



COMMUNITY CLIFF NOTES

City of Lake Winnebago, MO | Monthly Newsletter

Severe Weather Season is Here!

There are many ways to be warned during severe weather: local TV stations, mobile phone weather apps, and weather radios. Weather radios, available at local retailers for around \$50, provide timely updates even during power outages. The lake has two storm sirens that will be activated by the Raymore Dispatch Center during a tornado warning and is designed to be heard outside anywhere on the lake. When indoors it may not be easily heard in all locations, therefore, it is important to have a second warning system. The sirens will not be activated during tornado watches or severe thunderstorm warnings.

In the event of a tornado warning, LWPD will drive through the lake with lights and sirens to communicate the threat. Upon activation, take cover and go to your basement or the most inner structured room and stay there until the storm passes. A weather radio is the best source of information as the system does not have an all-clear siren. Please contact City Hall with any questions or concerns.



Kenny Smith, LW Emergency Management Director



Congratulations to Judge Clayton Jones

Judge Clayton Jones was sworn in on March 27 and will be serving another two-year commitment as our city judge.

Mayor's Corner

Over the past several months, the city has been addressing violations of Pool Fence regulations. Many residents have obtained proper approval and subsequently removed portions of their fences. In other instances, residents employed separate pool contractors from their house contractors, thereby avoiding contact with the city for final approval.

Recently, our public works department conducted inspections of all pools within the city and identified approximately 19 violations of the city code. Some of these violations involved the removal of fence sections or the failure to construct the fence entirely. It is noteworthy that out of the 148 pools inspected, 129 were found to have proper fences. However, the inspection also revealed several pools with gate issues that require attention.

To address these concerns, we have consulted with various entities, including other cities, insurance companies, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and our own insurance company. The consensus is that as residents, you bear personal responsibility for the safety of your pool and are liable for any accidents that may occur. Furthermore, all surrounding cities mandate the installation of pool fences, and our regulations have consistently emphasized this requirement.

To enforce our ordinance and ensure public safety, we will be sending letters to all pools that are not in compliance. Residents will have a 90-day period to rectify the violations.

We extend our gratitude to the residents who are complying with the regulations and hope that those who are not will soon do so. The decision to issue these letters was made by the Board of Aldermen.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

LEADERSHIP

Michael Collar
Mayor

Nick Lombardo
Ward 1 Alderman

Steve Stephan
Ward 1 Alderman

Don Davis
Ward 2 Alderman

Jana Allen
Ward 2 Alderman

Kathy Ray
City Clerk

Steve Besermin
Public Works Director

Michael Mrachek
Police Chief

Barbara Aaron
Court Clerk

Krista Meinders
Assistant Clerk

Lake Winnebago Police Department Update

The Raymore, Missouri, Police Department Dispatch Center is responsible for activating the two tornado sirens located within Lake Winnebago. A tornado warning communicates to residents to take immediate cover in a basement or most inner structure room. LWPD cars will activate lights and sirens and travel throughout neighborhoods on both the north and south sides to further communicate the existence of a tornado warning. Important items to bring with you to the basement would include your cell phone and charger, wallet, shoes, coat, blanket, and a flashlight.

Per LWPD Codes Enforcement Officer Molly Willems, please take some time to check the headlights, turn signals, and brake lights of personally owned UTV's and golf carts.

Licensed drivers, or a permit holder in the company of an immediate family member, at least 21 years of age, with a valid driver's license, may operate golf carts and UTV's on LW public roadways. Drivers should be able to provide proof of insurance and produce a valid driver's license. A quick cell phone photograph of your insurance card is a convenient way to stay current. Operation of ATV's on LW public roadways is not authorized.



Officer Corbin was captured shooting hoops with neighborhood kids

If a resident has a question about a specific type of motorized vehicle, please feel free to stop down at the department, and we will get you an answer. You may also refer to the City of Lake Winnebago web site: <https://ecode360.com/LA3343> for additional information.



Lake Winnebago Police Department

Backflow Certificates

Reminder Backflow Certificates need to be turned into City Hall every year.

Do you irrigate with city water? If so, you are required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to have a backflow prevention device installed and have it tested every year. If you are not compliant your water can be turned off by MDNR. Please email your current backflow certificate to asstclerk@cityoflakewinnebago.com

For more information, please visit MDNR

[CLICK HERE](#)

Public Works After Hours

In the event of a public works emergency after hours, please call the Lake Winnebago Police Department at 816-537-7900.

