



# COMMUNITY CLIFF NOTES

City of Lake Winnebago, MO | Monthly Newsletter

## *Congratulations to our newly elected Aldermen Nick Lombardo and Craig Brandon*



LWPD conducted firearms training at the Lee's Summit, MO PD on April 8, 2025, and will conduct traffic stop and tactical training at the AYC on May 19, 2024.

### LEADERSHIP

**Michael Collar**  
Mayor

**Nick Lombardo**  
Ward 1 Alderman

**Steve Stephan**  
Ward 1 Alderman

**Don Davis**  
Ward 2 Alderman

**Craig Brandon**  
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

Congratulations to Nick Lombardo and Craig Brandon on their recent election to the Board of Alderman. I'm excited to work with both of you.

Our Public Works team is prepared for the upcoming summer, with several projects scheduled. They will be busy with curb replacements, water equipment upgrades, and manhole, sewer, & storm sewer repairs. We will provide ample notice regarding any projects that may impact your area.



Congratulations to Ken Smith who has been a dedicated employee of the Public Works department for over 16 years. He will retire at the end of May. Ken has been a hard worker undertaking tasks that others may hesitate to do, such as painting fire hydrants, installing no parking signs, and performing snow plowing, as well as maintaining our city hall and public works building. He has been invaluable to our city.

We wish Ken a fulling and much-deserved retirement.

***Enjoy retirement, Ken!***

Spring has finally arrived, and it appears to be here to stay. If you're like me you've already been busy mowing multiple times a week this spring.



## *Lake Winnebago Police Department Update*

Lake Winnebago Residents,

Benjamin Lee Miller, 24, of Kansas City, Missouri, was charged in a three-count Cass County indictment, returned by a grand jury on December 18, 2024. Miller was arrested in Overland Park, KS, on December 28, 2024, in connection with these charges. Miller was extradited back to Cass County, MO, where he has remained in custody.

The indictment alleges that Miller committed Statutory Rape in the 2nd Degree, Felony D, RSMo 566.034, Sexual Trafficking of a Child in the 2nd Degree, Under 18, Felony Unclassified, RSMo 566.211, and Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Felony B, RSMo 573.023. All of these charges originated from a June 4, 2024, incident which occurred in Lake Winnebago.

On April 14, 2025, Miller entered guilty pleas to Statutory Rape - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Felony D, RSMo: 556.034 and Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Felony B, RSMo: 573.023. Miller's sentencing is set for June 23, 2025.

This case is being prosecuted by the Cass County Prosecutor's Office. LWPD was assisted by the Cass County Sheriff's Office, FBI Kansas City, KCPD Career Criminal Unit, Lenexa, KS Police Department, Kansas Highway Patrol, Overland Park, KS Police Department, and the Jackson County, MO Prosecutor's Office.

Please be mindful that LWPD has received numerous complaints of various types of vehicles that are traveling at high rates of speed on Kidwell Road. LWPD will be providing a higher rate of traffic enforcement on Kidwell Road than in the past.

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

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

## ***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

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## ***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.

# Annual Dumpster Day Resources

### 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](https://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, 645 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> Ruskin 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 23, 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.

Missouri Permanent Collection Facilities		
	<b>CITY of KANSAS CITY</b> 4707 Deramus (just south of the Chouteau Bridge in the east river bottoms) 816-513-8400	<b>CITY of LEE'S SUMMIT</b> Operated by Summit Transfer <a href="#">More Captu</a> 2101 SE Hamblen Rd. (Lee's Summit Resource Recovery Park) 816-287-2221
HOURS	<b>No appointment required.</b> Thursday, Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>No appointment required.</b> 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. <b>Must bring ID with proof of residency.</b> Must be a member of a participating community.	
	Residents of non-participating communities may access for a fee.	



### Dead batteries can release toxic substances and catch fire if not properly stored and recycled.

#### Store batteries properly

- Place batteries individually in a clear plastic bag or tape battery terminals with clear tape.
- Never disassemble batteries.
- Store damaged, defective or recalled batteries in kitty litter or sand.
- Store all batteries at room temperature.

#### Recycle all batteries

Common battery types and uses:

- Single-use: TV remotes, toys and watches.
- Rechargeable: Phones, laptops and rechargeable tools.
- Lead-acid: Gas-powered vehicles such as cars, motorcycles and ATVs.
- Hybrid & EV: Hybrid and electric cars.
- E-bike & e-scooter: Electric bikes and scooters.



