

May Flowers

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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, RICH RIELY, DENNIS MATTERN & ROBIN OURADNIK

May 2: Regular City Council meeting at City Hall @ 6:00pm
May 6: Arbor Day
May 6: Wine Walk 6:00-9:00pm
May 7: City Wide Rummage Sale
May 7: Table Extravaganza at the Lakota Lutheran Church
May 8: Mother's Day
May 23: Park Board regular meeting @ City Hall
May 29: Lakota High School Graduation
May 30: Memorial Day: City offices closed
June 2: Devils Run Steak Fry - 5:30pm @ Fire Department sponsored by Lakota Fire Dept.

Mark your calendars!
The 54th Turkey BBQ
Celebration will be held
June 17-19, 2016.
See you there!

2016 Turkey BBQ

The 2016 Turkey BBQ meal is still on for June 17th, 2016! The BBQ meal will be operated by each committee chairperson. We hope to make the 2016 Turkey BBQ weekend one that the residents, businesses and alumni can be proud of. If you are interested in helping out with the BBQ meal, please contact: Paul Miller, Park Set Up chairperson; Cassandra Sundeen, Serving chairperson; Jim Aaker, BBQ Spit chairperson; Mike Ritteman or Ron Nelson, Turkey committee co-chairs; Jim Burtness or Curt Kadrmars, Carving committee co-chairs; DeAnn Schmidt, Ticket committee chairperson; Bruce Anderson or Jeanne Aaker, Clean up Committee co-chairs; Lori Anderson, Dishpan chairperson.

WINE WALK

The Lakota Community Club is host a Wine Walk! Sample over 30 wines and enjoy a night out with friends exploring our town and businesses. Wristbands are sold at the Lakota City Library and Elaine's House of Dreams starting at 5:45pm. \$10/wristband, must be 21 or older to participate. Price of wristband includes: map of participating businesses, wine samples and hors d'oeuvres at each location. Wine Walk T-shirts will also be available for purchase at both Elaine's House of Dreams and the Lakota City Library. Join us on the 6th!



Spring City Wide Rummage Sales!

The annual Lakota City Wide Spring Yard Sales sponsored by the Lakota Community Club will be held Saturday, May 7th from 8am to 1:00pm Please pick up a map listing all participating rummage sales at any Lakota business the day of the sale.



NO BURNING IN CITY LIMITS

Open burning of all garbage, rubbish, refuse and any other material including trees, leaves, grass or papers within city limits is prohibited. Please take your garbage and other materials to the City Landfill when it is open. Contained wood fires (camp fires) are allowed.

May Landfill Hours

The Landfill is open for disposal of items, **PERMITTING WEATHER CONDITIONS.** Hours are Wednesday 12:00-5:00, Friday 2:00-7:00 and Saturday 12:00-5:00. We will have a landfill attendant on site, please submit payment at time of entering landfill. City Hall will no longer be giving a key out for the landfill. Anyone needing to use the landfill outside of the set hours will be charged an additional fee.

Some items *not* allowed:

TIRES, PAINT, COMPUTERS, TV'S AND ANY ITEM CONTAINING FREON.

Please remember to be considerate when you are placing your items in the landfill to separate each item in the appropriate pile.

Rate Increases

Lakota Municipal Utilities customers will see a small rate increase on their utility bill effective June 1st, 2016 as approved at the April 12th, 2016 City Council meeting. This rate increase was a recommendation from a utility rate study done in 2015 by Missouri River Energy Services (MRES). The rate study proposed a rate increase annually starting in 2016 to keep our utility systems viable. The approved rates are listed below.

	Current Rates	Approved June 2016		Approved June 2017		Approved June 2018	
Overall Increase		2.5%		2.5%		2.5%	
Residential							
Customer Charge	\$ 13.00	\$ 14.00		\$ 15.00		\$ 16.00	
Energy Charge:							
June-August: All kWh	\$ 0.0795	\$ 0.0810		\$ 0.0825		\$ 0.0840	
September-May							
0-1,200 kWh	\$ 0.0795	\$ 0.0810		\$ 0.0825		\$ 0.0840	
Over 1,200 kWh	\$ 0.0700	\$ 0.0710		\$ 0.0720		\$ 0.0730	
Commercial Single-phase							
Customer Charge	\$ 22.00	\$ 24.00		\$ 26.00		\$ 28.00	
Energy Charge - per kWh	\$ 0.0790	\$ 0.0820		\$ 0.0850		\$ 0.0885	
Commercial Three-phase							
Customer Charge	\$ 31.00	\$ 33.00		\$ 35.00		\$ 37.00	
Energy Charge - per kWh	\$ 0.0790	\$ 0.0820		\$ 0.0850		\$ 0.0885	
Small Commercial (Closed)		Move to the Commercial Single-phase Class					
Customer Charge	\$ 22.00						
Energy Charge - per kWh	\$ 0.0790						
Commercial Electric Space Heating							
Customer Charge	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00		\$ 6.00		\$ 6.00	
Energy Charge - per kWh	\$ 0.0670	\$ 0.0680		\$ 0.0690		\$ 0.0700	
Large Commercial (Over 50 kW)							
Customer Charge	\$ 42.00	\$ 46.00		\$ 50.00		\$ 54.00	
Demand Charge - per kW	\$ 11.45	\$ 11.70		\$ 11.95		\$ 12.20	
Energy Charge - per kWh	\$ 0.0410	\$ 0.0410		\$ 0.0410		\$ 0.0410	