when a package is delivered.

If you install a doorbell camera, we encourage you to register your camera with the Public Safety Department at www.linolakes.us/registersecuritycamera.

If you are the victim of package theft, please report the theft to the Lino Lakes Police Department through our dispatch center by calling 911.



BUSINESS ACTIVITY ON THE UPSWING

New to the City

Kwik Trip – 6775 Hodgson Road. Kwik Trip is a new convenience station located at the southwest quadrant of Lake Drive & Hodgson Road. It is an 11,800 square foot motor fuel station and car wash.

Hotworx – 7107 Otter Lake Road. A fitness center offering 3D training and 24-hour access to a variety of virtually instructed infrared sauna workouts.

Signature Nails – 709 Apollo Drive. Signature Nails provides manicures and pedicures from experienced professionals.

Thielen & Green – 7455 Village Drive, Suite 110. Thielen & Green is an architectural firm who strives to create and produce quality architectural design.

Renstrom Dental Studio – 7455 Village Drive. Full service dental lab.

F45 Fitness – 7114 Otter Lake Road. F45 Fitness is a gym that offers total wellness solution for every body and focuses on individual needs.

Soha's Tea House – 7107 Otter Lake Drive, Suite 140. Tea shop offering hot teas, iced teas, and pastries.

Salon 308 – 709 Apollo Drive. Hair salon with waxing services.

I Nails – 7107 Otter Lake Drive, Suite 130. I Nails provides manicures and pedicures from experienced professionals.

Tobacco AK Smoke Zone – 7107 Otter Lake Drive, Suite 120. Tobacco and smoke shop.

Currently Under Construction

Lil Explorers Childcare Center – MEP Lino Lakes is constructing a 16,941 square foot commercial day care facility. This center will be located south of Apollo Drive and north of Lilac Street.

Starbucks – 601 Apollo Drive. Coffee shop on the corner of Apollo Drive and Lake Drive.

Heartland Dental – 601 Apollo Drive. A 4,200 square foot dental clinic.

New Residential Development

Watermark 6th Addition – Developed by Lennar, this phase includes 48 new single family homes.

Know Your City

Did you find the tooth and bobsledder shaped ponds from the fall newsletter issue? If you need a reminder to head to the dentist, the molar can be found at the intersection of Otter Lake Road and Cedar Street. It was constructed as a stormwater pond in 1996 for Northern Wholesale.

Located near the intersection of Lake Drive and Main Street the bobsledder has been hitting the slopes since the early 70's.



FREE BUSINESS ADVICE
**Looking for a trusted
adviser for your business?**

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

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

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

Interested entrepreneurs can schedule an appointment by contacting Carrie Mikkonen at 763-438-7315 or email cmikkonen@mccdmn.org

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



Anoka County
MINNESOTA

Lino Lakes Seeking Applicants For Advisory Boards

Are you interested in becoming involved in our community? The City of Lino Lakes has four advisory boards composed of residents who provide advice and recommendations on a variety of issues to the City Council. Residents who are appointed to serve on an advisory board serve terms of three years. The City is currently seeking applicants for the Planning & Zoning Board, Park & Recreation Board, Economic Development Advisory Committee, and the Environmental Board.

For an application or additional information, please visit www.linolakes.us/advisoryboard. Questions regarding appointments can be directed to Jolleen Chaika, City Clerk, at 651-982-2406 or jchaika@linolakes.us.

Lino Lakes Seeking Applicants For Charter Commission

The Lino Lakes Charter Commission is seeking applicants to serve on the 15-member Commission. The Charter Commission serves as custodian of the City Charter in accordance with state laws, the Charter bylaws, and rules of the Charter Commission. The Commission meets for one evening meeting each quarter at City Hall.

If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the Charter Commission, please visit www.linolakes.us/citycharter. There you can find more information on the Charter and complete an application for appointment. Questions regarding the Charter Commission can be directed to Jolleen Chaika, City Clerk, at 651-982-2406 or jchaika@linolakes.us.

