

OCTOBER 2016

# Le Sueur Living

## Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting/Open House

Please join us at Le Sueur City Hall for an **Open House on October 17, 2016 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm** to engage in a one-on-one or small group discussion about the draft plan. Members of the consulting team, city staff and working group will be present to answer questions and take comments on the draft materials. The open house is scheduled for two hours to accommodate varying end of day schedules and avoid evening activities. **Come when it fits your schedule.**

Following the open house meeting, the City Planning Commission will hold an official public hearing to take formal comment on the plan. Comments received at the open house and through online comments will be included in the official record at the Planning Commission public hearing. This recommendation will be passed on to the City Council.

The first full draft of the comprehensive plan has been prepared with the assistance of community input, which was provided through public meetings and survey mechanisms facilitated over the last year. In total, we have received nearly 800 pieces of input to this draft of the plan. It is "comprehensive" as the title suggests, yet focused on the future growth of Le Sueur.

A draft of the plan and supporting materials are available for viewing at the Le Sueur Public Library, City Hall and online at: [www.cityoflesueur.com/296/Comprehensive-Plan-Update](http://www.cityoflesueur.com/296/Comprehensive-Plan-Update).

Finally, you may provide comments online via Survey Monkey at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSCPReview](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSCPReview). Please provide all comments by Friday, October 14th or bring them to the meeting on October 17th.

**This is an exciting time to be a part of Le Sueur's history. Together, we are shaping the future of our City and making it an even better place to live!**

### Calendar At-A-Glance

City Council  
Meeting  
**Monday, Oct. 10**  
City Hall  
Council Chambers  
6:30pm

Comp. Plan  
Open House  
**Monday, Oct. 17**  
City Hall  
Council Chambers  
4:00pm - 6:00pm

City Council  
Meeting  
**Monday, Oct. 24**  
City Hall  
Council Chambers  
6:30pm

**Mayor's Coffee Break**  
Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am  
Le Sueur Public Library  
118 Ferry St.

Come enjoy a warm cup of coffee and share your ideas on how we can make Le Sueur an even better place to call home!

**SOBER BUS**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FREE!**  
BUS RUNNING 8:00PM – 1:30AM  
WITHIN CITY LIMITS



CALL (507) 665-6211  
TO RESERVE A RIDE

### City Compost Site

Due to flooding, the City's compost site has been moved to Forest Prairie Rd. (Co. Rd. 28) until further notice. There is a fence and signs at the new site marking the compost area.

## October is National Fire Prevention Month

The Le Sueur Fire Department wants to make sure your family is prepared for a fire emergency. Please change batteries and check smoke detectors in your homes monthly, review your family's fire escape plan and talk to your children about the danger of playing with matches. Fire Department volunteers will perform smoke detector testing in apartment buildings on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30pm.



## City's Charter Commission Recommends Elimination of Ward System

Following judicial appointment of 15 residents to the City's Charter Commission, the group met to review and revise the City's Charter to ensure that it meets all applicable State and Federal laws and the needs of our citizens. The City Charter is essentially the constitution of Le Sueur's city government and the Charter Commission's duty is to study the Charter and propose or consider, Charter amendments.

A focus of the Commission was to make a determination whether the two-ward system the City has had in place since the early 1970's was still necessary. It was determined that the economic and social disparity between the two wards in the 70's, during the presence of Green Giant, no longer exists in Le Sueur. The Commission made a recommendation to the City Council and the Council determined that the voters should decide. If the ward system is eliminated, all six members of the City Council will be elected "at-large," meaning they will no longer represent a specific area of the City, but the City at-large. It was also related that in recent years there have been instances of more candidates for City Council in one ward and not any in the other ward. If approved this would no longer occur.

The question on the November 8 ballot will look like this:

Proposed City Charter Amendment

Should the City Charter for the City of Le Sueur be amended to adopt an at-large election system in which the 6 Council Members are elected by the full electorate? Currently, the City is arranged into 2 wards with 3 Council Members elected from each Ward (the Mayor is currently elected at-large).

A YES vote means you support all 6 of the Council Members being elected at-large by the full electorate.

A NO vote means you do not support all 6 of the Council Members being elected at-large by the full electorate and the Ward system will remain in effect.

## SENIOR EXPO

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> • 9:00am – 11:00am  
**Le Sueur-Henderson High School Commons**  
 901 Ferry Street, Le Sueur

Local vendors, health screenings and fun!  
 Parent caregivers are encouraged to attend

## Special Events

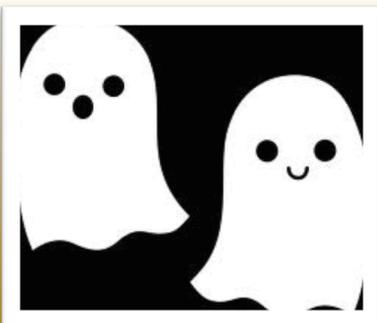
**9:15am:** Silver Sneakers Demo

**10:00am:** Presentation: The Bounce Back Project, "Promoting Health Through Happiness" by Christy Secor, DNP, RN

## Halloween Safety Tips from the Le Sueur Police Department

- Cross the street at corners and use crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Trick-or-Treat with an adult. Children under 12 should have supervision. If kids are mature enough to be without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.

Wishing you all a fun and safe Halloween!



## Halloween Carnival

**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> • ValleyGreen Square Mall • 11:00am – 1:00pm**  
 Games, Prizes, Candy, Animal Balloons, Face Painting, Cookie Decorating, Hay Rides and more. All ages welcome! Avoid the waiting line, and buy your tickets early at the Community Center! Tickets available starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**WEAR A COSTUME AND GET A FREE GAME TICKET!**

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