Household Hazardous Waste

WHEN	SATURDAY, APRIL 5 8 a.m. – 12 noon
WHERE	HARRISONVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 1504 E. ELM ST. HARRISONVILLE, MO
WHAT	Paint and paint-related products, automotive fluids, batteries, lawn and garden chemicals, glues and adhesives, household cleaners, etc. NO ELECTRONICS, TIRES, APPLIANCES
WHO	Free for residents of LAKE WINNEBAGO and other member communities of the Regional HHW Program. NO BUSINESS WASTE ACCEPTED. Includes non-profits, churches, home-based businesses, and rental property owners.

Can't make it to this event?

Two facilities are open year-round for drop-off. Call 816-701-8226 or visit recyclespot.org

Annual Dumpster Day

The annual City clean-up day will be held Saturday, May 10th from 8AM to 12PM in the parking lot of City Hall at 10 Winnebago Drive.

It will be manned by the city's Public Works department to ensure NO hazardous materials (i.e. oil, paint, tires, batteries, air conditioners, refrigerators, etc), yard waste OR BUILDING MATERIALS are placed in the dumpsters.

The City of LW belongs to the MARC Household Hazardous Waste Program and hazardous materials may be disposed of free of charge at the following locations:

1) City of Lee's Summit facility -- 2101 SE Hamblen Rd, 100-pound limit per visit. Call for appointment at 816-550-1612.

2) Kansas City facility -- 4707 Deramus (just south of the Chouteau Bridge in the East River Bottoms, 816-513-8400. Open Thursday & Friday 9AM – 6PM, and Saturday 9AM – 4PM. No appointment is needed.

Tips for gathering your HHW for safe disposal

- Seal containers tightly.
- Bring items in their original containers inside a sturdy box.
- If original container is leaking or damaged, transfer or place into a compatible, sealable container no larger than 5 gallons and re-label.
- Don't mix products together.
- Containers such as gasoline cans will not be returned at mobile events.

Accepted items include:

- automotive products
- antifreeze
- batteries
- CFL light bulbs
- fertilizers
- flammables
- fuels
- hazardous cleaners
- hazardous liquids
- household cleaners
- lawn and garden products
- paint
- pesticides
- photographic chemicals
- pool chemicals
- solvents
- thinners
- used oil

NO:

- electronics
- explosives
- yard waste
- commercial waste
- pressurized gas cylinders
- controlled substances
- tires and appliances

2025 HHW Mobile Collection Schedule

Events run from 8 a.m. – noon
Residents of member communities may attend any of the collection events.
Check RecycleSpot.org to confirm event locations.

April 5	Harrisonville Harrisonville Senior High School, 1504 E. Elm Street, Harrisonville
April 12	Smithville Smithville High School, 645 S. Commercial Ave., Smithville
April 26	Independence Walnut and Liberty St, near Independence Square
May 10	Blue Springs Pink Hill Park, 2715 NW Park Drive, Blue Springs
May 31	Platte County, Platte City & Weston Platte Ridge Park, 17130 MO Hwy 371, Platte City
June 14	Raymore Eagle Glen Intermediate School, 100 S. Foxridge Dr., Raymore
July 19	Raytown & Kansas City Buskin High School, 7000 E. 111th Street, Kansas City
Aug. 9	Gladstone Happy Rock Park, 76th Street & N. Antioch, Gladstone
Sep. 6	Jackson County, Grain Valley & Oak Grove
Oct. 4	
Oct. 18	

2025 REGIONAL Household Hazardous Waste COLLECTION PROGRAM

Missouri Permanent Collection Facilities

	CITY of KANSAS CITY 4707 Deramus (just south of the Chouteau Bridge in the east river bottoms) 816-513-8400	CITY of LEE'S SUMMIT Operated by Summit Transfer 2101 SE Hamblen Rd. (Lee's Summit Resource Recovery Park) 816-287-2221
HOURS	No appointment required. Thursday, Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	No appointment required. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
WHO	No charge for residents of cities and counties participating in the Regional HHW Collection Program. Must bring ID with proof of residency.	
	Must be a member of a participating community.	Residents of non-participating communities may access for a fee.