Safely recycle batteries through the **Household Hazardous Waste program**  
For other locations, visit [RecycleSpot.org](https://RecycleSpot.org)

## *Tickets for April 2025*

**Total: 82 tickets**

Collected \$9,515.50 for the month of April 2025

Driver's License - 11	Defective Equipment - 13
No Insurance - 10	Traffic/Other - 4
Registration - 30	Fail to Yield Right-of-Way - 1
Speeding - 8	Sign/ Signal - 4
	Passing - 1

## *Warnings Written for April 2025*

**Total warnings written: 33**

Moving Violations - 5
Registration - 14
Speeding - 4
Defective Equipment - 10

**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](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

April 23, 2025 at 7:00pm

## REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Mike Collar called the meeting to order April 23, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. City Clerk Kathy Ray took roll call. Members attending were Aldermen Jana Allen, Don Davis, Nick Lombardo, Director of Public Works Steve Besermin, Officer Evans, Lindsey Kolisch with Lauber Municipal Law, LLC. Mark Meinders, HOA Liaison, Residents Jenell and Craig Brandon, Jen Carmichael, Julee Dugan, Jen and Aaron Hargis and John Hawkins also attended. Alderman Steve Stephan and Chief Mrachek was absent. City Clerk Kathy Ray served as secretary.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - A.Board of Aldermen Meeting 3-26-25 Special Board of Alderman Meeting and Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes 3-26-25 Don Davis moved to approve the Special and Regular Board of Aldermen meeting minutes from 3-26-25, 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 – informed the Board the following: A.The Police Chief is attending a Police Chief conference hosted by the FBI. B.He wanted to thank Elizabeth Norwat for creating, leading and maintaining the book share library at city hall for over ten years. Members of the book club (Robbie Keeling, Theresa Kientz, Janet Newhouse and Randy Williams) have joined a rotation of sorting and filing books.C.He shared an update on the pool fence letters that have been delivered to the residents that are in violation of the city code. He encouraged residents to schedule a meeting with a building inspector to resolve the violation. He also shared the potential thirty-seven self-latching and locking gate violations the staff will educate the residents to encourage reviewing and maintaining the gates on their property are functioning. He also expressed his concern about fences that go all the way to the lake. The greenbelt area around the lake should be free to walk without restrictions. He confirmed with the City of Lake Lotawana that they do not allow.He encouraged the HOA board to review to ensure that it is valid with the deeds and restrictions. Mark Meinders HOA liaison confirmed that the HOA board is discussing/reviewing case by case.D.Recent research uncovered that MoDOT quick claim deeded Kidwell Road to the City in 1998 and was filed with the county in 1999. The road is in the city, however there are several properties along Kidwell Road that are not in the city.E.He also discussed the general obligation process. He shared the city has a street marking quote of \$21,550.00 which will be part of the street projects. He asked for a motion to accept the street marking quote. Alderman Jana Allen made a motion to accept the street marking quote, 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.
4. BOARD OF ALDERMEN – Alderman Nick Lombardo has a conflict with the June 25, 2025, boarding meeting. Kathy Ray confirmed there is a quorum of the remaining board members.
5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS – Jen Carmichael expressed her concern with the resolution for her specific pool fence situation. The mayor confirmed he would have the building inspector reach out and discuss the resolution with her.
6. NEW BUSINESS - A.Read the April 8, 2025, election results – Mayor Collar read the election results, Alderman ward 1 Nick Lombardo 107 votes, Alderman ward 2 Craig Brandon 89 votes, Alderman Don Davis made a motion to accept the April 8, 2025, election results, seconded by Jana Allen, Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling Jana Allen-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent.
7. OLD BUSINESS A.Review lake development status – the developer is underway with the amenities area. The pool vendor should be starting very soon. B.Review lot BB38 – the property owner has delivered a piece of equipment to the lot. The mayor is hopeful that the gravel will be repurposed to the South Shore (Bacher farm) area soon. C.Review the city code for fencing a pool – the mayor restated the pool fence letter were hand delivered a few weeks ago. The individuals have ninety days to become complaint. He encouraged those individuals that received a letter to contact the city and schedule a meeting with a building inspector to resolve their violation. D.Review the city code for screening pool equipment – Jen Hargis representing HOA – APCC confirmed the deeds and restrictions, and the by-laws do not have a requirement for screening pool equipment. Steve Besermin shared that the ordinance is difficult to enforce. The mayor shared that there are other large items that don't require screening in the city. After discussion, Alderman Jana Allen requested the staff to amend the current city code to remove the screening pool equipment, seconded by Alderman Don Davis, Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling Jana Allen-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS: A.HOA/LAND COMPANY – Mark Meinders – the permit to raise the lake level has been closed. The Lake clean-up day is scheduled for April 26, 25. The HOA board is discussing the pool fence topic. He also discussed silt fence concerns. The city clerk shared that the building inspectors should be reviewing when they are out in the city, however individuals that see a silt fence concern can call city hall to have an inspector review.

