



2025 WEEKLY UPDATE

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JUSTIN MILLER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: December 12, 2025

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." – Arthur Ashe

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- On December 10, Kati Bachmayer, Economic Development Manager, received the Mark McAfee Friend of Workforce award at the Dakota Scott Workforce Development Board Award ceremony. We are so excited for Kati to receive this award, as she has become a driving force behind initiatives that support our local employers and employees. Kati collaborates daily with city staff, developers, chamber partners and community stakeholders to attract new businesses and help existing businesses thrive in Lakeville. Please join us in congratulating Kati for this well-deserved award!

PUBLIC WORKS

Streets, Fleets, Constructions Services and Utilities

- Streets with the help of other departments have been out clearing roads five of the last seven days this week.
- Utility staff have been preparing for 2026 CIP infrastructure projects and parts orders.
- Utilities staff cleared snow from wells, water towers, and lift stations after assisting with street and sidewalk snow removal.

Environmental Resources/Forestry

- The 2025/26 private property ash inspections have begun with 310 properties identified in this year's survey. Letters were mailed to properties the week of September 29. To date, 118 ash trees have been removed from 85 properties, and 75 trees are in process at 53 additional properties.
- The city's tree removal contractor is completing three removal projects as we near the end of the year. Work includes the removal of 24 trees along the trails at Ritter Farm Park that posed a risk to the trail, the removal and pruning of 24 trees along Klamath Trail that pose a risk to the trail, and the

removal of a large number of boxelder and infested/dead ash trees along the creek on the north side of 185th between Huntley Trl and Highview Ave.

- Forestry staff have been out pruning recently planted trees to develop form and structure. Work will continue throughout the winter.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Park Administration and Maintenance

- Proccess credentials were issued to warming house attendants for the season.
- Staff finalized details for the Grand Prairie Park splashpad usage policy and rental module.

Recreation and Heritage Center

- Staff will be visiting community centers on Friday in surrounding communities as part of the Parks System Master Planning process.
- Year-end budgets are being evaluated, and summer program planning is underway!
- Santa's Secret Store took place this past weekend, and just over 150 kids shopped for gifts for their loved ones. We are incredibly grateful to our volunteers. Approximately 50 people helped wrap gifts, greeted families, set up the store and shop with the kids. These volunteers help make the event run smoothly for both the staff and the families attending.
- Warming House Attendant training took place this past Tuesday evening. Despite the snowy evening, 44 of our staff members were trained at five different locations across the City of Lakeville. Staff is eager to get started for the season!

Arts Center

- ***An Enchanted Christmas***, the Community Band's holiday concert is happening this Friday and Saturday. [Get your tickets today!](#)
- Eagan Theatre is back at the Arts Center with ***A Christmas Carol Radio Play*** on Saturday and Sunday. [Get your tickets here!](#)
- Performer and Food Truck applications for Live at the Lake 2026 are now available: <https://www.lakevilleareaartscenter.com/1239/Live-at-the-Lake>
- While wrapping up the last bits of the fall season, planning is in full swing for the latter half of 2026.
- **Holiday Art Sale** continues to grow! Sales were up almost 18% over last year. Thank you to everyone who purchased locally and helped to support our artists!
- **Holiday on Main** was a success, and we look forward to working with the Lakeville Lions as they continue to grow this event.
 - 1,500 people visited the Arts Center and participated in everything from art projects to Santa visits and s'mores!
 - The Community Band played at Babe's for Sip and Shop and for the tree lighting ceremony.
- In addition to Holiday on Main, the Arts Center had three concerts, a Pub Night, pottery, fused glass & painting classes, an art sale, and several rehearsals serving more than 900 individuals.
- Pottery Instructors and students helped the Arts Center raise more than \$1,000 through Empty Bowls for 360 Communities.

COMMUNICATIONS

- [Sun Thisweek](#): features the commission and boards that residents can apply to starting December 19, as well as winter parking rules, Illumination Walk on Jan. 9 and “Dance with Me” classes.
- The ADA project continues to move forward as our April 26, 2026, deadline quickly approaches. Lara, our Communications Specialist, will be reaching out to departments to go over details of their individual plans.
- Media productions for social media:
 - Lakeville City Planning Commission: [December 4](#)
 - Lakeville City Council Work Session: [December 8](#)
 - FiRST Center [Timelapse](#)
 - Lakeville [Thrive December 2025](#)
 - LPD [Toys for Tots 2025](#)
 - LPD [“Keeping Kids Safe Online: Smart Social Media Skills”](#)
 - Lakeville Liquors [November Fundraiser Recap and Thank You](#)
 - LPD [Crime Scene Unit](#)

Upcoming Meetings of the Council

January 6, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
January 21, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
January 27, 2026	Work Session	6:00 p.m.

Informational Attachments:

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



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, November 30 – Saturday, December 6, 2025

