

## 2014 utility rate changes

The utility fee schedule adopted by the City Council contains two 2014 rates that differ from 2013 rates. They are:

1. Water utility volume rate increasing from \$3.95 to \$4.05 per thousand gallons of metered water usage, representing a 2.5% increase.
2. Sanitary sewer volume rate increasing from \$5.90 to \$6.20 per thousand gallons of metered water usage. This 5.08% rate increase was necessitated by a 8.29% (\$13,668) increase in wastewater treatment fees that have been charged to the city in 2014 by the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) division.
3. Quarterly residential curbside recycling charges increasing from \$6.80 to \$9.15. This increase was caused by higher "single sort" rather than "dual sort" fees, and uncertainty concerning the success of the recycling materials offset program with the hauler.

## WHY ARE MY RESIDENTIAL SANITARY SEWER CHARGES DIFFERENT FROM LAST QUARTER?

A frequent first quarter utility billing question city staff often receives from residential utility customers concerns the consumption base changing from fourth quarter for sanitary sewer charges. The answer lies in the method proscribed in city ordinance for calculating these charges. Briefly, first quarter water usage is used as a proxy for "normal" domestic sanitary sewer use (i.e. no lawn irrigation, car washing, garden watering, pool filling, etc.) for the remaining billing quarters of the year.



## City council to consider adoption of a no wake ordinance for Long Lake

The Long Lake City Council will be conducting a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance amending the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Waterways, to regulate the operation and speed of watercraft, establishing a slow-no wake restriction whenever the water level exceeds 944.15 feet (high water level). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 6:30 pm or as close thereto as possible in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 450 Virginia Avenue, Long Lake, MN.

Additionally, a representative from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) will be in attendance at the meeting to present information about shoreline restoration programs and opportunities available to lakeshore property owners.

If you will be unable to attend the April 15 public hearing but would like to submit comments for the Council's consideration, please feel free to email your feedback to City Clerk Jeanette Moeller at [jmoeller@longlakemn.gov](mailto:jmoeller@longlakemn.gov).

## MAYOR hultmann selected as chamber's person of the year award recipient

Long Lake Mayor Tim Hultmann was recently selected as this year's Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce's Person of the Year, and for him, it was a complete surprise. "You could have knocked me over with a feather. I was really surprised", he said. "The Chamber usually selects a Long Lake Chamber member or business owner." Chamber President Sutton McGraw said there were a number of reasons why Hultmann was selected, including his service to the community, his advocacy for small businesses and his work in city government. "He is a dedicated husband, father, community leader and just a wonderful person. He's always smiling, has a gentle demeanor, and wonderful energy," McGraw said.

Hultmann has lived in Long Lake for more than 35 years and has been serving the community in city government for more than a decade. Hultmann was on the Long Lake City Council from 2000-2006, the city Planning Commission from 2007-2010, and has served as Mayor since 2011. Orono schools led Hultmann and his family to choose Long Lake as their home. They had previously lived in Montevideo. "My wife Patricia was a school teacher when we moved to Long Lake, school was No. 1 in her mind. Orono schools had a very good reputation. My sons Tim J. and Michael are Orono grads. Our two grandsons are enrolled at Orono," he said. Hultmann as involved in his sons' education, as he served on the Orono Community Education Board from 1984-1990. He also coached basketball, baseball and soccer, as well as served as the vice president of the Orono Basketball and Softball associations from 1984-1985, and served as the secretary for the Orono Basketball Association from 1988-1989. In addition, Hultmann was an Orono Reserve Police Officer for more than 6 years, and was a past President of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council.

It was the Highway 12 bypass that got Hultmann involved with city government. "The fact that what was predicted to be a 4-year highway project turned into an 8-year project. We lost businesses and the economic downturn has made it hard to entice destination businesses to town," Hultmann said. He said Long Lake lost 54 single and multiple family housing units due to the Highway 12 bypass. "When we moved to Long Lake in 1978, it had a similar feeling as the community of Dawson, MN. Small town America... lots of history and generations of families remaining in the area," Hultmann said. "We are presently trying to restore some new housing units in Long Lake."

