



# City of Lake Station Newsletter

Feb. 2012



**Solid Waste Mission Statement** – To provide our customers with exceptional waste collection, recycling, and disposal services that protect, preserve, and improve our environment but also the quality of life in our community.

## 2012 Calendar

Martin Luther King – Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>

President's day – Monday Feb 20<sup>st</sup>

Good Friday – Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>

\*Memorial Day – Monday May 28<sup>th</sup>

\*4<sup>th</sup> of July – Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup>

\*Labor Day – Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Columbus Day – Monday October 8<sup>th</sup>

Veteran's Day – Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>

\*Thanksgiving - Thursday & Friday, November 22<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

\* Christmas – Monday & Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> & December 25<sup>th</sup>

\* New Years 2013 – Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

\* Indicates Holidays that the City allows Additional **Holiday Related items** on side of Garbage/Recycle Carts

\*\*Special Pickups will not take place during the Holiday Weeks, so any large item pickups should not be put out until the following week.

**Holiday Extra Trash Weeks** – All observed holidays are followed by "**Holiday Related** Trash." This means, that you may place out extra **holiday related** trash on your designated day, during this week only. Extra trash should be placed at least 3' away from your trash toter. Please place extra garbage next to garbage cart or any recycle next to the recycle cart so we know which bags belong to which truck.

## Lake County Waste Management District

**These services are available to all Lake County Residents**

For **recycling drop off locations** please visit: [www.lcswmd.com/dropoffrecycling.htm](http://www.lcswmd.com/dropoffrecycling.htm)

For **disposal of household hazardous waste** please visit: [www.lcswmd.com/householdhazardouswaste.htm](http://www.lcswmd.com/householdhazardouswaste.htm)

For **recycling of electronics for FREE** please visit: [www.lcswmd.com/electronicrecycling.htm](http://www.lcswmd.com/electronicrecycling.htm)

For **disposal of Latex paint** please visit: [www.lcswmd.com/latexpaintrecycling.htm](http://www.lcswmd.com/latexpaintrecycling.htm)

**Snow Days** - We have been lucky during these winter months and have not had a significant amount of snow accumulation. If we happen to receive severe weather in the future, the City of Lake Station Public Works is urging all residents to please keep your cars off the side of the road until the storm and cleanup is over. We are asking for your cooperation so that the City snow plows can keep the roads clean and, more importantly, not bury your vehicles in snow during this snow season. I am aware that this might pose a problem for some of you but, please do your best, it is very important to keep the roads cleared.

**Water Rates** - The city had a "rate study" completed back in 2004 in order to operate and maintain the water department needs. In 2004 the City Council passed only part of the rate increase and was going to pass small increases thereafter to comply with the "rate study" which never took place. Therefore it has been recommended to the City Council to make whole the 2004 "rate study" now in 2012. Although we know that the "rate study" is out-dated by eight years, at this time we are only trying to get up to date with the 2004 rate study. It has been eight years since our last increase. Over the past eight years all of the costs to operate the water department including the rate we pay to American Water have gone up dramatically and we must be responsible to the community and maintain our water system. We thank you for your understanding for continuing to improve the quality of life for the City of Lake Station.

**Drop Locations** - 24 hour Mail box and utility drop off boxes are located in the City Hall parking lot for your convenience.

**Solar Lights** - The city has installed the first of its 100% solar street lights. The solar powered street light will be 100% efficient and not cost the city anything to run. The lighting will continue around the walking path of Grand Blvd Lake. If you happen to drive by or walk Grand Blvd Lake it's located by the picnic peninsula island.

**February 14th** - Valentine's Day

**February 20th** - City will be closed in observation of Presidents Day

**April 7** - Easter in the Park see future newsletters for more information.

**April 22** - Earth Day

*Keith Poderquist*