



MINNESOTA STATE GENERAL ELECTION

The Minnesota State General Election (ballot includes city offices) will be held on Tuesday, November 3. Voting hours on General Election day are from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, and the voting location for all City of Long Lake residents is Long Lake City Hall, 450 Virginia Avenue. Our excellent team of election judges work together to do the most wonderful job of welcoming voters, keeping lines moving efficiently/quickly, and they have great fun greeting familiar friends, neighbors and new faces throughout election day. As a reminder, please be sure to bring a mask/face covering to wear when you enter the polling place on election day.

City of Long Lake offices on the ballot

Long Lake is conducting a municipal election in conjunction with the State General Election for the purpose of electing the office of Mayor for a two-year term; and two Council Member seats for four-year terms. Candidates for these city offices are listed below in the order they appear on the ballot. The Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) is now broadcasting pre-recorded candidate statements by participating City candidates for office on Channel 12 and on their website at: <http://www.lmcc-tv.org/lmcc-election-long-lake.html>.

Candidates for Mayor - Charlie Miner (running unopposed)

Candidates for Council Member (2 Seats) - Mike Feldmann, Tony David, Anita Secord, Gina Joyce

Early/absentee voting information

Absentee ballots (also called early voting) for the November 3 General election may be applied for online at <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx>. You can also visit our website at www.longlakemn.gov and click on the button at left - "Vote by Mail / Apply for Absentee Ballot". **Hennepin County Elections will be mailing your absentee ballot to you, so please, DON'T WAIT ... apply NOW. Voters who receive their ballots by mail can either mail their ballots back to Hennepin County, or can place them in our City Hall dropbox on Monday through Friday (business days only, no weekends) before 3:30 pm and City staff will assure your ballot is securely delivered to Hennepin County Elections for counting.** Due to the high volume of early voting ballots cast this year, please be sure to return your ballots by mail or by our dropbox as quickly as possible.

If you have not already applied for your ballot to be sent by mail, in person absentee voting is available at City Hall **by appointment**. To make an appointment, please call Jeanette at 952.473.6961 x1 as soon as possible. Appointment availability is limited due to staff size, and we encourage early voters to apply online to receive their ballots by mail.

For those who choose not to vote early, City Hall will be open to welcome Long Lake in person voters from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on election day.

More election information is available on our website at www.longlakemn.gov, or call 952.473.6961 x1 with questions.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I hope you enjoyed the unusual summer we had in Long Lake this year. Although the weather was nice, it was unfortunate we could not participate in some of the annual festivities we have each summer, including Buckhorn Days in June and Corn Days in August. The Church of St. George had hoped to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Corn Days, and they did manage to have a smaller "Corn Days to Go" event. They are hopeful that 2021 will be a better year for celebrating their big anniversary.

Some of the activities your City Council has been involved in over the summer include approving a Pavement Management Plan (PMP) and approving the use of franchise fees to assist with paying for the PMP. The city's last PMP was approved in 2016; however, no specific funding was identified to pay for it. I encourage you to review the information in the "Pavement Management Plan & Franchise Fees" tab on our website if you haven't already to learn more about the plan and about the pavement rating of your street. Although the PMP and the funding for it will not solve all of our short term street repair and replacement needs, it is a good start.

Another significant recent action by the Council was the approval of a master development plan for The Borough townhouse-style apartment project. The project involves the developer purchasing existing home sites on the west side of Virginia Avenue as well as the city-owned parcel on the north side of City Hall. There are more steps in the process before the project is finalized; however, this marks the farthest a project has advanced in that location after many years and several other proposals.

Although it is unusually challenging during COVID-19, I encourage residents and other property owners to stay informed and participate in Council meetings as much as you are able to. I speak for the entire Council when I say that we appreciate receiving input from you as we are deciding on budgetary and other issues impacting taxpayers. Besides Council meetings being available afterward on the LMCC website, you may also attend Council meetings virtually via Zoom as they occur. To receive a link for the Zoom meeting, contact City Administrator Scott Weske prior to each meeting (email sweske@longlakemn.gov).

