

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, ANNA HALVORSON, ROD MATTERN, KRIS RAINSBERRY, & TOM HESS



UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 1: Holiday Fest starting @ 11:00 at Lakota City Library**
- December 1: Holiday Parade of Lights @ 5:00pm on Main Street**
- December 3: Regular City Council meeting at City Hall @ 6pm**
- December 12: Lakota Blood Drive @ Community Center**
- December 12: Christmas Open House @ City Hall 4pm-6pm**
- 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 look ahead to the New Year, we look forward not only as individuals, but collectively, as members of this wonderful community we call home. By the time you receive this letter, I hope you had a chance to take in the annual Parade of Lights and Holidayfest on December 1st! There are many activities going on in town that is sure to bring joy to your day. Let us also celebrate our business community by attending their holiday open house the evening of December 12th. Successful businesses attract other development creating a healthy culture throughout.

I am also excited to see the progress the new year brings! A few things you will see coming up is our new 100,000 gallon water tower. This will be erected by the end of this year with painting or the tower in the spring/summer. The street improvement project will be completed in the summer as well. Please bear with us as we navigate this project to the end. We fully intend to provide the Lakota community with reliable and functional streets throughout town. Starting December 1st, Lakota Municipal Utilities will launch an online payment system to conveniently pay your utility bill, find tips to save money or just review your current or past utility statement. Please go to <https://lakotand.enerlyte.com/> or find the payment icon on the home page of the city website and click the "Sign Up" icon at the top right corner of the screen to create your account. We are excited to provide this convenient and user friendly program. A dedicated team of your elected officials and city staff have remained focus on delivering quality services and continue cultivating creative growth and expansion opportunities.

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.

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 12th from 4pm-6pm.** 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!



Holiday Fest

The Lakota Park Board and the Lakota City Library would like to invite you to get out and enjoy the festivities on December 1st! From 11am-1pm there will be a Free Will Lunch offering a Soup bar and Artisan/Homemade breads. Crafts and ornament making for the kids prior to the parade. The Parade of Lights will start at 5:00. Santa Claus will be the Grand Marshall of the Parade. The Board is looking for floats for the parade, please decorate your pick-up, car, trailer, etc. with holiday themes. The Parade will start on 5th Street West in front of Prairie Rose.

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.