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# 2025

## WEEKLY UPDATE

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** JUSTIN MILLER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
**DATE:** October 10, 2025

**"Experience tells you what to do; confidence allows you to do it." – Stan Smith**

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

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Project Update: 185<sup>th</sup> Street from Kenwood Trail to Ipava Avenue is now open to traffic.

#### Streets, Fleets, Constructions Services and Utilities

- Street crews have been sweeping leaves in heavy tree areas after the windy weekend.
- Street staff are replacing curbs after a few watermain breaks.
- Streets and Parks crews are on overnights inspecting streetlights and trail lights this week.
- Utility staff completed several utility inspections for new developments and reconstruction projects.
- Utility staff continues to clean lift stations this week. Staff is also performing annual maintenance on the pumps after cleaning the lift station wet wells.
- Utility crew fixed a sewer main and service pipe on Flagstaff Ave.

#### Environmental Resources

- Landbridge completed a second management mow at the Valley Lake Turf to Prairie and rain garden area. Before the mow, we were seeing native plants beginning to establish, and this mow will help set back the weeds and promote more root growth on the natives so they will come back stronger next year.
- Davey Natural Resource group has been out the last few weeks, wrapping up maintenance work at all priority sites as well as outlot sites.
- Staff have been in the field the last few weeks and will continue to be out in the field next week reviewing several wetland delineations before the end of the growing season, which often hits around October 15. Reviewing delineations this time of year becomes increasingly challenging, and often delineations can't be approved until hydrology and vegetation are able to be confirmed in the following growing season.

- An onsite meeting was held at Ritter Farm Park with potential contractors who plan to bid on the Phase III woody work with the latest Lassard Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund grant received with the assistance of Great River Greening this last July. There were six contractors in attendance.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

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### Recreation and Heritage Center

- Staff met to discuss future AED placement in parks, along with winter plans for the current units in parks.
- Tours of the John Hennen Pavilion continue as people consider booking for 2026. Rentals open January 2 for the very popular graduation party months.
- The Recreation Department collaborates with the Communications Division monthly to develop and implement a targeted social media advertising campaign promoting programming at Ritter Farm Park. In September, we focus on Yoga, Little Nature Explorers, Night Hike, and Preschool Nature Art. For October, some programs highlighted include Backyard Astronomy, Sourdough Basics, and Make Your Own Terrarium.
- The Heritage Center is getting a new roof; the project started on September 8. The completion date is set for the week of October 13, pending favorable weather conditions. Stay tuned!

### Arts Center

- Expressions began rehearsals for A Hunting Shack Christmas this week. [Get your tickets](#) for this hilarious holiday comedy written by MN playwright Jessica Lind Peterson!
- The Friends of the Arts Center held a Viking Cruise presentation and raffle drawing, and Mike Puppe from Lakeview Bank won a cruise for two! Proceeds from the raffle will be used to support the Arts Center and Arts in Lakeville.
- Winter and spring classes are officially live! Check out our new courses at [LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com](http://LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com)!
- Holiday planning is underway, including putting out a call for volunteers to make bowls for our Empty Bowls fundraiser and preparing for the Holiday Art Sale.
- The performing arts season kicked off last weekend with Lake Wobegon Brass Band and comedian Jessi Campbell!
- The season continues on October 11 with Robby Vee. Tickets are selling fast, [get yours today!](#)
- We saw more than 900 individuals utilize the Arts Center spaces in the last 7 days for 15+ fine arts classes, rental events, charity bingo, four rehearsals, two performances, and one martial arts presentation!

## COMMUNICATIONS

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- [Sun Thisweek](#): features the Haunted Forest Festival on October 25, 5:30-8 p.m. at Steve Michaud Park; Robby Vee at the Arts Center on October 11, 7:30 p.m. City Council highlights, pumpkin composting, Metro Dining Cards are available, winter parking starts November 1, and garbage cart placement reminder.
- Media productions for social media:
  - LPD: [Lakeville Police "Uniform Tour"](#)
  - Lakeville Planning Commission: [October 2](#)
  - Meet the City Employee: [Peter Ohman \(Inspections\)](#)
  - Lakeville City Council Meeting: [October 6](#)

- Dakota Heights [Park Improvement](#)

Upcoming Meetings of the Council

|                  |                 |           |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| October 20, 2025 | Regular Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| October 27, 2025 | Work Session    | 6:00 p.m. |
| November 3, 2025 | Regular Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |

Informational Attachments:

- Police Department Weekly Report
- Fire Department Weekly Report
- Lakeville Liquors Weekly Report
- Thrive! October 2025



# Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, September 28 – Saturday, October 4, 2025

