**Wagon Wheel Bridge**

The dock of the bridge is tentatively scheduled to be placed at the end of July during overnight hours. Lane closures will apply.

Information will be placed on the City website: cityoflacrescent-mn.gov as well as the City Facebook page in advance of the closure.

**RCAD CONSTRUCTION**

The following City roads will be worked on this summer:

- **Oak Street** between Main and North 2nd St.
- **Birch Street** just off of South 7th St. to Welchir Dr.
- **Cedar Street** from South 8th St. to South 11th St. and the portion that abuts Abnet Field.

This will involve some tree removal, followed by removal of curb and gutter sections that are in need of replacement. The existing street surface will be pulverized, and new black top will be installed.

**WALNUT STREET DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

The City of La Crescent is performing a demonstration project that includes bump outs at all four quadrants of the intersection of Walnut St. and Main St. The project will run June—October 1. Visit [https://clients.whks.com/la-crescent-mn/](https://clients.whks.com/la-crescent-mn/) to learn more as well as provide your feedback on the project.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Officer Michael Ernster who was recently promoted to La Crescent Police Sergeant. Sergeant Ernster has 25 total years on the job with 20 of those years at the La Crescent PD.

Luke Ahlschlager became Interim Chief of Police in December of 2021 and on April 8, 2022 the Interim tag was removed and Luke was promoted to La Crescent Police Chief. Chief Ahlschlager has 21 years on the job and is in his 20th year with La Crescent PD.

**GRATITUDE**

Thank you to our former Police Chief, Doug Stavenau for your 24 years of service with the La Crescent PD. Chief Stavenau retired in April from law enforcement and continues to work for the city in the Utility/Maintenance Department.
Did you know that La Crescent has over 1,000 storm drains? The first 100 residents that sign up for the 'Adopt-A-Drain' program will receive a free LED light bulb kit.

La Crescent is excited to partner with Hamline University and the Adopt-A-Drain program. Would you like to sign up for the Adopt-A-Drain program? Storm drains flow directly to local lakes, rivers, and wetlands, acting as a conduit for trash and organic pollutants. Adopt-a-Drain asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution.

By adopting a drain, you're committing to keeping the drain and the area around it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris for the next year—and hopefully longer. There's no specific requirement for how often you need to sweep up. Most people clear their drain about twice a month, but be sure to check the drain before and after it rains, and when the snow begins to melt.

For more information on the Adopt-A-Drain program visit: mn.adopt-a-drain.org.

"Bluff to Bluff" Trolley Tours coming to La Crescent this Fall

The La Crosse County Convention and Visitors Bureau aka Explore La Crosse is offering Trolley Tours to La Crescent on four weekends this fall. Mark your calendars for September 3rd and 10th and October 15th and 29th and tickets will be available through Explore La Crosse at 608.782.2366 or email info@explorelacrosse.com. These tours are possible due to the City of La Crescent's membership in Explore La Crosse which promotes tourism in the area.

Co-working Space Launched at La Crescent Chamber of Commerce

The Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation provided a grant to the Houston County Economic Development Authority (EDA) in a partnership with the La Crescent Chamber of Commerce to create a co-working space at the Chamber offices. The Co-Working space is called Keep Company and provides office and meeting space for start-up companies and small businesses in the La Crescent area. A grand opening was held on May 4, 2022 with area leaders and Chamber members present to dedicate the space. The space was inspired by the City of La Crescent's former Community Development Director, Terry Erickson. A plaque commemorating Terry and his passion for this project is displayed in the co-working space.

The space is open by appointment (507-895-2800), and is located at the La Crescent Chamber of Commerce and Tourism offices at 111 South Walnut Street, Suite B. For more information contact Allison Wegner, Houston County EDA Director at EDA@co.houston.mn.us or (507) 725-5836. The County EDA is looking for Houston County businesses who can provide a variety of business services and technical to small businesses and start-up entrepreneurs. The county is looking for companies that can offer technical support in the areas of advertising, technology, legal, and website design who are willing to offer their services out of the space through a class or other types of training to other businesses.

Keeping our Storm Sewers Clean: What is an Illicit Discharge?