When Hultmann's not sitting at the helm of the City Council, he works part-time as a consultant. Hultmann worked 20-plus years in the construction industry and 19 years in HVAC sales and service. He also enjoys deer hunting, wood carving and spending time with his two grandsons.

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### Spring leaf pickup dates

City refuse haulers annually provide spring curbside leaf pickup dates along their regular route at no cost to residents. Private refuse haulers will pick up leaves and yard waste on

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 and TUESDAY, MAY 6. Residents are encouraged to set out their bagged leaves (no brush) early in the morning on those days.

IMPORTANT! State law requires that leaves must be bagged in compostable bags only. No other bags may be accepted. Compostable bags include paper kraft bags (large brown paper bags) or compostable plastic bags. Compostable plastic bags (available at the Long Lake True Value store) should clearly state that they meet ASTM D6400 standards for composting and that they are "compostable". Bags marked "biodegradable" or "degradable" do NOT meet the state law. For more information regarding compostable bags, please visit Rethink Recycling online at [www.rethinkrecycling.com/compostable\\_bags](http://www.rethinkrecycling.com/compostable_bags).

### DISPOSE OF COMPOST AND BRUSH AT THE PLYMOUTH YARD waste dropoff

14900 23rd Avenue N, Plymouth / Phone - 763.509.5950

Long Lake residents may use the City of Plymouth's yard waste drop-off site at no charge; however, you must bring identification (MN driver's license or State ID card) showing your Long Lake address with you as you will be asked to prove your residency. Residents must be prepared to debag materials at the yard waste site themselves. Bags may not be left at the site and must be taken home with you. Free mulch and compost will be available on a "first come" basis.

Materials accepted at the site are spring/fall lawn rakings and thatch, leaves, soft vegetative garden waste, and tree waste (dirt must be removed from any roots). Unacceptable materials are lumber, sod, soil, and any other items not listed above.

The Plymouth yard waste site opens for the season on the first Saturday in April, and remains open through the last Sunday in November. The site is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the season, on major holidays, and may close for inclement weather if necessary. *For open hours, please call 763.509.5950.*

### Spring CLEANUP DAY

LOCATION: Orono Public Works Facility, 2700 Kelley Parkway

ID with proof of residency in Orono, Long Lake or Minnetonka Beach is required. Only cash or check accepted, and item collection prices are subject to change.



SATURDAY, APRIL 26 / 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Appliances, mattresses, furniture items, tires, power equipment/tools, bbq grills, scrap metal, e-waste, miscellaneous junk items, and **construction debris** will be accepted. For a complete list of acceptable items and applicable disposal fees, please visit [www.longlakemn.gov](http://www.longlakemn.gov).

Questions, call Orono City Hall at 952.249.4600.



### Hydrant flushing

The Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants during the week of April 28 through May 2, weather permitting. You may notice discoloration and rust particles in your water during this process. If you notice

discoloration, letting your faucet run for a short time should clear your water lines. Wait to wash light clothing until you notice the water has cleared. Should you have any questions, please call Public Works at 952.476.2855.

### STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping helps keep our neighborhoods clean and reduces pollutants in stormwater runoff to protect our waterways. Long Lake spring street sweeping is scheduled to take place around May 1 this year, dependent upon both contractor scheduling and weather conditions.



### REMINDER: DOGS MUST BE LICENSED

As a reminder, all dogs owned or kept in the City of Long Lake and over the age of 6 months **MUST** be licensed. Licenses for the 2014-2015 license period may be applied for in person at City Hall; or completed applications accompanied by license fees and

rabies vaccination records may be mailed in to Long Lake City Hall, 450 Virginia Avenue, PO Box 606, Long Lake, MN 55356. Your dog license(s) and original vaccination records will be returned to you by mail. License applications are available on the City's website at [www.longlakemn.gov](http://www.longlakemn.gov), under Permits & Licenses. Documentation of current rabies vaccination showing **both the rabies tag number and the date the vaccination was administered** is required for all applications. Questions regarding dog licensing in Long Lake? Please call 952.473.6961 x1.

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