



2025

WEEKLY UPDATE

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JUSTIN MILLER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: October 24, 2025

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant." – Robert Louis Stevenson

PUBLIC WORKS

Streets, Fleets, Constructions Services and Utilities

- On Wednesday, Public Works and Parks staff held their annual winter preparation meeting to review safety procedures, smart salting strategies, and route assignments. The crews also prepared equipment for winter and reviewed best practices for maintenance and cleaning. We're grateful for our dedicated operations and snow removal team — the unsung heroes who keep Lakeville moving all winter long.
- Streets and utility staff worked on sump manhole rebuilds.
- Streets staff worked on storm sewer inspections and continue with fall sweeping as weather allows.
- Utility staff have been completing inspections for various new development projects.
- Utility crew fixed a watermain break on Griffon Tr.

Environmental Resources/Forestry

- The City of Lakeville has been awarded a \$75,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) to continue restoration efforts at the East Community Park Woodland. This funding, which must be utilized by June 2029, will primarily focus on clearing invasive species, particularly buckthorn, from the slope leading down to the pond on the woodland's east side (west shore of the pond). Eliminating this buckthorn source is a key objective. The grant will also support the long-term health of the managed woodland and shoreline by funding the removal of softwood trees contributing to soil nitrogen loading, clearing dead wood, and further enhancing the establishment of native plant species.
- PLM will be treating a few random invasive plant sites recently found at the end of this week.
- Due to bad weather and scheduling conflicts, staff and review agencies could not get to all the wetland delineation site reviews for this week. Additional times have been scheduled for early next week. Review of these delineations gets increasingly difficult as plants are going dormant as the growing season ends.

- Pre-construction meetings were held this week for the South Creek Wetland restoration as well as at Jaguar Pond. Sunram Construction has started this week at Jaguar Pond and will likely be there for two weeks before they officially start on the wetland restoration. However, the site prep mow was completed on Monday.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Park Administration and Maintenance

- A “Run the Ritter” pre-event is being held this weekend at Ritter Farm Park. The official race date is set for November 15; this marks the 5th year of the run. The event's organizers donate a portion of the proceeds to Parks and Recreation for trail improvements and restoration at Ritter Farm Park.
- The Sno-Trackers are gearing up for a hopefully snowy season. Volunteers will be marking trails over the next week in preparation for a December 15 season start.
- Cold weather preparation is underway throughout the parks system. Restroom buildings will be closed and winterized before the weekend.

Recreation and Heritage Center

- Forms are being updated for 2026 field requests from athletic associations.
- Agreements are being drafted for ongoing partners and groups.
- The November/December Heritage Happenings newsletter will be hitting emails and mailboxes this weekend.
- Make sure to stop by either the Park and Recreation window or Heritage Center and purchase your Metro Dining Cards. 138 coupons are available to use each month. We have South of the River, North/Northeast or St. Paul. These are an excellent value at just \$30. This is Heritage Center’s biggest fundraiser of the year. “Feed your Appetite & Fuel our Mission”.
- We once again have Thanksgiving meals available for just \$9.50. Meals need to be ordered by Friday, November 14, and picked up on Wednesday, November 26, between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Payable by cash or check only.
- The Heritage Center roofing project is almost finished as the flashing is now being installed.
- Evening weight training and fitness classes are available at the Heritage Center, along with evening yoga. Make sure to check out the Park and Recreation and Heritage Happenings newsletter for more information. Just another way to offer valuable classes to the “Jr. Seniors” in our community.

COMMUNICATIONS

- [Sun Thisweek](#): publishes November 14.
- Media productions for social media:
 - Lakeville Planning Commission Meeting: [October 16](#)
 - LPD Ride Along: [Officer Adam Peterson](#)
 - Lakeville City Council Meeting: [October 20](#)
 - LPD: [Keeping Kids Safe Online](#) (Msg from the SROs)
 - Meet The City Employee: [Daniel Morrissey](#) (Keokuk Liquors)
 - Manufacturing Month is in October! [Message from the Mayor](#)
 - [Metro Dining Cards 2025](#)
 - Lakeville Area Arts Center: [Holiday Arts Sale in December](#)

Upcoming Meetings of the Council

October 27, 2025	Work Session	6:00 p.m.
November 3, 2025	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
November 17, 2025	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.

Informational Attachments:

- Police Department Weekly Report
- Fire Department Weekly Report
- Lakeville Liquors Weekly Report



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, October 12 – Saturday, October 18, 2025

