



## City of Lake Winnebago, MO Monthly Newsletter

### *Mayor's Corner*

What great weather we had for the St. Pat's Day parade this year! It was nice to see so many people out in their front yards, but also bittersweet for me since this would be my last parade as Mayor.

As you can see in the minutes, I have been working with the US Postal Service trying to get our own Zip Code. They won't grant us our own code, however they informed me if we provided all our addresses and potential addresses, they would make those a priority so when you go online to buy something it should come up Lake Winnebago before Greenwood. This is going to take about a month to be in place. I appreciate the help from James Asher on some of the new addresses.

The Public Works department will be replacing some curbs from the corner of H cove to Mohave in early April. In the coming months, they will be paving from just east of the park to Allendale Lake Rd. However, there is a stretch before the park where Little Blue Valley will be installing sewer meters sometime before December which will tear up the asphalt in those areas. We will have to put that part off until next year. More info to come.

Please make sure to get out and vote next week!!  
Good luck to all the candidates.



**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

## *Lake Winnebago Police Department Update*

Lake Winnebago Residents,

I am pleased to welcome William R. Maynard to the LWPD family. William is a police cadet at the Central Missouri Police Academy and is scheduled to graduate on June 12, 2026. William is retired from the U.S. Army and is starting his second career. He brings a great deal of life experience to the department and will be a huge asset to the community. Welcome to the family, William.

In conjunction with my recent article in the Signal, I want to remind everyone to slow down and be cognizant of their surroundings while operating a golf cart, an electric bike, scooter, etc. More importantly, please talk with our children to remind them of the same. LWPD has seen a substantial increase in electric bike traffic, and we need to be diligent with our safety measures to prevent tragedy.

Lastly, I want to thank Mayor Mike Collar for his support of LWPD and wish him the best in his retirement. Mayor Collar has been an outstanding boss, and I am thankful for our time together.

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



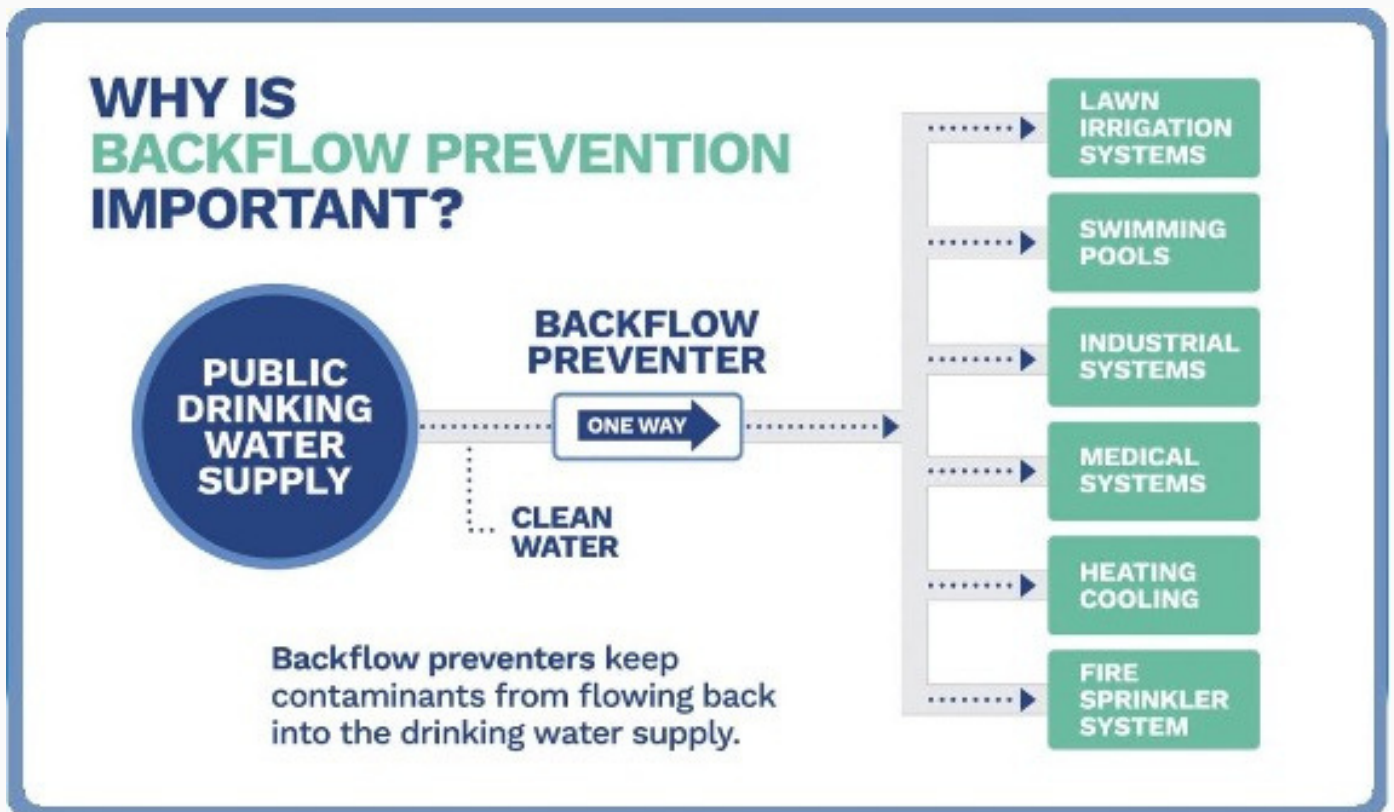
**Michael Mrachek**  
**Police Chief**  
**[mgmrachek@lwpd.org](mailto:mgmrachek@lwpd.org)**  
**816-537-7900**

