



Date: February 6, 2026

From: Justin Miller, City Administrator

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

2026 WEEKLY UPDATE

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Quote: "If you love what you're doing and you're having fun, then it's going to get you where you need to go." - Jesse Diggins, a Minnesotan Gold-Medal Olympian

PUBLIC WORKS

- Streets staff addressed sightline issues by blowing back snow and debris.
- Streets staff will complete this winter's tree-pruning district this week.
- Streets staff are filling potholes with cold mix.
- Utility staff repaired a water main break on 165th Street near Gladiola Avenue.
- Utility staff applied for a Metropolitan Council Inflow and Infiltration grant, which helps reduce groundwater entering the sanitary sewer system.
- The contractor removed all old media from two water treatment filters this week. Staff and the consultant will inspect the underdrains and the contractor will begin installing the new media next week.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Park Administration and Maintenance

- Seasonal staff hiring is in process; so far, ten seasonal staff from last year have reapplied with our Park Maintenance Department.
- First round interviews for the Park Maintenance II position were completed this week; four applicants are being invited back next week for a final round interview.
- Rink operations continue with the cold temperatures; we are anticipating a full season this year!
- Tree trimming, plowing and trail clearing operations are underway.
- Staff participated in a preliminary planning discussion for the Central Maintenance Facility expansion.
- Equipment that was approved as part of the 2026 budget is being ordered.
- Tree removals for the Lake Marion Greenway Trail project are set to begin over the next couple of weeks, and equipment is being staged at the park this week. Posters for public education are being placed at the park.

Recreation & Heritage Center

- The annual Pint Size Prom, aka Adult/Child Dance, takes place Friday night. This joint program with Rosemount and Farmington is a family favorite.
- The Youth Ice Fishing Contest takes place on Saturday, February 7. Approximately 100 holes will be cut in the ice. The event takes place at Casperson Park from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

- Did you know that at the Heritage Center, all our programs/activities outside of fitness and history classes are run by our wonderful volunteers? That’s over 50 opportunities for Heritage Active Adults to participate in, all of which couldn’t happen without volunteers. We are grateful for all the wonderful people who are a part of the Heritage Center.
- To date, the Heritage Active Adults is at 1,672 members, of which 1,066 are female, and 606 are male. 821 are Residents of Lakeville, and 245 reside outside of Lakeville. Our median age is between 71 and 80 years, with 432 members in that age group and 396 in the 61-70 age group.

Arts Center

- Summer class details are available online now!
- We rolled out a new membership program this year, and this is the first summer of workshop/class on sale where members can register one week early.
- The first session of Winter/Spring classes is coming to an end, and a new session begins to ramp up over the next 10 days.
- Joyann Parker’s Tribute to Patsy Cline is Friday! [Get your tickets today!](#)
- Comedian Tim Harmston is at the Arts Center on Saturday. [Visit our website for more information.](#)
- TCHA is moving back into the Arts Center on Sunday in preparation for their production of The Reluctant Dragon. This is a sweet story, perfect for all ages. [Tickets are going fast!](#)
- Pub Night #4: Coyote Wild drew a great crowd this week!
- Expressions Community Theater had a successful run of *The Mousetrap*, which closed last week, and auditions for *The Odd Couple* (female version) are nearly full!

COMMUNICATIONS

- Sun ThisWeek has a new reporter assigned to Lakeville. Her name is Jenna Peterson. If you get an inquiry from her, please let Communications know.
- Media productions for social media:
 - Lakeville City Council meeting: [February 2](#)
 - Lakeville Parks & Rec: [Ritter Fest](#)
 - LAAC Art Break: [Spring Break Series 2026](#)
 - Lakeville Liquors [Now Hiring](#)
 - [Arbor Day Tree Sale](#)
 - [Ash Tree Management](#)

Upcoming Meetings of the Council

February 17, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
March 2, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
March 16, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.

Informational Attachments:

- Police Department Weekly Report
- Fire Department Weekly Report
- Lakeville Liquors Weekly Report
- Thrive! February 2026
- January 2026 Building Activity



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, January 25, 2026 – Saturday, January 31, 2026

805 Calls for Services



152 TRAFFIC STOPS



45 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



6 DOMESTICS



27 AUTO ACCIDENTS



7 THEFTS



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



14 ALARM BURGLAR
1 FIRE ALARM



5 FRAUD



14 ANIMAL CALLS



0 BURGLARY



19 MEDICALS



0 VANDALISM/DAMAGE
PROPERTY



0 DRUG ACTIVITY



10 CHILD PROTECTION



19 DISTURBANCES



3 DRUNKENNESS



0 MISSING PERSON



1 SHOPLIFTING



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, January 25, 2026 – Saturday, January 31, 2026

