



Date: March 13, 2026

From: Justin Miller, City Administrator

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

2026 WEEKLY UPDATE

Fun Fact of the Day

Happy National Loon Day! Today is the first-ever National Loon Day recognized by the National Day Archive. The Common Loon was named the Minnesota State Bird on March 13, 1961, making today the 65th anniversary!



PUBLIC WORKS

- The Street Department began the week with street sweeping and, according to the forecast, may end the week plowing a significant snow event. Streets is preparing equipment for such an event.
- Street staff began pothole repairs using hot mix asphalt this week from the St. Paul plant.
- Street crews continue clearing trees and debris from culvert inlets leading into City ponds.
- Utilities staff deployed leak detection equipment and identified and repaired two watermain breaks that had not yet surfaced.
- Utilities staff met with Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) staff for the City's annual sanitary survey. During the visit, MDH confirmed compliance with record retention requirements. They also conducted inspections of the Water Treatment Plant, water towers, and wells.
- The contractor completed the removal of the old filter media from filters six and eight at the water treatment plant this week and began installing new media. Filters two and four now have new media installed and will be tested next week before being returned to service. If you would like a tour of the filter media replacement work, please call the Utility Department.
- The 2025/26 private property ash inspections continue. To date, 193 ash trees have been removed from 130 properties, and 73 trees are in process at 45 additional properties.
- Ash tree removals under the 2023 Shade Tree Bonding grant are complete at Steve Michaud, Highview Heights, and Bunker Hill, and Village Creek Parks. Work will continue at Valley Lake Park and crews will return for final cleanup as conditions allow. Stump removal will follow this summer and replanting of two trees for every one removed will happen this fall.
- The 2026 Arbor Day Tree Sale continues through April 17 with 21 trees still available. Ordering and tree information is available through the forestry website.
- The city's tree removal contractor continues to remove large right-of-way ash trees and is finishing the removal of dead oak trees along the Ritter Farm entrance road.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Administration and Park Maintenance

- Staff is in the process of completing an LCCMR Education Grant for \$700,00 over three years. If awarded, the grant would cover staffing and site improvements for nature programming at Ritter Farm Park.

- Staff continue to review bid documents and plans for the Lake Marion Greenway Trail and East Community Park Phase II. Both projects are getting ready to go out for bid.
- A date for the Grand Prairie Park Grand Opening has been set for June 1. Staff are very excited for this park to open to the public.
- Staff have been finalizing various department policies before the busy season, including the Grand Prairie Park Splash Pad Policy and the Mobile Food Vendor Policy.

Recreation & Heritage Center

- Staff prepped for upcoming spring league seasons, including updating all league score reporting forms, contacting all free agents from the previous season, and revising league rules as needed.
- Interviews for summer program leaders and puppeteers are in process.

Arts Center

- Expressions Community Theater:
 - Has its 2026-27 Season decided, announcements are coming in June.
 - “Odd Couple” (female version) production team has begun planning both the show and fun social media content to promote the show.
- The first round of offers for Live at the Lake are out! We saw a 40% jump in applications over last year.
- Arts Center staff has set dates for strategic planning with both the Advisory and Friends boards. We are working with Aurora Consulting to define the implementation plan for the second half of a five-year strategic plan.
- Light and sound techs will be refocusing lights this week in the theater.
- Adrienne Lee’s lecture series had a successful second session. More in the series coming later this month. Reserve your spot today!
- The second round of interviews are happening this week for our summer internship.
- The application period for artists to join the Art Crawl has ended. We have 35 applications to review for the event.
- Contracts and agreements were sent out to all summer instructors.

COMMUNICATIONS

- We were able to assist with the media event surrounding the delivery of **40,000 pounds, a semi-truck**, of shelf-stable food to **The Open Door** food pantry from JustServe. **Mayor Heiller recommended The Open Door for the donation.** To expand the reach, The Open Door is sharing a portion of the donation with **360 Communities**, supporting its network of **five food shelves** in Burnsville, Rosemount, Lakeville, Apple Valley and Farmington.

JustServe, as a part of the America250 “America Gives” initiative is delivering 250 trucks of food to 250 cities. In Minnesota, there are only two donations: Dakota County and Rochester. Coverage of the event was done by WCCO Radio, KSTP, KARE11 and Limitless Media.