## *Backflow Certifications*

**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 <https://dnr.mo.gov/water/business-industry-other-entities/permits-certification-engineering-fees/public-drinking-water-systems/construction-engineering-permit-dispense/backflow-prevention>



# *Lawn Watering Tips*

by Travis Hogan

Chiefs Head Groundskeeper

Travis Hogan is the Andy Reid of growing grass. He started working for the Chiefs in 1998. Throughout the late 1990s and early 2000s, he also maintained the turf at a few of our nation's top golf courses, including Pebble Beach. Travis was promoted to Heads Groundskeeper for the Chiefs organization in 2016 and has been managing the crew that is responsible for Arrowhead's immaculate turf. He is viewed throughout the NFL as one of the best there is. We had the opportunity to interview Travis to get his recommendations for keeping your lawn healthy and beautiful all season.

Do:

- Water about every other day for 10 minutes between 5:00-8:00am. If needed, adjust the time up or down by as much as 5 minutes. Three to four waterings per week is sufficient.
- During hotter periods in July and August, water in the afternoon for no more than 3 minutes at a time. It is better to water twice than one long watering. Travis suggests 3:00pm and again at 6:00pm but only if needed. This is only to cool down the soil, not hydrate your lawn.
- Mow your grass taller in the summer, to a height of 3½ to 4 inches. This protects grass roots from summer heat by maintaining a cooler soil temperature.
- Always put your grass to bed dry. This helps avoid diseases and keeps the roots healthy.
- Monitor your lawn's moisture by looking for spots that are squishy or stay wet.

Don't:

- Avoid overwatering. Homeowners often run their watering cycles too frequently and/or for too long. It is one of the biggest mistakes made when trying to grow a lush, healthy lawn. This actually promotes diseases that can make your lawn look like it needs more water instead of less. It also does not allow for proper root development. Shallow roots make your lawn more susceptible to summer heat.
- Avoid mowing your grass too short. Cool season grasses such as fescue and bluegrass need to be mowed longer than warm season varieties like bermuda and zoysia. This makes cool season grass more tolerant to heat and protects against weeds.

– City of Lake Winnebago and Lake Winnebago Homeowners Association



## *Now Hiring Part Time Public Works Employee*

Join our Public Works team to help maintain and improve city infrastructure. This hands-on role involves outdoor work, operating maintenance equipment, and ensuring public spaces are safe and well-kept.

### Responsibilities:

- Maintain city streets, curbs, & facilities.
- Operate trucks, snowplows, and other equipment.
- Perform minor repairs and seasonal tasks like snow removal and storm cleanup.
- Assist with water/sewer system maintenance and traffic sign installation.

### Requirements:

- Valid driver's license.
- Ability to perform physical labor in all weather conditions.
- Teamwork and communication skills.

### Preferred:

- Experience in public works, maintenance, or construction.
- Knowledge of municipal infrastructure.

Call 816-537-6778 or stop by City Hall to apply today to help keep our community running smoothly!

