

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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THE CITY OF LAKOTA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER. LAKOTA ELECTED OFFICIALS: ED PAWLIKOWSKI, MAYOR; COUNCIL MEMBERS: JEFF RUSSO, JIM VASICHEK, CHRISTIAN SKOGEN, ELAINE WESTENSEE-BROOKS, DENNIS MATTERN AND ROB OURADNIK

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1: Regular City Council meeting at City Hall @ 7pm
December 3: Lakota Blood Drive @ Community Center
December 6: Christmas Open House @ City Hall 1pm-3pm
December 6: Holiday Parade of Lights @ 5:30pm on Main Street
December 14: Christmas Movie Day @ Lakota Elem. School 2-4pm
December 24: Christmas Eve - City Offices closing at noon
December 25: Christmas Day - City Offices closed
January 1: New Years Day - City Offices closed

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Happy Holidays

Holiday wishes. This season, may you be blessed with laughter, peace, and love. During the holiday season, it's time to reflect upon what the last year has brought to us, what the present holds for us and what the future holds for us. It's also a time to make lasting memories with family and friends. It's not necessarily the gifts we received, but the joyous looks of our children opening gifts, the laughter we have when we spend time with friends, the peace and love we feel when spending time with family and friends. That's what holiday memories are all about. Let's also remember the peace we enjoy because of the service of our law enforcement, military, fire departments, and ambulance service, giving us piece of mind that we are safe, and that we will be safe in the future. At this time I would like to wish everyone a safe, joyous and blessed Holiday season.

-Mayor Ed Pawlikowski, members of the Lakota City Council, and employees of the City of Lakota

Snow Removal Reminders

Please remember not to blow your snow into streets during these winter months. Blowing your snow into the streets make it difficult to properly clean the streets in a timely manner.

It is also the responsibility of the property owner to keep the snow cleaned away from your mailbox and to also clean a path to your utility meter. Your postmaster and meter reader appreciate your co-operation!



Landfill News

The winter season is back and the landfill will only be open on a case by case basis and by appointment only at the city hall. Please contact Amie at 247-2454 to make arrangements.

Once Lakota has a significant amount of snow, the landfill will be closed for the season. Please look at future newsletters to find out the spring openings.

Lakota Park Board Events!

The Lakota Park Board would like to invite you on **Saturday, December 6th** to the Holiday Parade of Lights! Santa Claus will be the Grand Marshall. The Board is looking for floats for the parade, please decorate your pick-up trailer with holiday themes.

Prizes for the best float will be given! After the parade, there will be horse rides, with coffee and hot chocolate to enjoy.

On **Sunday, December 14th** the Park Board will be hosting a Christmas Movie Day at the Lakota Elementary School from 2-4pm. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" will be shown and popcorn and beverages will be served.



Christmas Open House

The City of Lakota & Lakota Municipal Utilities would like to extend an invitation to all Lakota residents to join us in our Christmas Open house on Saturday, **December 6th from 1pm-3pm**. Enjoy holiday goodies and refreshments! While you visit, please sign up for our door prizes that will help you make your home more energy efficient. We look forward to seeing you while we celebrate this holiday season.



City of Lakota

Snow Removal Policy

1. With a normal snow fall (1" to 6", with little winds) it will take approximately 6 to 8 hours, to completely open all streets in the city.
2. With a heavier snow fall (4" and up, with heavy winds) it will take approximately 10 to 12 hours, to have all streets opened completely. It could take up to 48 hours to have all clean up done.
3. Snow removal will start as soon as possible, as determined by the Public Works Department. Work can start at any time of the day or night, and will continue until completed. Snow removal will not start when the State or County has no travel posted or until the storm is winding down. The Public Works Department is on call when snow removal equipment is needed in an emergency.
4. As soon as all streets are cleared, the sand trucks will start sanding the main street intersections as needed.

Procedure Manual

The policy statement covers most snow removal operations, keep in mind that there may be cases where excessive amounts of snow may already be on the ground, severely complicating plowing operations. If this is the case, snow removal may take longer than average, also there may be isolated areas that may take considerably longer to clear. This is an approximation, as far as timing is concerned with clearing the streets. As with any mechanical equipment, breakdowns can and do occur and may delay the time snow removal operations take. The weather in this part of the country can be hard to forecast so snow removal on weekends and holidays may take longer than normal.

Priorities of snow removal are a plow truck and a pay loader starting at the same time. In the event that a snow storm is severe enough, that the plows can't keep the emergency routes opened, the Public Works Department may determine to pull the plows until it lets up. If the county or state has closed roads and/or pulls their snow removal equipment in our area, The City of Lakota Snow Removal Employees will also be pulled. The information will be passed on to the public, through local radio stations and on the website.

Priorities as follows:

The first roads to be opened up will be the **Snow Emergency Routes** as follows:

Main Street

2nd Street East

E Avenue

Once the emergency routes are open the following will be done:

Avenues

Streets

Fire Hall

Airport



Clearing Sidewalks

The City of Lakota requires that owners and occupants of properties that have a sidewalk/walking path must clear the sidewalk of snow and ice, and shall after every snowfall clear the snow from the sidewalk within 24 hours. Violators may be cited or the City of Lakota may clear the sidewalk at the property owner's expense.

A reminder that if streets have been cleaned please refrain from blowing, shoveling or pushing snow into the streets.