B.LEGAL – Lauber Municipal Law, LLC. – Lindsey Kolisch – the first city officials training session to be held on Friday, April 25, 2025. She thanked Alderman Nick Lombardo and Craig Brandon for participating. C.FINANCIAL – Kathy Ray Review March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Financial Statements. Review March 2025 Check/Deposit Register - After review of the March 2025 check/deposit register Alderman Jana Allen moved to approve the check register, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling Jana Allen-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-absent. The annual audit is on target to be finalized in May with no concerns to report at this time. She shared the annual employee benefits, health/vision/dental enrollment process under way. The open enrollment meeting is scheduled for 5/12/25. There is a three percent cost increase to medical and no change to vision or dental. This is the first medical increase since the 2022 – 2023 plan year. I forecasted a five percent increase. The annual workers compensation audit is underway and will be completed May 2025

D.POLICE, FIRE, CIVIL DEFENSE – Officer Evans – he reported the department received a new desktop computer. Also, they are hosting a training at the AYC location on May 19.

E.PLANNING AND ZONING – Don Davis – Mayor shared that John Warren's term will expire in May 2025, he asked for motion to accept John Warren's renewal term for planning and zoning, Alderman Don Davis accepted John Warren's renewal for Planning and Zoning term, 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.

F.WATER, STREETS, SEWERS – Steve Besermin – the Mayor thanked Ken Smith for his time with the City, Ken's last day will be May 23, 2025.

9.OTHER BUSINESS – Mayor Collar thanked Alderman Jana Allen for time, support and dedication to the City of Lake Winnebago.

10.ADJOURN SINE DIE - the mayor adjourned sine die at 7:38 p.m.

11.OATHS OF OFFICE - the City Clerk performed the oath of office for Alderman Nick Lombardo ward 1 and Craig Brandon ward 2.

12.CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL - Mayor Mike Collar called the meeting to order April 23, 2025, at 7:38 P.M. City Clerk Kathy Ray took the roll call. Members attending were Aldermen Craig Brandon, Don Davis, Nick Lombardo, Director Public Works Steve Besermin, Officer Evans, Lindsey Kolisch with Lauber Municipal Law, LLC. Mark Meinders, HOA Liaison, Residents Jenell Brandon, Julee Dugan, and John Hawkins also attended. Alderman Steve Stephan and Chief Mrachek was absent. City Clerk Kathy Ray served as secretary.

13.NEW BUSINESS: A.Appointment Assignments of Aldermen - Alderman Don Davis made motion to nominate Craig Brandon as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Nick Lombardo, Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent.

Mayor Collar appointed the following individuals in the assignments listed. Mayor Pro-Tem – Craig Brandon, Finance – Craig Brandon, Planning and Zoning – Don Davis, Homeowner's Association – Nick Lombardo, Alderman Don Davis made motion to accept the individual assignments listed, seconded by Nick Lombardo, Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent.

B.Declaration of intent for Planning and Zoning Commission by Mayor and Aldermen Don Davis – Alderman Nick Lombardo made a motion to accept the declaration for Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Craig Brandon, Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent.

C. Review the Board of Alderman 2025 calendar - the city clerk reviewed the 2025 calendar with the Mayor and Board of Alderman. If there is a conflict with the Board of Alderman date to notify staff of the conflict. D. Discuss the 2025 General Obligation Bonds – the mayor reviewed the 2025 General Obligation Bonds for issuance, for street bond it will be \$200,000 and for sewer bonds it will be \$200,000, Alderman Nick Lombardo instructed staff to begin the 2025 General Obligation Bond process, seconded by Don Davis, Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent.

E. Discuss Street Marking and Sign Proposal – the mayor reviewed the street marking and sign proposal.

14. **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:** Resolution No. 553-25 - A Resolution allowing the deposit and withdrawal of the City funds in checking accounts at Arvest, and Equity Bank; investments of the City will be deposited at federally insured banking institutions offering the highest interest rate available. - After Mayor Collar read by title only Resolution No. 553-25, Alderman Don Davis moved to approve Resolution No. 553-25, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo -yea; and Steve Stephan-absent.

Resolution No. 554-25 - A Resolution designating authorized check signers on the City of Lake Winnebago accounts. - A Resolution designating authorized check signers on the City of Lake Winnebago accounts. After Mayor Collar read by title only Resolution No. 554-25, Alderman Craig Brandon moved to approve Resolution No. 554-25, seconded by Don Davis. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent.

15. **OTHER BUSINESS** – None.

16. **ADJOURN** - Alderman Craig Brandon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m., seconded by Don Davis. Passed with 3 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-absent