If you haven't already, I hope you take the time to vote this fall. If you do not wish to vote in person on November 3rd, I encourage you to vote by mail or vote early in person at city hall (by appointment, call 952.473.6961 x1). Even before COVID-19, Minnesota has had secure and reliable alternative voting methods in place to ensure that all votes are accurately counted. For more information, click on the "Election Information" tab on our website.

Charlie Miner, Mayor

**See reverse FOR FALL LEAF PICKUP
DATES AND INFORMATION!**

Long Lake 2021 budget update

The Long Lake City Council approved a proposed 2021 General Fund budget and preliminary payable 2021 property tax levy at the September 15, 2020 regular meeting. The proposed 2021 preliminary operating levy of \$1,169,079.71 coupled with a required 2021 debt service levy of \$82,884.95 produces a total 2021 preliminary levy of \$1,251,964.66. This results in an increase of \$128,279.35 from the 2020 levy but maintains a 0% increase in the City's tax rate level, and includes a \$137,164.10 surplus for 2021. A substantial portion of this surplus will be transferred into a newly created Pavement Management Fund to help support future road projects identified in the City's Pavement Management Plan.

The 2021 operating budget generally reflects expenditure increases in health insurance; liability, property and workers' compensation insurance; annual Police protection services contract obligations; and employee wages.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS FINAL 2021 BUDGET AND LEVY ADOPTION

A public hearing has been scheduled to discuss the proposed 2021 levy and budget in conjunction with the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.



Fall Leaf Pickup Dates

City refuse haulers annually provide spring and fall 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, October**

27 and Tuesday, November 3. Residents are encouraged to set out their bagged leaves (no brush) early in the morning on those days. As a reminder, City ordinance prohibits the burning of leaves or grass clippings. Also, it's a violation of City ordinance to put leaves from your yard into the street. **IMPORTANT! Leaves must be bagged in compostable bags only, no other bags may be accepted.** Most grocery, hardware (including Long Lake Gopher Ace) and home improvement stores carry compostable bags.

FALL STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping in both spring and fall helps keep our neighborhoods clean and reduces pollutants in stormwater runoff to protect our waterways. Long Lake fall street sweeping is scheduled to take place on October 26; however, this date is subject to change as leaves drop and as weather permits.

FALL LAWN CARE REMINDERS

Fall yard care practices can make a big impact on water quality. The dead leaves that blanket your yard are full of nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen. These nutrients feed algae, cause fish kills and contaminate our waters with toxins and bacteria. Keeping leaves and other yard waste away from storm drains will go a long way toward protecting our rivers, lakes and streams.

Control weeds. Fall is the best time to treat dandelions, clover and creeping Charlie. Limited numbers of weeds should be removed by hand or spot-treated with herbicide.

Rake. Fallen leaves form a soggy, decaying mat that smothers turfgrass, exposing your lawn to mold and disease. Rake your leaves to keep them out of storm drains and water bodies, where they release phosphorus and other unwanted nutrients. Keep them away from driveways, streets and sidewalks.

sign up for a Long Lake fire department "DRIVE-THRU TRICK OR TREAT" STOP on Halloween!

Given the tricky circumstances involving a traditional trick-or-treat experience, the Long Lake Fire Department is offering an alternative option to raise money to add another AED machine to our fleet. The LLFD Drive-Thru Trick-Or-Treat is a reverse trick or treat - we deliver treats to you (at a safe social distance) in one of our fire trucks! Here's how it works:

1. Firefighters will drive-thru your neighborhood distributing treats at a safe social distance from their firetrucks to ghouls and goblins in costume at the end of their driveways.
2. Firefighters will be distributing candy from 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm on Halloween, to make sure even the littlest devils can participate safely.
3. Community members in Orono, Long Lake, Minnetonka Beach and Medina can request a LLFD Drive-Thru Trick or Treat stop via email. **Send your name, phone number, address, estimated number of trick-or-treaters to slowburnbrigade.llfd@gmail.com and someone will get back to you within 48 hours.**
4. There are 36 drive-thru spots available on a first come, first served basis. Routes will be established a week before the event and drive-thru times will be communicated via email.
5. **LLFD is requesting a \$50 donation per request to purchase a new AED machine for the community.** Donation instructions will be sent once a drive-thru request is confirmed.



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