## 847 Calls for Services



174 TRAFFIC STOPS



30 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



6 DOMESTICS



37 AUTO ACCIDENTS



8 THEFTS



9 CRISIS MENTAL HEALTH  
15 WELFARE CHECKS  
0 SUICIDE THREAT/  
ATTEMPT/DEATH



21 ALARM BURGLAR  
0 FIRE ALARM



4 FRAUD



22 ANIMAL CALLS



1 BURGLARY



29 MEDICALS



6 VANDALISM/DAMAGE  
PROPERTY



1 DRUG ACTIVITY



12 CHILD PROTECTION



22 DISTURBANCES



2 DRUNKENNESS



4 MISSING PERSON



0 SHOPLIFTING



## Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, September 28 – Saturday, October 4, 2025

### Weekly Review

Please note, the Weekly Review does not include all calls to which the Lakeville Police Department responded. Incidents included here are based on severity, impact on public safety or other factors.

- Officers responded to a theft report at 16XXX Pilot Knob Road where a suspect was caught stealing items and has a history of theft at multiple locations. She was cited for misdemeanor theft and trespassed.
- Multiple officers responded to 20XXX Kenrick Avenue after a report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, most of the building was filled with smoke and officers made efforts to ensure all occupants were evacuated. The Lakeville Fire Department responded and determined that an ice maker malfunctioned which resulted in a electrical fire. No injuries were reported.
- A traffic accident report was completed for a two-vehicle property damage crash at Kenwood Trail and 185<sup>th</sup> Street. The at-fault driver was cited, and the vehicle was towed due to damage.
- A vehicle was stopped due to multiple lane use violations and the driver was showing obvious signs of impairment. The driver failed the standard field sobriety tests and provided a 0.00 breath alcohol content sample. The driver was then transported back to LPD where a search warrant was obtained for a blood sample. He was released to a sober party pending toxicology results.
- Officers responded to a two-vehicle crash caused by failure to yield at the intersection of Dodd Boulevard and Gerdine Path. Both vehicles were towed, minor injuries were reported, and the at-fault driver was cited.
- A fraud report was documented where the reporting party received a text message from someone who claimed to be the president of his company, requesting he purchase six \$250 gift cards for employees. After purchasing the cards, he spoke with his boss and realized it had been a scam. A reminder to be cautious of the different ways scammers can swindle you.
- Officers documented a large brush fire at 10XXX 175<sup>th</sup> Street where the Lakeville Fire Department responded and knocked down the flames. Based on the size of the fire, the homeowner was cited for burning without a permit.
- A male black lab was found near 16XXX Gerdine Path and was impounded at Dakota Pet Hospital after it was determined to have no chip.
- Officers cited and trespassed an individual who stole approximately \$300 worth of merchandise from a store at 20XXX Keokuk Avenue.
- A theft report was completed at 9XXX 212<sup>th</sup> Street West where the homeowners had their unlocked vehicle rummaged through. A Gucci drawstring bag and roughly \$500 cash were stolen. A reminder to always lock your vehicle and keep your valuables out of sight.



## Lakeville Fire Department Update Sunday, September 28–Saturday, October 4



FIRES  
3



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS  
10



MEDICAL  
61



FIRE ALARMS  
5



GOOD INTENT  
10



HAZARDOUS  
CONDITIONS  
2



SERVICE CALLS  
1



INSPECTIONS  
25



PLAN REVIEW  
6



PRE-PLANS  
20



PERMITS ISSUED  
8



COMMUNITY EVENTS  
2

### Fire Prevention School Visits:

- JFK – K
- OHE – 4<sup>th</sup>
- Lakeview – K
- Orchard Lake – 4<sup>th</sup>
- Cherry View – K
- CHE – 4<sup>th</sup>
- Cherry View – K
- All Saints – 4<sup>th</sup>
- CHA – K

# Lakeville Liquors

October 5 - October 11, 2025

Weekly Summary



## Store Highlights

### Heritage Location



Heritage utilized their new found space to add wine displays to make shopping more convenient for our customers!

### Galaxie Location



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and Chloe wines is a proud supporter of this endeavor!

### Kenrick Location



Kenrick is in the midst of a huge reset in their store. The make your own Bloody Mary section is one of the newest additions.

### Keokuk Location



Keokuk is moving around their THC gummies and shots to better display our products to our customers.



## Elm Creek Maple Drift

Who needs syrup on pancakes when you can pour it into a beer?