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 two-vehicle crash at 175th St and Hyde Park Ave where the at-fault driver was distracted and did not notice the vehicle ahead of him had stopped for a left turn. Luckily, no injuries were reported. One vehicle was towed for damage, and the at-fault driver was cited.
- Officers handled a past action theft from vehicle at 8XXX 180th St where the victim reported that her unlocked vehicle was entered and her vehicle registration was taken overnight. The investigation is ongoing but a reminder to lock your vehicles and keep any valuables out of sight.
- Officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at Highview Ave and Dodd Blvd. During the investigation, officers determined that one driver was in violation of their ignition interlock restrictions. The driver was taken into custody and cited for the violation. No injuries were reported, and a traffic accident report was completed.
- A two-vehicle crash occurred at Cedar Ave and 160th St where one vehicle was in the left turn lane when the at-fault driver rear-ended the other vehicle after they stated they could not stop in time. The at-fault driver was cited for failure to drive with due care.
- Officers documented a theft from motor vehicle at 16XXX Galena Ave where two vehicles were left unlocked in the driveway and rummaged through and a few items were taken. A reminder to always lock your vehicles.
- Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked on a city street overnight. The registered owner was located and advised of the Winter Parking Ordinance, which prohibits parking on city streets and alleys between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1 through April 1.
- Officers responded to what was initially reported as a burglary in progress but was found to be a drunkenness call. Officers made contact with the owners who reported loud noises within the home and the house disheveled. It was determined a family member was intoxicated and was found to have a misdemeanor warrant. The suspect was arrested without incident and was transported to Dakota County Jail.
- A two-vehicle crash occurred at the intersection of Highview Ave and Hominy Path. The at-fault driver advised they were traveling southbound behind another vehicle and due to the sun in their eyes, they collided with the vehicle in front of them. The at-fault driver was issued a citation for failure to drive with due care.
- Officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at 5XXX 176th St W after the at-fault driver rounded a corner and slid into a legally parked vehicle. The at-fault driver was cited for failure to drive with due care. A reminder to slow down and use caution during winter driving conditions.



Lakeville Fire Department Update Sunday, January 25–Saturday, January 31



FIRES
3



HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS
2



MEDICAL
45



TEMP HEAT PERMITS
3



FIRE ALARMS
10



GOOD INTENT
11



FOOD TRUCK LICENSE
2



CHILD CAR SEAT
1



INSPECTIONS
25



PRE-PLANS
40



PLAN REVIEW
12



PERMITS ISSUED
13

Lakeville Liquors

February 1- February 7, 2026

Weekly Summary



Store Highlights

Heritage Location



Heritage is super charged about their Twisted Tea football display! Grab some for the big game this weekend!

Galaxie Location



Galaxie's floor replacement is starting very soon! Check out the cleaning they have done in preparation.

Kenrick Location



Kenrick is cleaning up shelves, expanding facing, and making sure all items are price lined to improve shopping experience.

Keokuk Location



Keokuk is testing the waters with new non-alcoholic garnishes. One of them is a glitter simple syrup!

PLAYMAKER AMBER



Dangerous Man Playmaker Amber

A classic American Amber Ale that's all about balance - biscuit and Mars malts bring malty goodness with hints of toasted caramel. American hops add citrus and balance, but don't overpower the malt. Not too bitter, but not too sweet - a true all-rounder. A playmaker. **5% ABV**

This is in collaboration with 56 Brewing - all proceeds go to [Hockey Helps](#) - a Lakeville charitable fund that is aimed at fundraising through the hockey community for the hockey community.

Metrics

January Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$387,916	2025	\$369,924	Increase 4.9%
Galaxie	\$435,569	2025	\$418,934	Increase 4.0%
Kenrick	\$330,745	2025	\$320,556	Increase 3.2%
Keokuk	\$360,945	2025	\$343,331	Increase 5.1%
Combined	\$1,515,175	2024	\$1,452,745	Increase 4.3%
January Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	13,567	2025	13,564	FLAT +
Galaxie	15,821	2025	15,762	FLAT +
Kenrick	12,302	2025	12,109	Increase 1.6%
Keokuk	11,759	2025	11,456	Increase 2.6%
Combined	53,449	2025	52,891	Increase 1.1%
January Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$28.59	2025	\$27.27	Increase 4.8%
Galaxie	\$27.53	2025	\$26.58	Increase 3.6%
Kenrick	\$26.89	2025	\$26.47	Increase 1.5%
Keokuk	\$30.70	2025	\$29.97	Increase 2.4%
Combined	\$28.35	2025	\$27.47	Increase 3.2%

- Congratulations to all stores for increases in all metrics! Great way to start out 2026!
- **SAVE THE DATE** : All-Staff Mandatory Safe Server Training, **March 15, 2026**, 9 - 10:30 a.m. in The Emporium Room. All non-exempt staff will be paid for their time.

Maya Angelou

“Do the best you can until you know better.
Then when you know better, do better.”