788 Calls for Services



140 TRAFFIC STOPS



34 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



7 DOMESTICS



33 AUTO ACCIDENTS



8 THEFTS



18 CRISIS MENTAL HEALTH
19 WELFARE CHECKS
0 SUICIDE THREAT/
ATTEMPT/DEATH



19 ALARM BURGLAR
0 FIRE ALARM



3 FRAUD



17 ANIMAL CALLS



0 BURGLARY



20 MEDICALS



55 VANDALISM/DAMAGE
PROPERTY



0 DRUG ACTIVITY



4 CHILD PROTECTION



23 DISTURBANCES



0 DRUNKENNESS



1 MISSING PERSON



1 SHOPLIFTING



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, October 12 – Saturday, October 18, 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 three-vehicle accident at Highview Avenue and Dodd Boulevard. The at-fault driver rear ended two vehicles in front of them who were waiting to enter the roundabout. The driver was cited for multiple offenses.
- Officers documented a two-vehicle crash at Cedar Avenue and Lakeville Boulevard where the at-fault driver ran the red light and caused a t-bone crash. The at-fault driver was cited for failure to drive with due care and failure to obey semaphore.
- A vehicle was stopped for speed and the driver displayed signs of impairment. The driver failed the standard field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest. At the police department he provided a sample of .11 breath alcohol content and was placed under arrest for 3rd degree DWI.
- A vehicle was stopped for speed and was found to have a warrant. The driver was jailed for the warrant and cited for speed and no insurance.
- A theft report was completed at 10XXX 170th Street West where the homeowner advised his backpack with a laptop was stolen from his unlocked vehicle in his open garage overnight. The investigation is ongoing, but a reminder to always lock your vehicles and close your garage doors.
- Following a traffic stop for multiple lane violations, the driver was displaying signs of impairment. After the standard field sobriety testing, the driver provided a preliminary breath test for 0.171 and was subsequently arrested for DUI and transported to Dakota County Jail.
- Officers spoke with a reporting party who reported they received a text message from an unknown number referencing fraudulent activity on their Apple account and urged her to call another number. Upon doing so, she was told to withdraw \$15,000 and ship it to California. The victim followed suit and withdrew the money but later grew suspicious and stopped the shipment. Patrol is following up, but a reminder to be vigilant to scammers and their tactics.
- Multiple accidents occurred at the roundabout at Kenwood Trail and 185th Street West. The at-fault drivers were cited for failure to yield.
- Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Dodd Boulevard and 202nd Street where the at-fault driver turned left in front of the second vehicle on the flashing yellow arrow, causing the collision. A traffic accident report was completed and both vehicles were towed due to damage.



Lakeville Fire Department Update Sunday, October 12–Saturday, October 18



FIRES
1



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
5



MEDICAL
51



FIRE ALARMS
7



GOOD INTENT
20



HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS
2



SERVICE CALLS
3



INSPECTIONS
10



PLAN REVIEW
6



PRE-PLANS
25



CHILD CAR SEAT
1



TEMP HEAT PERMITS
4



SCHOOL/DAYCARE VISITS
1

Fire Prevention School Visits:

LME – Kindergarten

EVE – Kindergarten

Parkview – Kindergarten

Lakeville Liquors

October 19 - October 25, 2025

Weekly Summary



Store Highlights

Heritage Location



Heritage has their Bacardi display looking spooktacular! Bacardi will be hosting a takeover on Friday, October 31. Come enjoy free samples from 4 - 6 p.m.

Galaxie Location



Galaxie's Kim Crawford display is all glammed up for the spooky holiday! Kim Crawford is always a customer favorite.

Kenrick Location



Feeling adventurous? Come try some of these affordable low-production imported wines at Kenrick. We even provide the tasting notes to help you find the right wine for you!

Keokuk Location



Did you know that we are a four-time winner of the Top 100 Retailers award from Beverage Dynamics magazine? This award recognizes those who demonstrate innovation, excellent customer service and superior beverage alcohol industry knowledge.

Founders Red Sweater IPA

This is crisp and vibrant fall brew is perfect for the changing season - Notes of pine and grapefruit dance with the red malt to provide a smooth and refreshing mouthfeel. Coming in at 6.5% ABV, Red Sweater IPA will make you feel you want to embrace the sweater weather.



Metrics

October 1-20 Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$289,340	2024	\$307,087	Decrease 5.8%
Galaxie	\$321,403	2024	\$339,179	Decrease 5.2%
Kenrick	\$253,660	2024	\$263,343	Decrease 3.7%
Keokuk	\$301,086	2024	\$304,189	Decrease 1.0%
Combined	\$1,165,490	2024	\$1,213,797	Decrease 4.0%
October 1-20 Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	10,217	2024	10,860	Decrease 5.9%
Galaxie	11,878	2024	12,639	Decrease 6.0%
Kenrick	9,544	2024	9,809	Decrease 2.7%
Keokuk	9,748	2024	9,728	FLAT +
Combined	41,387	2024	43,036	Decrease 3.8%
October 1-20 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$28.33	2024	\$28.30	FLAT +
Galaxie	\$27.07	2024	\$26.84	FLAT +
Kenrick	\$26.58	2024	\$26.86	Decrease 1.0%
Keokuk	\$30.90	2024	\$31.29	Decrease 1.2%
Combined	\$28.17	2024	\$28.22	FLAT -

January 1 - October 20 Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$4,314,183	2024	\$4,444,435	Decrease 2.9%
Galaxie	\$4,758,623	2024	\$5,049,818	Decrease 5.8%
Kenrick	\$3,664,684	2024	\$3,810,103	Decrease 3.8%
Keokuk	\$4,356,046	2024	\$4,435,272	Decrease 1.8%
Combined	\$17,093,534	2024	\$17,739,627	Decrease 3.6%
January 1 - October 20 Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	150,166	2024	155,008	Decrease 3.1%
Galaxie	175,287	2024	183,051	Decrease 4.2%
Kenrick	135,572	2024	139,858	Decrease 3.1%
Keokuk	137,589	2024	135,989	Increase 1.2%
Combined	598,614	2024	613,906	Decrease 2.5%
January 1 - October 20 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$28.74	2024	\$28.74	FLAT
Galaxie	\$27.15	2024	\$27.61	Decrease 1.6%
Kenrick	\$27.04	2024	\$27.25	FLAT -
Keokuk	\$31.67	2024	\$32.65	Decrease 3.0%
Combined	\$28.57	2024	\$28.93	Decrease 1.2%

- Congratulations to all four stores for passing their compliance checks! Ensuring that minors do not have access to alcohol is one of our number one priorities!
- Save the date - our final all-staff meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9 at 9 a.m. in the Emporium Room.

Hasidic Proverb

“The man who has confidence in himself gains the confidence of others”