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.



CITY OF
LINOLAKES

The City of Lino Lakes is looking for passionate and motivated individuals who are looking to join a great team and give back to the community.

Explore the wonderful employment opportunities with the City – including seasonal, part-time and full-time.



Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera for more information on current openings and to apply.

Winter is Coming

CITY PLOWING SCHEDULE

Snow plowing operations generally commence with accumulations of two inches of snow or more. Accumulations of less than two inches may also trigger operations if they are combined with icy or drifting conditions in which salt and/or sand will be applied following guidelines within the Minnesota Manual Snow & Ice Management.

To keep traffic moving, crews first plow streets that connect neighborhoods to State and County roads. Plowing operations stop if strong winds and drifting result in unsafe conditions; plowing resumes when conditions improve. For evening or overnight accumulations, all available workers normally begin plowing streets at 3:00am. For typical snow falls, it generally takes 7 to 9 hours for our Public Works Department to clear the 200+ lane miles of City streets. For plowing updates, follow us at www.facebook.com/linolakesmn.



Mailboxes:

To ensure the mail carrier can deliver your mail, please clear snow away from the front of your mailbox. Properly installed mailboxes accidentally toppled by the blade of snow plow will be replaced by City crews as soon as time and conditions allow.

Plowing Trails:

The City of Lino Lakes does its best to clear trails and sidewalks across the city. Trails and sidewalks in close proximity to schools receive higher priority and are plowed quickly after a snow event. Other trails are cleared as time allows in the days following a snow event. Please note there are a few trails throughout the city that are left unplowed. If you have any questions or concerns regarding snow removal on sidewalks and trails, please contact the Public Services Department at 651-982-2440.

Garbage Cans/Recycle Containers:

Keep garbage cans and recycling containers behind the curb line and off roadways and sidewalks. Containers placed in the street or at the end of the driveway may be damaged or knocked over.



Winter Parking Restrictions

Beginning November 1st through April 1st of each year in Lino Lakes, winter parking restrictions are in effect.

Parking vehicles on any public street within the City is prohibited between the hours of 2:00am – 6:00am in the above time frame. In addition, parking is not allowed on any public street when two inches or more of snow has fallen until the street has been plowed. Vehicles in violation of the Winter Parking Restrictions may be towed at the owner's expense and the vehicle owner could be charged a petty misdemeanor. (See Lino Lakes City Code Chapter 802 Section 6)



WHAT RESIDENTS CAN DO TO HELP THIS WINTER SEASON

Effective snow removal involves citizen collaboration. Follow the reminders below to help stay safe this winter season.

- Keep kids' toys, sleds, and basketball hoops away from the street.
- Do not build snow forts along the street and in piles in cul-de-sacs. Plow drivers cannot see inside the forts and do not want to injure anyone.
- Keep a minimum distance of 100 feet when encountering snowplows and sand trucks.
- Do not drive into a snow cloud or pass vehicles while they're plowing.
- Keep snow off the road when shoveling, pushing, or blowing snow. Putting snow in the street can cause snow and ice buildup on the road making conditions hazardous.
- Keep fire hydrants clear and accessible during the winter. If you have a fire hydrant located near your house, please work with your neighbors to keep a cleared path from the street to the fire hydrants and a cleared 6-foot area around the fire hydrant. By doing this fire fighters will be able to easily locate and access the fire hydrant in case of an emergency.
- Report issues, such as slippery intersections, potholes, snow plow damage, etc., by calling the Public Service Department at **651-982-2440**.

HALT THE SALT

Help keep surfaces safe and water clean. Did you know that just 1 teaspoon of salt permanently pollutes 5 gallons of freshwater? Chlorides found in road salt are harmful to wildlife, soil, and groundwater. They also disrupt the seasonal lake cycles that make our lakes enjoyable, and corrode cars, bridges, and streets.

