



# COMMUNITY CLIFF NOTES

City of Lake Winnebago, MO | Monthly Newsletter

## *Countdown to Spring*

The weather is getting warmer, and our kids are outside more often now. Please be extra cautious when driving through the neighborhood. Also, please remind teenage drivers to stay focused on the road and keep their speed down. Let's keep our little ones safe!

Lake Winnebago Police Department stopped to play with some of the neighborhood kids at the park.



*Pictured: Ofc Willems, Adam Decker, & Everett Kirkpatrick.*

### 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

## *Mayor's Corner*

Wow, the weather has been crazy lately! I can't wait for spring to finally arrive.

I'm super excited about the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on **Saturday, March 15th**. It's going to be amazing to see the unveiling of Lake Winnebago's two new beautiful hearts. A huge thanks to Wanda Johnson for raising the funds last year. We're so lucky to have such a talented artist, Jeanette Parsons, paint these masterpieces. And a big thanks to the HOA Board for working with Wanda and Jeanette on the placement of these hearts that will be revealed at the unveiling. Special thanks to HOA board members Mark Tatum and Jennifer Hargis for spearheading the placement.

Speaking of Mark Tatum, I recently learned that he has stepped down as the HOA President. I want to say publicly that I enjoyed working with you over the past few years. We didn't always agree on things, but we always worked it out. I know being President is tough and a thankless job, and I appreciate your efforts over the years. I'm excited to work with the new HOA President, Mark Meinders.

I hope to see everyone on Saturday, March 15th. Big thanks to all the hardworking people involved in putting the parade and other activities together.



## *Lake Winnebago Police Department Update*

Although LWPD has no presence on the lake itself, I want the department to be as prepared as possible for the upcoming summer season, relative to water safety issues. Therefore, I met with the HOA Boat Committee on February 10, 2025. The meeting was very productive and generated several good ideas. Going forward, LWPD will begin the process of acquiring updated water safety equipment, conduct water safety training, and communicate more effectively with the HOA.

LWPD has received multiple reports of suspicious persons and/or vehicles from contractors at new construction sites. Please promptly report any suspicious activity so we can follow up in a timely manner. Warm weather will bring more of this.

LWPD Ordinance Officer Willems will be making the rounds in the near future to identify parking issues involving trailers, boats, etc. Please be cognizant and utilize the street for parking purposes on a temporary basis only.

As always, stop down at the department, email, or call with any issues or concerns. Our goal is to keep everyone safe.

Michael G. Mrachek  
Police Chief  
Lake Winnebago Police Department  
816-537-7900

**City Hall 816-537-6778**  
**Police non-emergency 816-537-7900**



# 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](mailto:asstclerk@cityoflakewinnebago.com)

For more information, please visit MDNR

CLICK HERE

## ***Dog License***



Current dog licenses expired on December 31, 2024. You may pick up your 2025 dog tag at City Hall. The cost is \$3.00 per animal and you will need to bring a current vaccination shot record showing the date of the last rabies shot. All dogs over six months old are required to be licensed in the city.

# City Stickers

All motor vehicles that are parked or garaged at Lake Winnebago are required to have a 2025 City Sticker. Current City Stickers expired 12-31-24. You will need to bring your 2024 paid personal property tax receipt to City Hall to pick up your City Sticker. If your sticker was not paid for on your 2024 personal property taxes, the fee is \$7.00 per vehicle.

## 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](http://RecycleSpot.org) to confirm event locations.

April 5	<b>Harrisonville</b> Harrisonville Senior High School, 1504 E. Elm Street, Harrisonville
April 12	<b>Smithville</b> Smithville High School, 445 S. Commercial Ave., Smithville
April 26	<b>Independence</b> Walnut and Liberty St., near Independence Square
May 10	<b>Blue Springs</b> Pink Hill Park, 2715 NW Park Drive, Blue Springs
May 31	<b>Platte County, Platte City &amp; Weston</b> Platte Ridge Park, 17130 MO Hwy 371, Platte City
June 14	<b>Raymore</b> Eagle Glen Intermediate School, 100 S. Foxridge Dr., Raymore
July 19	<b>Raytown &amp; Kansas City</b> Baskin High School, 7000 E. 111th Street, Kansas City
Aug. 9	<b>Gladstone</b> Happy Rock Park, 76th Street & N. Antioch, Gladstone
Sep. 6	<b>Jackson County, Grain Valley &amp; Oak Grove</b> Jackson County Public Works, 34900 E. Old U.S. 40 Hwy
Oct. 4	<b>Kearney &amp; Clay County</b> Mack Porter Park, 1001 N. Hwy 33, Kearney
Oct. 18	<b>Richmond, Lawson &amp; Excelsior Springs</b> Richmond City Hall, 205 Summit Street, Richmond

**2025 REGIONAL Household Hazardous Waste COLLECTION PROGRAM**

**IT'S YOUR HOME. MAKE IT SAFE.**

## *Tickets for February 2025*

Total: 48 tickets

Collected \$10,896 for the month of February 2025

Driver's License - 4

No Insurance – 1

Registration – 11

Speeding – 9

Defective Equipment -13

General Driving - 3

Traffic/Other – 3

Sign/Signal - 3

Parking - 1

## *Warnings Written for February 2025*

Total warnings written: 41

Moving Violations – 3

Registration – 20

Speeding – 9

Defective Equipment – 9



## *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](mailto: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**

