

# THE HEADLINE

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## THE LATEST UPDATES

Welcome to The Headline, a public article that will provide the latest updates directly from the City of Lonsdale's department heads.

### ADMINISTRATION

The City of Lonsdale's auditor was onsite this week conducting the 2025 year end audit. The City Administrator, Joel Erickson and Public Works Director, Joe Dornfeld testified at the Minnesota Legislature's Capital Investment Committee to request \$4,851,000 for a 2nd water tower and water main looping. The administration is currently reviewing Seasonal Public Works employee applications. Administration also followed up on economic development items discussed at the City Council/EDA work session. Looking forward, there will be CPR training, city staff will be attending a Rice County meeting on economic development. There will be a safety committee meeting and staff will also be attending the annual MN Municipal Beverage Association conference

### PUBLIC WORKS

Parks, Parks, Parks!! Public works is currently focusing on spring cleanup in parks. Baseball/Softball will begin soon which means infield prep and temporary fence installation. Water is planned to be turned on in the parks on Monday, March 30, 2026. Portable restrooms will be placed in May. Spring is here! Banners are up on Main Street and the street sweeper has been out cleaning up the streets so expect multiple rounds of sweeping! Look for the Demonstration Pedestrian lanes to go up on Birch St NE and Industrial Dr SE in the near future. Hydrant Flushing will take place the week of April 20, 2026. PW has been checking/clearing storm sewer inlets and outlets to ensure drainage

### LIQUOR STORE

Closed Easter Sunday. The Spring into Summer Tasting Event is May 2nd, 4pm-7pm. Multiple Vendors, Free to the Public, must be 21Yrs or older to participate.

New breweries arrived over the winter, the store is now currently carrying 4 types from each brewery including; Imminent Brewing from Northfield, MN, Paddlefish Brewing Company from St. Peter, MN and Drekker Brewing from Fargo, ND. There are also 4 varieties of wine from Willow Pond Winery from Farmington. There is also a great selection of THC Social Beverages to choose from. This time of year is when they start rolling out NEW products for the Summer Season, Lots of Ready to Drink canned Cocktails, New flavors and brands now available.

### THE LIBRARY

The library will be open a half day on Friday, April 3rd, from 10:00 to 2:00. There will be no storytime. The board approved a new strategic plan on February 25th. Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey and focus group. The plan can be viewed on the library's website! The annual Volunteer Appreciation event will be Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 pm. All volunteers are welcome to come by for treats and conversation. Senior book group meets the second Monday of every month at 2:00 pm. The group read is "A Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler. Anyone who wants to discuss the book is welcome to join the discussion at the library on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The craft supply swap will be Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 to 2:00. Crafters are encouraged to drop off unused craft supplies on Thursday, April 16th and Friday, April 17th. Everyone is welcome to choose supplies on Saturday even if they didn't drop off. The library offers preschool storytime every Friday at 10:30 am. Storytime combines books, songs and activities that build early literacy. Mark your calendars! The Summer Reading Program runs Friday, June 5 to Saturday, August 1. There will be events and prizes for all ages, kids and adults, both. Keep reading, learning and having fun.