Tickets for March 2025

Total: 45 tickets

Collected \$10,580 for the month of March 2025

Driver's License - 3

No Insurance - 7

Registration - 15

Speeding - 9

Defective Equipment - 9

Traffic/Other - 2

Warnings Written for March 2025

Total warnings written: 53

Moving Violations - 8

Registration - 24

Speeding - 7

Defective Equipment - 12

Other - 2

City Hall 816-537-6778

Police non-emergency 816-537-7900



Want to Receive the Monthly Cliff Notes Newsletter?



If you would like to stay up to date on current happenings at Lake Winnebago and would like to receive the monthly Cliff Notes, please send your email address to asstclerk@cityoflakewinnebago.com. We promise your email will be used for City Business only. **Note: More than one person per household is allowed to sign up!**

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

CITY OF LAKE WINNEBAGO

March 26, 2025 at 7:00pm

REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Mayor Mike Collar called the meeting to order March 26, 2025, at 7:01 PM. City Clerk Kathy Ray took roll call. Members attending were Mayor Mike Collar, Aldermen Jana Allen, Don Davis, Nick Lombardo. Director of Public Works Steve Besermin, Public Works staff Ron Hillerman, Chief Mrachek, Lindsey Kolisch with Lauber Municipal Law, LLC., Mark Meinders, HOA Liaison. Residents Jen and Aaron Hargis, John Hawkins, Julee Dugan and Craig Brandon also attended. City Clerk Kathy Ray served as secretary.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - Board of Aldermen Meeting 2-26-25 - Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes 2-26-25 – Jana Allen moved to approve the regular Board of Aldermen meeting minutes from 2-26-25, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Jana Allen-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent. Passed unanimously.
3. MAYOR – Mayor shared the following updates:
 - He participated in the St. Patrick’s Day parade and assisted with the Heart unveiling.
 - He will be attending a public hearing scheduled for 4/1/25 regarding a development along Ward Road.
 - He attended a vendor license plate reader presentation of the Flock software.
4. BOARD OF ALDERMEN – Alderman – None.
5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS – None.
6. NEW BUSINESS - Review Final Docket of Court, Court Fee Report and Court Bond Report February 2025 – Mayor confirmed the Judge had signed the docket
7. OLD BUSINESS – Review lake development status – the amenities area construction continues.
 - Review lot BB38 – the mayor will confirm with the property owner when the gravel will be removed and relocated to the Bacher farm along South Shore.
 - Review the city code for fencing of a pool – the mayor shared that at last month’s meeting it was discussed that the Public Works team is having issues with enforcing fences around pools. There are many different scenarios, individuals that have never put up a fence or put a fence up and then took it down, and individuals that have never called for a final inspection approval. After discussion, the Mayor and the Board instructed the staff to revisit sending a letter to the individuals that are in code violation, also asked the staff to confirm if the city insurance company has concerns if the code for fences around pools is amended, and asked the city attorney to confirm if there is a liability from the city perspective by removing the code for fences around pools. The mayor shared he contacted several insurance companies, and other cities and counties, all of which require a fence around pools. He reviewed the document with the city’s insurance company as well as the city attorney. The staff performed an inventory of all the pools in the city. They documented that the city currently has 148 pools. They found approximately 19 pools that are in violation of the city ordinance of not having a fence around the pool. They also determined there are approximately 37 gates that are attached to the fence that do not self-close and/or the self-latching device is not working. Resident Jen Hargis shared that she believes the city should enforce the ordinance and issue a citation if the resident is in violation. John Hawkins recommended sending a letter to acknowledge that the resident is violating the ordinance and give them ninety days to comply, Aaron Hargis shared that he has personally litigated several cases in Kansas City and has concerns with the resident liability, Julee Dugan expressed her concerns with liability. Mark Meinders said that he would ask HOA Architectural Plan Control Committee (APCC) to consider waving the \$25.00 application fee for permitting the fence. This would help to encourage individuals to become compliant. After discussion, Alderman Jana Allen made a motion to instruct the staff to enforce the ordinance, first by sending a letter stating the violation and give the resident ninety days to become complaint, seconded by Nick Lombardo, Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Jana Allen-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent.
 - Review of city code for screening of pool equipment – The Mayor reviewed that last month the Public Works team shared they were having issues with enforcing screening of pool equipment. There are many other items that are displayed like generators & propane tanks, so they would like the Board to consider amending the screening of pool equipment. The mayor asked the HOA liaison to have the HOA Architectural Plan Control Committee (APCC) review the HOA pool screening equipment requirements and report the findings to the Board at the next meeting on April 23, 2025.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