**February 26, 2025 at 7:00pm**

## REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Mayor Michael Collar called the meeting to order February 26, 2025, at 7:00 PM. City Clerk Kathy Ray took roll call. Members attending were Aldermen Jana Allen, Don Davis, Nick Lombardo, Steve Stephan. Officer Evans, Director of Public Works Steve Besermin, Jordan Long and Ron Hillerman Public Work’s employees, Lindsey Kolisch with Lauber Municipal Law, Mark Meinders, HOA Liaison also attended. Resident John Hawkins attended. Police Chief Michael G. Mrachek was absent. City Clerk Kathy Ray served as secretary.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Board of Aldermen Meeting amended minutes 12-18-24, Jana Allen moved to approve the amended minutes 12-18-24, seconded by Don Davis. Passed unanimously. Nick Lombardo moved to approve Board of Aldermen minutes from 1-22-25, seconded by Steve Stephan. Passed unanimously.
3. MAYOR – the mayor congratulated the Chief of Police on his one-year anniversary on February 26, he reported the staff is working on the annual audit. He thanked the public works team for a busy snow removal season, he shared that he presented a state of the city at the annual HOA meeting, and he will participate in the annual St. Patty’s Day parade to be held on March 15, 2025.
4. BOARD OF ALDERMEN – Alderman – none.
5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS – None.
6. NEW BUSINESS - Discuss the renewal of the city’s Judge’s contract – the mayor reviewed the judge’s contract with the Alderman. The contract was originally created by Lauber Municipal Law. The contract is for a two-year term. Clayton Jones has expressed his interest in renewing the contract for a two-year term. After discussion, Nick Lombardo moved to approve the judge’s contract for a two-year term, seconded by Don Davis. Passed unanimously. Annual Dumpster Day – 5/10/25 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - the mayor reviewed the annual dumpster day will be held Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. They confirmed the city will have one drop off location at the City Hall parking lot. The date typically is the Saturday after the annual garage sale day of May 3, 2025.
7. OLD BUSINESS – Review lake development status – no report.
  - Review status of lot BB38 – the mayor reported that he did speak with the property owner and expects to remove the gravel as soon as weather conditions allow. The gravel will be repurposed to the Bacher farm along the South Shore Drive.
  - The Mayor raised a concern that the Public Works team is having issues with enforcing fences around pools. There are many difference 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 the Public Works team is having issues with enforcing screening of pool equipment. There are many other items that are exposed like generators & propane tanks, so they would like for the Board to consider amending the screening of pool equipment. After discussion, the Mayor and the Board asked for the staff to add the subject to the agenda in March to discuss whether to either keep or remove the code.
8. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS - NONE
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - HOA/LAND COMPANY – Mark Meinders
  - New board members were elected, Dusty Goppert, Brandon Fell and Greg Wozniak, the Garage Sale will be May 3rd, New community docks will be installed at the AYC, the hearts will be unveiled at the St. Patty’s Day parade, they continue to work with Little Blue Valley Sewer district to find a best location for a meter location that will need to be approved by Missouri Department of Natural Resources.
  - LEGAL – Lindsey Kolisch Attorney – reported the City Officials training will be held on April 25, 2025, at the Midwest Public Risk Campus in Independence, MO, she encouraged everyone to attend.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

- FINANCIAL – Kathy Ray

Review January 31st, 2025, Financial Statements

Review January 2025 Check/Deposit Register - Kathy Ray reviewed the January 2025 financials, and the cash summary balances for each fund (restricted and unrestricted). After reviewing the January 2025 check/deposit register Don Davis moved to approve the check register, seconded by Jana Allen. Passed unanimously.

The unusual payment in January:

- 1.UMB Bank \$26,560 for debt payment GO Bond series 2016 and 2017
- 2.Visu-Sewer for \$30,151.83 sewer lateral sealing/cleaning
- 3.J&N Utilities \$2,800 repair on Saponi
- 4.Holliday Sand and Gravel \$1,500.83
- 5.Bob Sight Ford, Inc. \$1669.13
- 6.Annual property insurance \$80,289.00
- 7.Annual sales tax payment \$11,101.19

The city clerk informed the board the annual audit onsite fieldwork was completed on February 18 – 20, 2025. The final analysis continues. The final Audit is targeted to be completed by the April 2025 meeting. She also thanked Alderman Nick Lombardo for performing the internal audit.

- POLICE, FIRE, CIVIL DEFENSE – Officer Evans reported the Chief was unable to attend due to a commitment at the FBI academy, Sergeant Totten had a house fire this week and residents have started a donation collection for their needs. At the request of Alderman Don Davis to review the “Flock” technical software to read license plates when entering and exiting the city to see if it is viable solution, they will schedule a vendor presentation and share their findings with the mayor and the board of aldermen.
- PLANNING AND ZONING – Don Davis – no report.
- WATER, STREETS, SEWERS – Steve Besermin – the staff is working on the restoration of the flood – hot water heater clean up at the public works building.

10. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURN BOARD - With no further business, Don Davis moved to adjourn, seconded by Jana Allen. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Next Board of Alderman meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.