Smart salting, good habits:

- Use tools first: shovel, scraper, or broom.
- Disperse salt or other de-icers evenly without piles. The goal is not to form a blanket, but to break the bonds of ice/compacted snow.
- Once salt crystals infiltrate the ice/compacted snow, a scraper can chop and scrape the surface. Shoveling off the ice chunks reduces the need to re-apply. Salt that's diluted with meltwater becomes less effective; re-freezing occurs and raises the risk for falls.
- More product doesn't mean faster results: the chemical reaction depends on temperature.
- Excess product remains in meltwater and runoff.
- Never apply de-icers to dry pavement or loose snow.
- Sweep up extra salt and sand.



Scan the QR code with your smartphone for videos and more resources, or visit www.vlawmo.org/residents.



Salt usage guide:

12-oz Mug	Sidewalk Squares	Driveway Length	Square Feet
Half Mug	5	~10 ft	500 ft ²
Full Mug	10	~20 ft	1,000 ft ²

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY COURSE



Officers with the Lino Lakes Public Safety Department will be conducting a DNR Youth Snowmobile Certification course again this year. This course is being offered to youth, ages 11-15 (certification becomes valid at age 12). This training course is at an introductory level, designed to help the snowmobile rider become familiar with laws and safety information related

to snowmobile operation. Participants who successfully complete this course will be eligible for certification through the MN DNR.

There is a \$30.00 course fee for online materials, along with a \$5.00 processing fee, required by the Minnesota DNR for the official certification. All payments are made electronically to the DNR after successfully completing the course.

The certification course takes place in two sessions. One introductory, in-person, classroom session with a requirement to complete online training at home, then one additional in-person session for the driving test. During the introductory session, the instructors will distribute the course materials, discuss the course outline, and answer related questions. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.

Classroom session: Tuesday, January 9th from 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Driving session: Saturday, January 27th from 8:00am – 12:00pm

Sessions will take place at the Lino Lakes Public Safety Department (640 Town Center Parkway).

For additional information regarding the class, or to sign-up, please contact the Lino Lakes Public Safety Department at 651-982-2323 or Officer Paulson at MPaulson@linolakes.us.

CITY PARK UPDATES

Brandywood Park and Birchwood Acres: New Playground Equipment

The City Council approved the replacement of the aged playground equipment at Brandywood Park and Birchwood Acres Park. The Brandywood playground was installed in 2000 and the Birchwood Acres playground in 1996. Parks Department staff has already begun dismantling the existing playground structure and prepping the playground areas for a 2024 spring/summer installation.

Two playground concept plans for each park have been created. Area residents of Brandywood Park and Birchwood Acres are encouraged to review and provide input on their proposed concepts for their respective parks. Visit www.linolakes.us/parkconcepts between December 4 – 17 to review the concept plans and provide comments and suggestions. Staff, along with the playground designer, will then develop a final playground design unique to each park and order the equipment. Parks Department staff, along with a certified playground installer, will install the playground equipment this coming Spring/Summer!

ICE RINKS AND WARMING HOUSES

Warming houses are back for the 2023-2024 Winter season! Tentative opening of the warming houses and skating rinks is December 18th. For up-to-date information follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/linolakesmn

Rink Locations:

Sunrise Park, 6918 Sunrise Drive

Birch Park, 6520 Pheasant Run South

City Hall Park, 1189 Main Street

Warming House Hours:

Saturdays Noon – 8pm

Sundays. Noon – 6pm



NOW HIRING Ice Rink Attendants

Looking for a weekend part-time job this winter? How about supervising warming houses.

Flexible hours and a great way to earn extra cash!

Additional information and application can be found by following the QR code on your smartphone.



Scan the QR code for job postings.