# City Annual Dumpster Day

The annual City clean-up day will be held Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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:

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



**About the  
Regional HHW Program**

The Regional HHW Collection Program provides members with convenient access to proper HHW disposal. If you live in a participating community, you may take HHW products to the permanent collection facilities in Kansas City, Missouri, and Lee's Summit, Missouri, free of charge. You may also attend **ANY** of the mobile collections held throughout the year.  
**Proof of residency is required.**  
For information on Kansas area facilities, visit [RECYCLESPT.ORG](http://RECYCLESPT.ORG) or call **816-474-TEAM**.

RESIDENTIAL WASTE ONLY, NO BUSINESS WASTE ACCEPTED:

including nonprofits, churches, home-based businesses and rental property owners.

**GOT MORE STUFF TO GET RID OF?  
VISIT  
RECYCLESPT.ORG.**



**2026 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 11	<b>Blue Springs</b> <small>Pink Hill Park, 2715 NW Park Drive, Blue Springs</small>
April 25	<b>Independence</b> <small>Walnut and Liberty St, near Independence Square</small>
May 9	<b>Platte County</b> with Weston & Platte City <small>Platte Ridge Park, 17130 MO Hwy 371, Platte City</small>
May 30	<b>Liberty</b> with Clay County <small>Liberty School District Support Services Center, 801 Kent Street, Liberty</small>
June 6	<b>Pleasant Hill</b> with Harrisonville <small>Cass County Fairgrounds, 308 W. Commercial Street, Pleasant Hill</small>
June 27	<b>Parkville</b> with Riverside <small>English Landing Park, 164 S. Main Street, Parkville</small>
Aug. 1	<b>Gladstone</b> <small>Happy Rock Park, 76th Street &amp; N. Antioch, Gladstone</small>
Aug. 8	<b>Belton</b> with Raymore <small>Yeckum Center, 613 Mill Street, Belton</small>
Sep. 12	<b>Excelsior Springs</b> with Lawson & Richmond <small>Excelsior Springs Public Works, 103 E. Water Street, Excelsior Springs</small>
Sep. 26	<b>Jackson County</b> with Grain Valley & Oak Grove <small>Jackson County Public Works, 34900 E. Old U.S. 40 Hwy</small>

2026  
REGIONAL  
Household  
Hazardous  
Waste

COLLECTION  
PROGRAM



IT'S YOUR HOME.  
MAKE IT SAFE.

Residents of member communities may attend any of the collection events.

How you can safely dispose of toxic household products

## *Dog Licenses*

Current dog licenses expired on December 31, 2025. You may pick up your 2026 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 2026 City Sticker. Current City Stickers expired 12-31-25. You will need to bring your 2025 paid personal property tax receipt to City Hall to pick up your City Sticker. If your sticker was not paid for on your 2025 personal property taxes, the fee is \$7.00 per vehicle.



## *Tickets for March 2026*

**Total: 52 tickets**

**Collected \$9,100.18 for March 2026**

- Drivers' License - 5
- No Insurance - 8
- Registration - 21
- Speeding - 8
- Passing -1
- General Driving - 3
- Accidents - 2
- Careless & Imprudent - 1
- Other -3

## *Warnings Written for March 2026*

**Total: 7 warnings**

- Registration - 5
- Defective Equipment - 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](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 Alderman Meeting*

