

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, DENNIS MATTERN, BILL SOLBERG, ROD MATTERN, KRIS RAINSBERRY, & TOM HESS



UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 4: Lakota Blood Drive @ Community Center
- December 7: Holiday Fest starting @ 11:00 at Lakota City Library
- December 9: Regular City Council meeting at City Hall @ 6pm
- December 11: Christmas Open House @ City Hall 1-3:30pm
- December 11: The art of Christmas at Lakota Lutheran Church @ 7pm
- December 18: Booster Club Meeting at DD's Place @ 7pm
- December 24: Christmas Eve-City Office closes at 12:00pm
- December 25: Christmas Day-City Office Closed

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As we move into this joyful holiday season, we take some time to reflect on the past year and look for what is to come. 2019 in Lakota has certainly been an eventful one with city projects finally coming to a close.

In 2020 the city council will be working hard to implement ideas to focus on priorities set at our strategic planning meetings. The city council specified 3 priorities to work on that include attracting & retaining youth, expanding & retaining businesses and marketing our wonderful town. We hope to provide stepping stones to implement in the ongoing process of retaining our youth and businesses.

Lakota HolidayFest is scheduled for December 7th and I hope many of you can take the time to enjoy all the events planned. If you are a holiday decorator, please consider being part of the Holiday Light Display contest that will be judged on December 7th sponsored by the Lakota Economic Development Committee. When entered, you will have a chance to win \$100 in Lakota Bucks! Let us also celebrate our business community by attending some of the holiday open houses on December 11th. There will be an abundance of goodies and treats at the business locations to show their holiday spirit.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to those who have come to Lakota to spend their holidays. On behalf of the City Council and your dedicated city staff, we wish you and your family all the joy and blessings of the holiday season. Let us look towards the 2020 year with excitement for the next accomplishments to come.

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!



Holiday 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 Wednesday, **December 11th from 1-3:30pm**. 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!



FUEL ASSISTANCE

Heating Assistance is available through the Nelson County Social Service office for those who qualify. Eligibility is based on income, assets, and obligations to pay. Please contact the Nelson County Social Service office at 247-2945 for further information.



Raider Home Games

- December 6th GBB vs Midway/Minto
- December 7th BBB vs Rolla
- December 10th BBB vs Barnes County North
- December 20th GBB vs Midkota
- December 21st BBB vs North Star



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.