In 2022, the City of Lino Lakes pumped over 600,000,000 gallons of water to meet user demand. Water for residential use equated to approximately 80 gallons per person per day. **A goal of the Lino Lakes Water Supply Plan is to bring residential water demand to less than 75 gallons per person per day.**

Did you know...

With 37% of the City's 21,000 acres covered by lakes or wetlands, water is a predominate feature of our landscape. However, that doesn't mean we can take it for granted. Whether you are on the City's water supply system or have a private well in your backyard, the water we drink, use for cooking and cleaning all comes from groundwater lying below the surface. According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource, Minnesota residents use approximately 52 gallons a day on average. Meanwhile, residents in Lino Lakes are using approximately 80 gallons per person per day.

Help us meet our goal!

One of the largest sources of water usage is outdoor irrigation, but indoors; toilets, showers, washing machines, dishwashers, faucets, and leaks are some of the biggest contributors to water use. Water use and needs fluctuate throughout the year and cause outdoor or indoor water use to be higher or lower. If Lino Lakes want to meet its goals, residents will have to consider their own overall usage and how they can bring it within 75 gallons a day per person.

Estimate your household's water use goal:

75 x ____ # of members in your household
= ____ # of gallons of water use per **day**

7 x ____ # of gallons of water use per **day**
= ____ # of gallons of water use per **week**

12 x ____ # of gallons of water use per **week**
= ____ # of gallons of water use per **quarterly**

Compare your quarterly water use goal to your actual usage to see how your household is doing on reaching the 75 gallon goal. Look under the meter reading, find "cons" (consumption) and multiply this number by 1,000 to get your quarterly use.

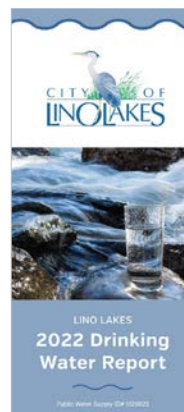
METER READING

Serial No	Previous Reading		Current Reading		Cons
	Date	Reading	Date	Reading	
XXXXXXXXX	7/31/2023	841	10/31/2023	861	20

If your household's water usage is higher than your use goal, ask yourself some of the following questions to see how you might be able to help conserve water:

- **How long are my showers and can I shorten them?** Water-saving shower heads may only use about 2 gallons of water per minute. Older showers use up to 5 gallons of water per minute.
- **How frequently am I taking baths?** A bath uses about 36 gallons of water.
- **How often am I running the dishwasher over doing dishes by hand?** Handwashing dishes uses anywhere from 9 to 27 gallons of water depending on efficiency, while dishwashers use 6 to 16 gallons of water per load depending on model and age of dishwasher.
- **Are my dishwasher and laundry loads full?** New clothes washers use around 25 gallons of water per load whereas older ones use about 40 gallons of water.
- **Have I checked my toilet and faucets for leaks?**
- **Do I need to replace any of my appliances and can I buy a replacement that has a WaterSense label?**
- **How frequently am I irrigating my lawn?** (lawns only need 1 inch of water per week)

By enacting these small changes, you can Drive for 75 gallons per day and help the City reach its goals!



WATER QUALITY REPORT

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



Upcoming Monthly Recycling 3RD Saturday 2023-2024 Dates:

December 16 | January 20 | February 17

Monthly Recycling Saturday is held on the third Saturday of each month at Lino Park 7850 Lake Drive from 10 am to 2 pm. Small businesses welcome!

You can now recycle hearing aids and eyeglasses at City Hall, thanks to The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation.

Recycle your extra plastic with the City and **help us earn a park bench!** You may bring the plastic to City Hall or Recycle Saturdays. Please make sure they are dry and free of food residue. See guidelines below.

If we collect **500 pounds of plastic**, the city will receive a park bench made of recycled plastic! Questions? Reach out to RecyclingIntern@LinoLakes.us



Long stringy items like holiday lights and cords can get caught in recycling facility machines and never belong in your recycling bin. Instead, **bring holiday lights to Recycling Saturday to be recycled for free!**

For details visit: www.linolakes.us/recyclesaturdays



Christmas trees are accepted at the Rice Creek compost site at 7701 Main Street in Lino Lakes. The site will have extended hours for the first two weekends after New Year's Day in January.