8. **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS** – None.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **HOA/LAND COMPANY** – Mark Meinders reported the project to raise the spillway is officially done.
- He will be attending the Public Hearing scheduled for 4/1/25 for the development along ward road to ensure slit fence are installed to eliminate any debris to enter Alexander Creek.
- The staff are working on determining the final placement of the hearts.
- The Police asked a question about fishing, would a quest/individual would need a resident with them while fishing. Mark shared that it is best to have a resident with a quest, however if the quest has the approval from a resident and the officer can call and confirm then that would be sufficient.
- **LEGAL** – Lauber Municipal Law, LLC., - Lindsey Kolisch reported the firm will be hosting the annual city officials training seminar on April 25 at Midwest Public Risk in Independence, Missouri.
- **FINANCIAL** – Kathy Ray - Review February 29, 2025, Financial Statements. Review February 2025 Check/Deposit Register - Kathy Ray reviewed the February 2024 financials, and the cash summary balances for each fund (restricted and unrestricted). After reviewing the February 2025 check/deposit register Don Davis moved to approve the check register, seconded by Jana Allen. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Jana Allen-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. The city clerk also informed the board the annual audit was completed February 18 – 20, 2025, the wrap up continues. The DSWA CPA Firm will present the 2024 Audit at the April 2025 meeting. Also, the annual Missouri Rural Service Work Comp insurance total renewal of \$54,808.00, budgeted \$52,025.00 over last year of \$37,975.00. The city had several claims that were not budgeted. Midwest Public Risk has shared the renewal of the employee benefits (health, dental and vision), the rates increased by 3 percent. The past two years there has not been an increase. The city budgeted ten percent for the increase. Currently working on updating the employee handbook, a Travel and Expense Policy and a new Travel Expense Report. Also, I attended the annual Missouri City Clerk and Finance Officer conference.
- **POLICE, FIRE, CIVIL DEFENSE** – Chief Mrachek – informed the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen the following: he thanked the community for all the donations and support from Officer Totten's house fire; he reported the red police vehicle has been wrapped and now is black; the department entered into an agreement with Lexipol to update all policies; the team will hold a practice exercise at the Lee's Summit range on April 8, 2025; Cadet Grant Bennett has successfully completed his training and will enter into the schedule as a regular officer; and he has been meeting with the 4th of July committees to prepare for the event.
- **PLANNING AND ZONING** – Don Davis – no report.
- **WATER, STREETS, SEWERS** – Steve Besermin reported during the public works building restoration (hot water tank failure resulting in a flood) they identified additional fixes that are approximately \$3,000.00 that needed to be replaced at the public works building.
- **OTHER BUSINESS** – City Clerk informed the Board that Matt Preston is requesting the approval for a fireworks tent at west side of 291 highway and 153rd street from June 21 – July 5. He has the approval from the property owner. After discussion, Jana Allen moved to approve the fireworks tent, seconded by Don Davis Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Jana Allen-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent.
- A question was asked about the location of July 4, 2025, fireworks display will occur. The mayor is unsure currently.
- **ADJOURN BOARD** - With no further business, Don Davis moved to adjourn, seconded by Nick Lombardo. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.
- The next Board of Alderman meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING

CITY OF LAKE WINNEBAGO

March 26, 2025 at 6:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - Mayor Mike Collar called the meeting to order March 26, 2025, at 6:30 PM. City Clerk Kathy Ray took roll call. Members attending were Mayor Mike Collar, Aldermen Jana Allen, Don Davis, Nick Lombardo. Chief Mrachek, Lindsey Kolisch with Lauber Municipal Law, LLC.
2. Alderman Don Davis made a motion at 6:31 to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 610.021(10), RSMo, for the purpose of discussing legal actions, causes or litigation and any confidential or privileged communications between the City or its representatives and its attorneys, seconded by Jana Allen, Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Jana Allen-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. Passed unanimously.
3. OTHER BUSINESS – None.
4. ADJOURN BOARD - With no further business, Don Davis moved to adjourn, seconded by Jana Allen. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Board of Aldermen may vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 610.021(1), RSMo, for the purpose of discussing legal actions, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communications between the City or its representatives and its attorneys

Next Board of Alderman meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.