849 Calls for Services



182 TRAFFIC STOPS



17 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



3 DOMESTICS



49 AUTO ACCIDENTS



5 THEFTS



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



27 ALARM BURGLAR
1 FIRE ALARM



4 FRAUD



19 ANIMAL CALLS



1 BURGLARY



19 MEDICALS



1 VANDALISM/DAMAGE
PROPERTY



0 DRUG ACTIVITY



11 CHILD PROTECTION



18 DISTURBANCES



0 DRUNKENNESS



2 MISSING PERSON



1 SHOPLIFTING



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, November 30 – Saturday, December 6, 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 stopped a vehicle and found the driver had a revoked license and no insurance. The driver was cited, the vehicle was towed, and officers assisted in arranging a ride home.
- Officers were dispatched to a past action burglary at 10XXX 175th St W, where forced entry was made and roughly \$10,000 worth of collectible coins were taken. The investigation is currently ongoing.
- Officers responded to a single vehicle crash into the semaphore control box at 185th St and Kenyon Ave. The driver showed signs of impairment and following the standard field sobriety testing, provided a breath sample of .21 blood alcohol content. The driver was arrested and booked into Dakota County Jail for 3rd Degree DWI.
- Officers spoke with a fraud victim who reported that more than \$20,000 had been taken from their bank account. The victim had fallen for a scam in which the caller posed as their bank and persuaded them to provide account credentials, allowing the funds to be withdrawn over time. The investigation is currently ongoing, but this serves as a reminder to stay vigilant to the various tactics scammers use.
- Multiple crashes occurred due to the snowy conditions. Please remember to slow down and use extra caution during the winter months.
- Officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at Pilot Knob Rd and 160th St. Traffic in the area was stop-and-go, and one driver was following too closely and rear-ended the vehicle ahead. The at-fault driver was cited for following too closely.
- A traffic accident report was completed for a rear-end property damage crash on Holyoke Ave. The at-fault driver looked down to throw away a sandwich and, when he looked back up, the vehicle ahead was stopped to turn left, resulting in a collision. He was cited for failure to drive with due care.
- Officers stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation and found the driver to be DAC/IPS and violating his ignition interlock conditions. The driver was placed under arrest and was booked and released.
- Officers responded to a theft in progress at 17XXX Kenrick Ave involving a suspect who concealed clothing items and power tools before fleeing the area. Video surveillance is being reviewed, and patrol officers are conducting follow-up.
- A vehicle was stopped for an equipment violation and the driver showed signs of impairment. The driver was arrested for DWI and provided a sample of .10 blood alcohol content and was charged with 4th Degree DWI. The passenger in the vehicle was found to have a warrant and was placed under arrest as well.



Lakeville Fire Department Update

Sunday, November 30–Saturday, December 6



FIRES
3



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
5



MEDICAL
51



FIRE ALARMS
5



GOOD INTENT
12



INSPECTIONS
37



PLAN REVIEW
5



PRE-PLANS
43



PERMITS ISSUED
16



TEMP HEAT PERMITS
3

Provided Fire Watch Coverage
for Hosanna Christmas
Concerts – 6 Shifts

Lakeville Liquors

December 7 - December 13, 2025

Weekly Summary



Store Highlights

Heritage Location



Heritage has some "hot buys" on display. Grab one before they are gone!

Galaxie Location



Galaxie is fully loaded with purple pride! Perfect gift ideas for your favorite Vikings fan!

Kenrick Location



Kenrick is ready for holiday entertaining! We're making it easy to find your holiday favorites!

Keokuk Location



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Coppola wines on sale, save \$3 per bottle!

ATTENTION : WE NEED YOUR PENNIES

Hey everyone! As you may know, **pennies are no longer being minted**. What does that mean for our liquor stores? It means we could use a supply boost to help us get through the end of the year without rounding.

If you have extra pennies at home, we'd gladly take them off your hands! You can drop them off at any of our locations. If you're able to count them ahead of time, that's fantastic - if not, just bring them in and we'll take care of it.

Thank you so much for your help and support!



Metrics

December 1-8 Sales Summary				Change in %	
Heritage	\$110,411	2024	\$101,062	Increase	9.3%
Galaxie	\$109,640	2024	\$119,172	Decrease	8.0%
Kenrick	\$97,113	2024	\$89,401	Increase	8.6%
Keokuk	\$110,623	2024	\$107,717	Increase	2.7%
Combined	\$427,789	2024	\$417,352	Increase	2.5%
December 1-8 Customer Count				Change in %	
Heritage	3,743	2024	3,634	Increase	3.0%
Galaxie	3,889	2024	4,345	Decrease	10.5%
Kenrick	3,453	2024	3,376	Increase	2.3%
Keokuk	3,452	2024	3,307	Increase	4.4%
Combined	14,537	2024	14,662	FLAT	-
December 1-8 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %	
Heritage	\$29.51	2024	\$27.84	Increase	6.0%
Galaxie	\$28.19	2024	\$27.44	Increase	2.7%
Kenrick	\$28.12	2024	\$26.49	Increase	6.2%
Keokuk	\$32.06	2024	\$32.58	Decrease	1.6%
Combined	\$29.43	2024	\$28.48	Increase	3.3%

January 1 - December 8 Sales Summary				Change in %	
Heritage	\$5,088,094	2024	\$5,220,577	Decrease	2.5%
Galaxie	\$5,592,797	2024	\$5,924,647	Decrease	5.6%
Kenrick	\$4,324,773	2024	\$4,451,271	Decrease	2.8%
Keokuk	\$5,129,089	2024	\$5,217,746	Decrease	1.7%
Combined	\$20,134,751	2024	\$20,814,241	Decrease	3.3%
January 1 - December 8 Customer Count				Change in %	
Heritage	175,287	2024	180,887	Decrease	3.1%
Galaxie	204,014	2024	213,915	Decrease	4.6%
Kenrick	158,479	2024	162,683	Decrease	2.6%
Keokuk	160,789	2024	159,406	FLAT	+
Combined	698,569	2024	716,891	Decrease	2.6%
January 1 - December 8 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %	
Heritage	\$29.04	2024	\$28.93	FLAT	+
Galaxie	\$27.42	2024	\$27.72	Decrease	1.1%
Kenrick	\$27.30	2024	\$27.37	FLAT	-
Keokuk	\$31.91	2024	\$32.77	Decrease	2.6%
Combined	\$28.83	2024	\$29.07	FLAT	-

- Great start to December! Keep up the great work! Focus on our customer service during this busy days!

Martin Luther King Jr.

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”