Saturdays, January 6 & 13 from 9 am to 1 pm

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:* although 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 stores have plastic bag drop off programs you can bring them to instead.

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

2024 TREE SALE

To participate in the City Tree Sale, fill out the order form below to purchase your trees. You may also order online at www.linolakes.us/treesale.

- Order period ends: February 16th, 2024
- Pick up date: May 10th, 2024 from Noon to 4pm at the Public Works Facility: 1189 Main Street, Lino Lakes

Quantities are limited, so reserve a tree now. Please note that all orders must be pre-paid, and are **non-refundable**.

If you are ordering via mail, please return the form below to: City of Lino Lakes, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, MN 55014.

2024 City Tree Order Form

CUSTOMER NAME:	PHONE:		
ADDRESS:	CITY:	ZIP CODE:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:			
TREE TYPE: purchase size, mature size, tree description (trees are bare root)	Price @	Quantity	Total
CRABAPPLE-PURPLE PRINCE: 1" diameter. H 20' W 20'. Purple foliage, red flower. Disease resistant.	\$38.95		
KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE 'ESPRESSO': 1.25" lightly branched. 60' H 50' W. A stately shade tree with no significant issues (also no seedpods). grows well in a variety of conditions.	\$79.00		
HONEY LOCUST-SKYLINE: 6'. H 50' W 35'. Rapid growing, thornless, dark green foliage. H 60', W 35'.	\$52.95		
LINDEN-REDMOND: 1.25" diam. Pyramidal shape with large leaves. Fast growing. Reddish bark in winter.	\$58.95		
OAK-HERITAGE: 6'. H 60' W 40'. Dark green, glossy foliage. A beautiful specimen tree.	\$54.95		
OAK-RED: 1" diameter. H 80' W 50'. Fast growing oak with dark green leaves that hang on into winter. A stately landscape tree.	\$59.95		
OAK-BUR: 6'. rounded shape, corky branches. H 80', W 50'	\$45.95		
RIVER BIRCH-'CULLY' HERITAGE: 1" diameter. H 50' W 35'. Tolerates wet soil but does well in upland soil. good heat tolerance.	\$43.95		
SUGAR MAPLE-GREEN MOUNTAIN: 1" diameter. Heat resistant and drought tolerant. H 50-75', W 40-50'.	\$67.95		
SERVICEBERRY-AUTUMN BRILLIANCE: 6'. H 20', W 15'. White spring blooms. Red fall color. Purple-black fruit. Small tree.	\$56.95		
Subtotal			
Add Sales Tax 8.125%			
Grand Total			

*Tree seedlings can also be purchased from the Anoka County Conservation District at www.anokaswcd.org. They are offering many varieties of tree and shrub seedlings. If you order from the Conservation District, please note that they use a different order form, pick up dates, and location.



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SIGN UP FOR CITY UPDATES WITH **NOTIFY ME®**

What is Notify Me?

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You can sign up and have notifications of these and other items by email, cell phone text message (SMS), or both.



How do I Sign Up?

Signing up for the City of Lino Lakes' Notify Me service is easy! Visit www.linolakes.us/notifyme or scan the QR code to the left with your smartphone then follow these simple steps:

1. Create an account, or sign in to your existing account.
 - After creating a new account, you will be directed to your [My Account](#) page. To get back to [Notify Me](#), revisit www.linolakes.us/notifyme and follow the steps below.

2. If you would like mobile alerts then enter your full 10 digit mobile phone number.

3. When you find a notify me category that you would like to receive updates about, you can subscribe by clicking the buttons next to the item:



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4. You will be prompted about confirming your subscription. Follow the instructions you receive.