Maple Drift is a smooth American Brown Ale brewed with a hearty dose of real maple syrup from start to finish. The malts bring rich caramel notes, while the maple adds velvety sweetness and depth. It's like your favorite comfort breakfast, only sippable. Trade the bottle on your table for the one in your glass... you won't regret it! 5.5% ABV

# Metrics

| October 1-6 Sales Summary |           |      |           | Change in % |      |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|-----------|-------------|------|
| Heritage                  | \$92,309  | 2024 | \$97,239  | Decrease    | 5.1% |
| Galaxie                   | \$102,620 | 2024 | \$103,320 | FLAT        | -    |
| Kenrick                   | \$81,811  | 2024 | \$81,324  | FLAT        | +    |
| Keokuk                    | \$95,795  | 2024 | \$95,825  | FLAT        | -    |
| Combined                  | \$372,538 | 2024 | \$377,709 | Decrease    | 1.4% |

| October 1-6 Customer Count |        |      |        | Change in % |      |
|----------------------------|--------|------|--------|-------------|------|
| Heritage                   | 3,205  | 2024 | 3,373  | Decrease    | 5.0% |
| Galaxie                    | 3,734  | 2024 | 3,725  | FLAT        | +    |
| Kenrick                    | 3,027  | 2024 | 3,014  | FLAT        | +    |
| Keokuk                     | 2,963  | 2024 | 2,960  | FLAT        | +    |
| Combined                   | 12,929 | 2024 | 13,072 | Decrease    | 1.1% |

| October 1-6 Sales Per Transaction |         |      |         | Change in % |   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------|---------|-------------|---|
| Heritage                          | \$28.82 | 2024 | \$28.85 | FLAT        | - |
| Galaxie                           | \$27.49 | 2024 | \$27.74 | FLAT        | - |
| Kenrick                           | \$27.03 | 2024 | \$26.99 | FLAT        | + |
| Keokuk                            | \$32.35 | 2024 | \$32.41 | FLAT        | - |
| Combined                          | \$28.83 | 2024 | \$28.91 | FLAT        | - |

| January 1 - October 6 Sales Summary |              |      |              | Change in % |      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------|--------------|-------------|------|
| Heritage                            | \$4,117,150  | 2024 | \$4,234,587  | Decrease    | 2.8% |
| Galaxie                             | \$4,539,839  | 2024 | \$4,813,957  | Decrease    | 5.7% |
| Kenrick                             | \$3,492,837  | 2024 | \$3,628,084  | Decrease    | 3.9% |
| Keokuk                              | \$4,150,756  | 2024 | \$4,226,909  | Decrease    | 1.8% |
| Combined                            | \$16,300,581 | 2024 | \$16,903,537 | Decrease    | 3.6% |

| January 1 - October 6 Customer Count |         |      |         | Change in % |      |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------|---------|-------------|------|
| Heritage                             | 143,154 | 2024 | 147,521 | Decrease    | 3.0% |
| Galaxie                              | 167,143 | 2024 | 174,137 | Decrease    | 4.0% |
| Kenrick                              | 129,055 | 2024 | 133,063 | Decrease    | 3.0% |
| Keokuk                               | 130,804 | 2024 | 129,221 | Increase    | 1.2% |
| Combined                             | 570,156 | 2024 | 583,942 | Decrease    | 2.4% |

| January 1 - October 6 Sales Per Transaction |         |      |         | Change in % |      |
|---|---------|------|---------|-------------|------|
| Heritage                                    | \$28.77 | 2024 | \$28.78 | FLAT        | -    |
| Galaxie                                     | \$27.17 | 2024 | \$27.67 | Decrease    | 1.8% |
| Kenrick                                     | \$27.08 | 2024 | \$27.28 | FLAT        | -    |
| Keokuk                                      | \$31.75 | 2024 | \$32.75 | Decrease    | 3.1% |
| Combined                                    | \$28.60 | 2024 | \$28.98 | Decrease    | 1.3% |

- October should be a good month for us. With one less Tuesday and one extra Friday compared to 2024 we have a possible increase of \$44,561. Halloween is also on a Friday this year! Save the date - our final all-staff meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9 at 9 a.m. in the Emporium Room.

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“All day long the superior man is creatively active.”

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*Lakeville, Minnesota - Positioned to Thrive*

The Thrive! Business Newsletter is intended to provide timely information on new and expanding businesses, information on community business events and monthly development statistics for the City of Lakeville.

To learn more about economic development projects, visit [LakevilleBusiness.com/developmentmap](http://LakevilleBusiness.com/developmentmap).

### ***Lakeville Ranked #1 in U.S. for permit approval speed***

The City of Lakeville's permitting process was recently ranked #1 in a nationwide study that reviewed the Top 100 U.S. cities with populations over 50,000.

Lakeville's permitting speed scored 95 out of 100 in the **Red Tape Index** conducted by Labrynth.