Anything that goes into the storm sewer system that is not storm water is considered an illicit discharge including but not limited to: paint, grass clippings and leaves, pet waste, motor oils, lawn chemicals, and sidewalk salt.

How do I Report an Illicit Discharge?

Step 1. Observe from a safe distance. DO NOT touch or smell the substance.


Step 3. Provide the following information: your name, phone number, discovery/ incident date, time, location, description of material, and source if known, estimated extent of the problem, take photographs of the scene and send them to: www.lacrescentwtp@gmail.com

Building Permits

All permits for the City are done online. Visit our website at: www.cityoflacrescent.mn.gov

'Administration' tab, 'Building & Zoning' sub-tab. If you are unsure if a permit is required, please call 507-895-2595 and ask for the Zoning Department.

Keep Trees Trimmed

Please keep trees trimmed back to the edge of the road/back of the curb to a height of 13'6" to allow emergency vehicles to access your property and your neighbors.

Lawns

City Code 93.51 limits the height of grass and weeds to 12 inches.

Prescription Drug Drop-off Box

The Prescription Drug Drop-off box is located in City Hall and may be accessed during regular business hours 7:30 am - 4:00 pm M-F. Meds can remain in their original containers. No need to remove or mark-out the labels. This is a confidential disposal unit. No liquids or needles accepted.

La Crescent Public Library

Monday - Friday (10:00 am - 6:00 pm)
Saturday (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

For more information visit the La Crescent Library Website at: www.lacrescent.lib.mn.us
AARP Names La Crescent as one of the Top 10 Most Livable U.S. Small Towns for 2022

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) has named the City of La Crescent as one of the most livable small towns for 2022. The AARP uses a Livability Index data tool that measures seven categories of livability that include engagement, housing, neighborhood, transportation, environment, opportunity and health. Small towns considered in the ranking range in population from 5,000 to 24,999 this is AARP’s first time using the index to recognize America’s top performing small towns. La Crescent ranked 6th with the same score as Falls Church, VA and Saint Anthony, MN.

Community Bike Shoppe

The La Crescent Community Bike Shoppe is located at 227 Main St., across from the Post Office. Volunteers work year round repairing and overhauling bikes. Donated bikes are accepted.

HOURS:
Saturday mornings, 9:00 a.m.—noon May-August behind Corky’s and Wieser Law.
Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the shop from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. or call for a time that works for you.

CONTACT: Linda Larson, Program Manager (608) 790-2580

La Crescent Food Shelf

The La Crescent food shelf is open for indoor shopping and is certified as a 'SuperShelf', which carries healthy foods along with a warm and welcoming environment. Located at 436 South 6th Street.

HOURS:
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m
Thursday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
2nd Saturday monthly 9:00 a.m. to noon.

If you are sick or otherwise unable to come in person for food please call Susan Oddson, Program Manager: 507-896-1115 or email: lacrecentfoodshelf@gmail.com.

Pay your water bill with Online Pay

The City of La Crescent partners with PSN which is a national payment service that residents can use to pay their water and sewer bill online. Visit our website www.cityoflacrescent-mn.gov, menu item ‘Pay My Bill.’ You can also call 877-885-7968 for assistance.

Pay now, schedule a payment or set up Auto-Pay. Please opt out of paper bills to help save money and be GREEN. An email is sent when your bill is ready. If you choose to use this service we recommend setting your payment date no later than the 10th or 12th of the month.
The City is currently accepting applications for City Boards/Commisions/Committees. If you or someone you know are interested, please visit the City Government link on our website. The application is available on any of the Commission/Committee links. Applications can also be picked up at the front desk of City Hall.

Committee Highlight

The Green Steps Committee meets once a month and focuses on cost savings, energy use reduction, and encourages civic innovation. The La Crescent Green Steps Committee has applied for and received grants for EV charging stations, LED lighting, and solar panels to name a few. If you would be interested in becoming part of this committee, please contact Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator: jludwigson@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov

Are you new to La Crescent? View the 'Welcome to La Crescent' guide located on our website under the 'Residents' link or pick up a copy at City Hall, 315 Main Street.

Would you be willing to help the City in our continued effort of going “Green?” Please consider receiving future newsletters as well as weekly updates by signing up to receive email from the City. Visit: www.cityoflacrescent-mn.gov and scroll to the bottom of the front page.