**City of Lake Winnebago**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Collar opened the meeting at 7pm.
2. ROLL CALL – City Clerk Kathy Ray took roll call. Members attending were Mayor Michael Collar, Aldermen Craig Brandon, Don Davis, Nick Lombardo and Steve Stephan, Chief Michael Mrachek, Lindsey Kolisch with Lauber Municipal Law, LLC, Brandon Fell, HOA Liaison. Dan Hegeman with Evergy, and residents John Hawkins, & Danny and Lisa Cummings also attended; Steve Besermin, Director of Public Works, was absent. City Clerk Kathy Ray served as secretary.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes 2-25-26 – Don David moved to approve the 2-25-26 minutes, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed unanimously.
4. MAYOR – the mayor shared the following updates: 1) He has submitted 888 Lake Winnebago addresses to the United States Postal service so they can upload into their system online. When a resident enters their address the city of Lake Winnebago should be generated as the city not Greenwood. The city will not receive our separate zip code, but the address should populate Lake Winnebago. 2) He has requested/contracted Spalding Excavating Inc. to place gravel on Bacher’s Farm entrance along South Shore and Wild Horse Parkway. 3) The staff are working on implementing a new utility billing system. Look for communication for the changes.
5. BOARD OF ALDERMEN – None.
6. NEW BUSINESS - 1) April 2026 board meeting date to April 15, 2026 – after discussion, the Board approved to move the April meeting to April 29, 2026. 2) Police department submitting a resolution as part of the state’s Blue Shield Program – the Chief of Police shared the details of the state’s Blue Shield program. 3) General Obligation Bonds – 2026 Projects – Mayor shared the status of the street, curb, and sewer projects for the year. Target street and curb work between the slit pond east of the park through the Allendale Lake Road exit. Curb work targeted to start the first of April, with paving in June. After discussion, Alderman Craig Brandon made a motion to start the 2026 General Obligation bond issuance process of \$400,000.00 in streets, seconded by Alderman Don Davis. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: A. Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-yea. 4) Review Final Docket of Court, Court Fee Report and Court Bond Report February 2026 – Mayor confirmed the Judge had signed the docket.
7. OLD BUSINESS - Draft of Lake Winnebago Electric Franchise Agreement Renewal – the Mayor reviewed the renewal agreement. Dan Hegeman with Evergy shared the details of the contract and thanked the city for their business.
8. BILLS & RESOLUTIONS - 1) BILL No. 763-26 – Ordinance No. 996 - An Ordinance, granting to Evergy Missouri West, Inc., a Missouri Corporation, it’s successors and assigns, an electric franchise, prescribing the terms thereof and relating thereto, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the terms hereof. After Mayor Collar read by title only Bill No. 763-26, Craig Brandon moved to go to the second reading, seconded by Don Davis. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-

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8. CONTINUED: yea, and Steve Stephan-yea. After the second reading by Mayor Collar of Bill No. 763-26, Ordinance No. 996, Alderman Nick Lombardo moved to approve Ordinance No. 996, seconded by Don Davis. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, and Steve Stephan-yea. 2) Resolution No. 560-26 – A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Lake Winnebago, Missouri demonstrating the city’s commitment to public safety, including a commitment to reduce violent crime within the city, as part of the state’s Blue Shield Program – after discussion Alderman Craig Brandon made a motion to accept the Blue Shield Program, seconded by Alderman Nick Lombardo. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-yea.
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - HOA/LAND COMPANY – Brandon Fell – No Report. LEGAL – Lauber Municipal Law - Lindsey Kolisch Attorney – reported the City Officials training will be held on April 24, 2026, at the Midwest Public Risk Campus in Independence, MO. FINANCIAL – Kathy Ray - Review February 28<sup>st</sup>, 2026, Financial Statements. Review February 2026 Check/Deposit Register - Kathy Ray reviewed the February 2026 financials, and the cash summary balances for each fund (restricted and unrestricted). After reviewing the February 2026 check/deposit register Craig Brandon moved to approve the check register, seconded by Nick Lombardo. Passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Polling: Craig Brandon-yea, Don Davis-yea, Nick Lombardo-yea, Steve Stephan-yea. The city clerk also informed the board that the annual audit has started, field work will be April 27 - 29. The DSWA CPA Firm will present the 2025 Audit at the June 2026 meeting. Also, Midwest Public Risk has shared the renewal of the employee benefits (health, dental and vision), the rates increased by 3 percent. The city budgeted ten percent for the increase. POLICE, FIRE, CIVIL DEFENSE - Chief Mrachek – informed the mayor and board regarding the Blue Shield Grant. This grant is new and it is an annual grant. He will be hiring a Police Cadet from the academy and expects the cadet to graduate in June 2026. He is hopeful that Sergeant Totten will return in April or May from medical leave. Considering the Blue Shield Grant for the Flock cameras. He wanted to thank Mayor Collar for his support while he was Mayor. Mayor asked Chief to work with the Mom’s club to schedule a street safety session specific to scooters and bikes. PLANNING AND ZONING - Don Davis - no report. WATER, STREETS, SEWERS - Steve Besermin absent, the Mayor restated the street, curb, and sewer projects for the year. Also, the Public Works Department is looking for maintenance personnel.
10. OTHER BUSINESS - NONE.
11. ADJOURN BOARD - With no further business, Don Davis moved to adjourn, seconded by Craig Brandon. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM. The next Board of Alderman meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.