Thrive!

Lakeville Business Updates

February 2026 - Vol. 10, No. 2

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.

Lakeville Development News

Pickle in the Middle held a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 9 at 21300 Juniper Way, Suite 400. The business opened in late December and offers 15 pickleball courts available for play 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Building permits were recently issued to:

- [Midwest FlexSpace](#) for a 28-unit garage condo building at 7176 222nd Street West.
- [Rockwise Strategies](#) for a tenant improvement at 9202 202nd Street West, Suite 101.

Sign permits were recently issued to [GVT Tire & Auto](#) at two locations - 17567 Cedar Avenue (former Pep Boys) and 21155 Hamburg Avenue (former Airlake Automotive Repair).

During the January 20 City Council meeting, Dakota County received approval for **North Ryan Second Addition** final plat application, which would allow for the construction of a recycling facility south of 215th Street, north of 217th Street and west of Jacquard Avenue. A development contract approval is required before work can begin.

During the February 2 City Council meeting:

- **Lakeville Soccer Club received approval for its conditional use permit application** and plans for an indoor commercial recreation facility to be located at 21300 Juniper Way. The club is proposing to use approximately 21,000 square feet of the new 190,000-square-foot multi-tenant building for indoor turf fields, along with office and meeting space.
- **Lennar received approval for its application for a comprehensive plan and zoning map amendment** to guide the property located east of Holyoke Avenue, west of Highview Avenue, and north of Heritage Drive to Low-Medium Density Residential (up to 5 units/acre). The developer will now need to submit a preliminary plat application to move forward with their proposed single-family housing concept plan.

2025 Economic Development Annual Report

During the February 2 City Council meeting, Community Development Director Tina Goodroad presented the 2025 Economic Development Annual Report.

The City experienced another active year of development activity in 2025, with an annual building permit valuation totaling \$381,162,334 - a 47.9% increase over 2024.



The private sector invested \$111.3 million in commercial and industrial development. The industrial project with the highest building permit valuation was the Dakota Electric Association Energy Center, valued at \$47.8 million.

A copy of the 2025 Economic Development Annual Report can be found on [LakevilleBusiness.com](https://www.lakevillebusiness.com).

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February 25th - 8am-9:30am

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Building Permits Report

The City has issued building permits with a total valuation of \$28,313,469 through January. This compares to a total valuation of \$37,660,422 for building permits issued through January 2025.

The City issued permits for 23 single-family homes through January with a total valuation of \$7,993,643. This compares to 44 single-family home permits through January 2025 with a total valuation of \$16,051,733.

The City has also issued 29 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$7,621,384 through January, compared to 40 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$9,730,274 during the same period in 2025.

Two apartment permits for Wildwood Townhome development were issued in January, totaling 23 units and valued at \$3,596,364.

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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January 2026 Building Activity

Past Twelve Months

	Permits	Permitted Units	Permit Value
January 2025	421	630	198,195,351
February 2025	378	384	216,045,732
March 2025	383	637	152,402,205
April 2025	617	908	190,034,368
May 2025	593	612	264,458,948
June 2025	546	730	264,343,242
July 2025	505	509	205,135,513
August 2025	556	902	280,575,295
September 2025	634	919	269,670,991
October 2025	630	788	245,543,964
November 2025	525	607	225,312,716
December 2025	375	382	157,731,419
January 2026	459	766	234,579,452

Five-Year Comparisons

	Permits	Permitted Units	Permit Value
January 2022	637	1,505	270,212,112
January 2023	339	746	158,284,918
January 2024	365	541	150,284,918
January 2025	421	630	198,195,351
January 2026	459	766	234,579,452

Total Multifamily Units

Feb-25	Mar-25	April-25	May-25	Jun-25	July-25	Aug-25	Sept-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	YTD - 26
10	257	300	22	189	6	350	291	172	91	13	313	313

Multifamily Construction as a Percentage of Total Activity

Feb-25	Mar-25	April-25	May-25	Jun-25	July-25	Aug-25	Sept-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	YTD -26
3	40	33	4	26	1	39	32	22	15	3	41	41

Top Cities for Building Activity January

Permits		Permitted Units	
Lakeville	54	Edina	292
Rosemount	39	Lakeville	75
Otsego	30	Rosemount	39
Lino Lakes	28	Otsego	30
St. Michael	21	Lino Lakes	28

Housing First Minnesota has contracted with Keystone Report, a local research firm, to maintain a database with information about new residential construction permits around the metropolitan area. After a builder has picked up the permit from a city, Keystone Report compiles and updates weekly residential housing permits by city for 70 percent of the metropolitan-area municipalities in the greater 13-county region. Planned units are the total number of housing units planned to be built under the permits issued (one permits is issued per building which may include more than one housing unit). Permit value does not include the land/lot costs.