### ***Lakeville Development News***

**Charged Rehab + Fitness** held a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 11 to celebrate opening in its new location at 20168 Heritage Drive, next to Lakeville Liquors. The business offers personal training, Interactive Neuromuscular Stimulation and more.



**The Waters of Kingsley Shores & Kingsley Place** held a grand re-opening on September 18 to celebrate the senior living facility's new ownership. The Waters is located at 16880 Klamath Trail and offers independent living, assisted living and memory care.



**Midwest Facial Plastic Surgery** hosted a grand opening on September 25 to celebrate its newest MedSpa and clinic. The business can be found at 11020 161st Street West in the same building as Midwest Ear, Nose & Throat Specialists.

During the September 15 City Council meeting:

- The Council proclaimed October as Manufacturing Month in the City of Lakeville. The manufacturing



industry is one of the largest employment sectors in Lakeville, boasting nearly 90 manufacturing businesses that employ almost 3,000 people and contribute \$217.2 million in annual wages to our community.

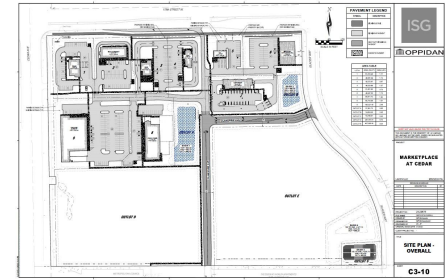
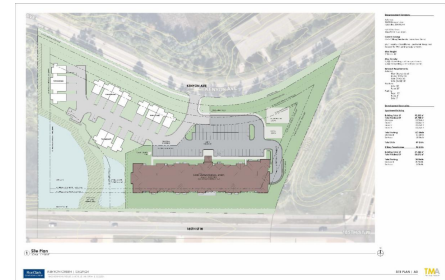
- A final plat application was approved for **Kenyon Green**, which proposes construction of 15 townhomes and a 49-unit apartment building at 18430 Kenyon Avenue.

During the October 6 City Council meeting:

- A site improvement performance agreement was approved for the construction of a 11,500-square-foot office/warehouse/storage building for **NPL Construction**. The property is located immediately east of NPL's current location at 8190 215th Street West.
- A final plat was approved for **Marketplace at Cedar**. The project proposes nine commercial lots and three outlots to be located south of 179th Street West, east of Cedar Avenue and west of Glacier Way.
- A conditional use permit and variance was approved for **Chart House** to tear down the existing detached bar building and construct a new 2,660-square-foot structure.
- Preliminary and final plat applications were approved for **Launch Park Fourth Addition**, which proposes the construction of three garage condo buildings for Lakeville FlexSpace and one outlot for future industrial development to be located east of Cedar Avenue and south of future 222nd Street West.
- Preliminary and final plat applications for the **Spirit of Brandtjen Farm Commercial 7th Addition**, which proposes the construction of a 9,205-square-foot commercial building for Grow Pediatrics to be located directly south of Valvoline Instant Oil Change, off Pilot Knob Road and 160th Street West.

Congratulations to these local businesses!

- **Fleet Farm** recently celebrated 70 years in business.
- **Jeff Belzer's** was named Chevy Dealer of the Year for the 8th consecutive year.
- **Loeffler Construction & Consulting** was recognized as a Best Place to Work by the Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal.



## Applications open for 10,000 Small Businesses Program

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program is recruiting Minnesota small business owners to participate in its upcoming cohort. The program is designed for small business owners who have a business poised for growth.



Applicants should generally:

- Be a small business owner or co-owner
- Have business revenues over \$75,000 in the most recent fiscal year
- Have been in operation for 2 or more years

- Employ at least two employees (including the owner)

The program is offered at no cost to the business owner and provides hands-on education for business growth. Visit [gs.com/10ksb-minnesota](https://gs.com/10ksb-minnesota) to learn more about the curriculum and apply by November 5!

## Need a Trusted **Business Advisor?**

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## ***Building Permits Report***

The City has issued building permits with a total valuation of \$290,707,293 through September. This compares to a total valuation of \$194,520,426 for building permits issued through September 2024.

The City issued permits for 176 single-family homes through September with a total valuation of \$59,529,365. This compares to 220 single-family home permits through September 2024 with a total valuation of \$67,106,000.

The City has also issued 231 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$58,694,358 through September, compared to 87 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$20,634,000 during the same period in 2024.

Lakeville ranked #1 in Twin Cities residential building permits according to Housing First Minnesota. [Visit LakevilleMN.gov](https://www.lakevillemn.gov) for more information on year-to-date building permit totals.

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