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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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STREET CONSTRUCTION – WHAT TO EXPECT

Construction season is in full swing here in La Crescent. Beginning June 30th and tentatively scheduled to run through September 26, 2025, street projects are taking place on the 0 block of North Oak Street and the 500 block of South 6th Street. This timeline is weather dependent and subject to change.

Only local traffic will be permitted in construction zones, and residents should anticipate occasional access restrictions to driveways. When this occurs, the contractor will provide direct notice to affected residents. At the end of most workdays, access should be restored—however, please note that when new concrete is poured, driveway access will be restricted for a full 7 days to allow proper curing. Some residents may also experience temporary water service interruptions during the project. Intersections within the work zones are included, and detours will be posted when road closures are necessary to maintain safety and traffic flow.

Garbage collection will be coordinated with the contractor ahead of time. To ensure your bin is returned to the correct address, please label your garbage can clearly with your name and address before placing it out for collection. For those who are interested in hiring Griffin Construction for private property work during the construction period, please coordinate directly with Tanner Ristau.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as this necessary work is completed. For construction updates, timelines, and other details, visit the City's official website at: www.cityoflacscent-mn.gov



NEW FACE AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT - OFFICER HELKE

Please join us in welcoming the newest addition to our team, part-time Officer Bryce Helke! A La Crescent-Hokah native, Officer Helke recently graduated from Alexandria Community and Technical College, where he completed his law enforcement training.

Officer Helke is currently in our Field Training program, working closely with experienced officers to build on his education and develop real-world policing skills. If all goes as expected, he'll be ready for solo patrol soon, and we're confident he'll serve our community with professionalism and pride.

It's always a privilege to bring someone on board who already calls La Crescent home. Officer Helke's connection to the area and dedication to public service make him a strong fit for the department and a familiar face for our residents.

If you see him out and about, don't hesitate to say hello and help give him a warm hometown welcome!

ASK A COP - RING DOORBELL CAMERAS

Ask a Cop: I think my Ring camera caught something, what should I do?

If your doorbell or security camera captured footage you think might be useful, whether it's suspicious activity, a vehicle of interest, or something else, please call our non-emergency number to report it. Let us know what you saw and why you think it could be important.

Officers will review the information and may pass it along to our investigator for follow-up.

And remember: save any relevant recordings right away, as footage often gets overwritten quickly. Your tip could be the missing piece in an ongoing case!

- Officer Weinfurtner



EVENT HIGHLIGHT: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - 08/06/2025

National Night Out is Almost Here!

Mark your calendars—National Night Out is happening Tuesday, August 5th, 2025 at Kistler Park! This annual event is a great opportunity to connect with neighbors, meet local first responders, and enjoy a relaxed evening in the community.

Stop by to say hello, grab a bite to eat, enter a raffle, and spend some time with the officers and staff from your police department. It's a night of fun, connection, and partnership—and we'd love to see you there.

Bring the family, bring a friend, and come help us celebrate community safety together!

JULY CALLS FOR SERVICE

397 Total Calls for Service

Notable Call Types:

911 (Hang Ups and Open Lines) - 17
Accidents - 10
Alarms - 5
Animal Complaints - 19
Assault - 1
Assist Other Agency - 32
Child (Calls Involving) - 3
Civil Matter - 4
Community Policing - 3
Damage to Property - 4
Death - 2
Domestic - 1
Extra Patrol - 3
Fire - 1
Fireworks - 1
Foot Patrol - 1
Found Property - 12
Fraud - 4
Harassment - 1
Juvenile (Calls Involving) - 3
Lost Property - 2
MAARC Report - 1
Medical - 28
Missing Person - 1
Motor Vehicle Unlock - 2
Motorist Assist - 2
Narcotics - 1
Noise Complaint - 2
Open Door - 2
Ordinance Violation - 1
Parking Complaint - 12
Public Assist - 8
Public Hazard - 5
Scams - 3
Suspicious - 18
Theft - 2
Traffic Complaint - 12
Traffic Stop - 105
Trouble With Party - 10
Welfare Checks - 7



RESERVE REVIEW

Although there was no formal training session this month, our Police Reserves have remained active and engaged in keeping La Crescent safe. Reserves continue to provide a visible presence at community events and dedicate time on weekends to proactive patrol.

Their duties often include checking for parking violations, conducting door checks, and assisting officers with lower-level investigations. Whether supporting major events or simply lending an extra set of eyes on patrol, our reserves play an important role in the day-to-day operations of the department. Their ongoing commitment to service is a valuable asset to both the department and community.

