

News from your city

May 2014

Master Trails Plan. The City Council adopted the Master Trails Plan in early March. Visit www.lewistonmn.org and click on the “Lewiston’s Master Trails Plan” link on the homepage or stop by City Hall to view the plan.

Summer Rec Program. Registration forms for Summer Rec Program activities are due by May 16. Please deliver forms to City Hall (outdoor drop-box if after hours) or mail to: City of Lewiston, P.O. Box 129, Lewiston, MN 55952. The activities and forms are available at: <http://www.lewistonmn.org/CityDepartments/ParksRecreation/SummerRec.aspx>.



The City of Lewiston is on Facebook! Like our page for Summer Rec updates, news, and more—
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lewiston-MN/148555292004404?fref=ts>

Public Access Channel for Charter customers. In the process of upgrading to an all-digital network, Charter is adjusting its channel lineup and eliminating any dual carriage of channels. Analog public access channels will be removed. Therefore, Lewiston Public Access Channel 11 will no longer be available on Charter; instead, use Charter’s digital **Channel 985** to view the channel beginning June 3, 2014. (HBC customers may continue to use Channel 11 for the public access channel.)

Dog licenses. Stop in City Hall to obtain or renew your dog license! Bring evidence of rabies vaccination. The cost is \$10.00. City Hall is open Monday–Thursday from 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Licenses expire May 31 of each year.

Flower Baskets. The Beautification Committee is seeking donations, including memorials or honorary gifts, for the flower baskets along Lewiston’s corridors this summer. Please consider making a donation! Gifts can be brought or mailed to City Hall, 75 Rice Street, P.O. Box 129, Lewiston, MN 55952. *Thank you!*

Building and Mechanical/Plumbing Permits. A reminder that building, mechanical and plumbing permits may be purchased at City Hall. Permits for roofing, siding or window replacement are a flat \$50.00 fee. If work for which a permit is required has commenced without first obtaining a permit, the permit fee will double. For more information on building permits, visit: www.lewistonmn.org/CityDepartments/PlanningZoning/BuildingPermits.aspx.

Hydrant flushing. The Public Works Department will be flushing fire hydrants during the week of June 2nd through June 6th. During this time, some minor discoloration of water may be noticed as the water lines are cleared of any sediment. If you notice discoloration, flush your faucets for 1–2 minutes and do not wash light-colored clothes during this time.

Survey for Winona County’s Health Impact Assessment. Winona County is conducting a community livability survey that will inform a health impact assessment (HIA) on the Winona County Active Living Plan. The survey is available online via survey monkey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HZ5GCS5>. Responses will be collected through the end of May. When complete, the Active Living Plan will provide a series of policies and objectives for improving opportunities for biking, walking and being active in the county. Please consider taking the survey on-line, or pick-up a copy at City Hall.

Drinking Water Public Notice: Important information about your drinking water. The City of Lewiston public water supply routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Results show that the average level was 6.5 pCi/L for Combined Radium (-226 & -228). This is above the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 5.4 pCi/L. Combined Radium (-226 & -228) which occur naturally within the ground water. Some people who drink water containing Combined Radium (-226 & -228) in excess of the MCLs over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. **This is not an emergency.** You do not need an alternative source of water, such as bottled water. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. Home water treatment units are available to reduce Combined Radium (-226 & -228), which include water softening, reverse osmosis, and distillation. It is recommended that these home water treatment units be certified to ensure Combined Radium (-226 & -228) removal. The use of carbon filters is not recommended for removal of Combined Radium (-226 & -228), as Combined Radium (-226 & -228) may accumulate in the filter over time. Your public water supply is considering methods to reduce the levels of Combined Radium (-226 & -228), which may include an alternative water source or water treatment. You will be informed when the public water supply has reduced the level and meets the standard. *For a fact sheet on Combined Radium, visit:*
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/radium.pdf>