

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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THE CITY OF LAKOTA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER. LAKOTA ELECTED OFFICIALS: JEFF RUSSO MAYOR; COUNCIL MEMBERS: JIM VASICHEK, CHRISTIAN SKOGEN, NORRIS SEVERTSON, DENNIS MATTERN, ROB OURADNIK AND RICH

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Happy Holidays

Christmas is a very special time of year! Christmas is a time for giving and receiving, a time for sharing and caring for each other. It's a time for reaching out the hand of friendship and reconciliation and to make sure all members of our community are included.

After filling the Mayor position earlier this year and have taken on the challenge to develop and enhance the city. The key is to have a strong partnership between the city council and community. I am honored to be the Mayor of Lakota and I can assure you I will work hard to earn the respect of the entire community so that an inspiring and positive contribution can be made in our town. Currently, our city council is working hard to better our town's drinking water and ensure our infrastructure is up to date and properly maintained.

In 2016, the city will also be looking towards an election year. I encourage all interested in local government and wanting to make a difference in the community to run for a position on the city council or park board. Deadline to submit an election petition is April 11th before 4:00pm at the auditor's office.

I also invite all members and visitors of Lakota during this holiday season to shop locally. Our merchants are here for us as well as our visitors.

On behalf of the City Council, Staff for the city of Lakota and myself, I wish you and your families all a safe, peaceful and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year! **Jeff Russo, Mayor**

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 cooperation!

Raider Home Games

- December 15 GBB vs Rolla
- December 19 GBB vs Rolette (Edmore)
- December 19 BBB vs Rolette (Edmore)
- December 22 BBB vs Midkota



Lakota Park Board Event!

The Lakota Park Board would like to invite you on **Saturday, December 5th** 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.



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 5th 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.