- Media productions for social media:
 - Lakeville Planning Commission: [March 5](#)
 - [OneBookOneLakeville April 25](#), "The Jilted Countess" Loretta Ellsworth
 - Heritage Active Adults [Open House April 28](#)

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Upcoming Meetings of the Council

April 6, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
April 20, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
May 4, 2026	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, March 1, 2026 – Saturday, March 7, 2026

923 Calls for Services



278 TRAFFIC STOPS



39 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



3 DOMESTICS



19 AUTO ACCIDENTS



4 THEFTS



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



9 ALARM BURGLAR
0 FIRE ALARM



2 FRAUD



27 ANIMAL CALLS



0 BURGLARY



22 MEDICALS



4 VANDALISM/DAMAGE
PROPERTY



1 DRUG ACTIVITY



6 CHILD PROTECTION



15 DISTURBANCES



2 DRUNKENNESS



1 MISSING PERSON



0 SHOPLIFTING



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, March 1, 2026 – Saturday, March 7, 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 completed a fraud report for a victim who was on the phone with a person claiming to be with their bank. The victim released their social security number, bank number, phone number and address before realizing it was a scam. A reminder to always be cautious when releasing any personal identifying information.
- Officers responded to a two-vehicle crash of southbound County Rd 5 and eastbound County Rd 46. The at-fault vehicle had a flashing yellow arrow while turning and failed to yield to oncoming traffic that had a solid green light, resulting in a t-bone collision. A citation was issued to the at-fault driver for failure to yield and driving without a valid driver's license.
- A vehicle was stopped for expired registration and a revoked driving status. The driver was displaying signs of impairment; he performed poorly on the standard field sobriety tests and was taken into custody for suspected drug impairment. A search warrant was drafted for blood and was executed by a phlebotomist officer. The driver was released to a sober party pending blood test results.
- Officers stopped a vehicle for multiple moving violations. The driver was showing signs of impairment, performed poorly on the standard field sobriety tests and provided a preliminary breath test of 0.17 blood alcohol content. The driver was transported to Dakota County Jail for 3rd Degree DWI.
- Officers handled a theft report from a victim who reported that her purse was stolen from her unlocked vehicle at 19XXX Juno Trl. The victims' credit cards were attempted to be used but were declined. A reminder to always lock your vehicle and keep your valuables out of sight.
- Officers responded to a head on crash with injuries at Kenwood Trl and Juniper Path. One vehicle was traveling southbound when witnesses reported the driver drifted into the median, crossed over into the northbound lanes and collided with an oncoming vehicle. The at-fault driver experienced a medical emergency which caused her to lose consciousness. Three people were transported to area hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries.
- Officers responded to a past action driving complaint where a driver ran over a pole and cut off the reporting party. Contact was made with the driver who ultimately admitted to being intoxicated and driving the vehicle over a sign. The driver refused the field sobriety tests, but provided a preliminary breath test sample of 0.179 blood alcohol content. The driver was then transported to Dakota County Jail for DUI.
- A vehicle was stopped for multiple moving violations and drivers license status. The driver showed signs of impairment and performed poorly on the standard field sobriety tests. After providing a preliminary breath test sample of 0.17 blood alcohol content, the driver was jailed for 3rd degree DWI.



Lakeville Fire Department Update Sunday, March 1–Saturday, March 7



FIRES
2



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
3



MEDICAL
60



FIRE ALARMS
8



GOOD INTENT
12



FOOD TRUCK LICENSE
2



TEMP HEAT PERMITS
1



INSPECTIONS
37



PLAN REVIEW
4



PRE-PLANS
60



PERMITS ISSUED
2



CHILD CAR SEAT
1

Lakeville Liquors

March 8- March 14, 2026

Weekly Summary



Store Highlights

Heritage Location



Heritage has their Jameson display ready for St. Patrick's Day. All stores will be having tastings that day, watch our calendar for details!

Galaxie Location



Galaxie brought in the Johnnie Walker Black Cask. Born in Scotland, aged exclusively in Kentucky bourbon barrels.

Kenrick Location



Kenrick is thinking spring with seasonal displays and products!

Keokuk Location



Keokuk is filling up their second full door of singles!



Clos Du Bois Tropical Chardonnay

Clos du Bois Tropical Chardonnay is a bright, refreshing wine with layers of juicy apple, ripe peach and succulent pear. The grapes for this wine originate from California vineyards that offer the vines ideal conditions to thrive and develop optimal flavor concentration - dry summers, cool winters and fertile soils. Enjoy with Ahi tuna, cheddar cheese or roasted vegetables.

Metrics

January 1 - March 9 Sales Summary				Change in %	
Heritage	\$874,304	2025	\$861,797	Increase	1.5%
Galaxie	\$957,081	2025	\$952,672	FLAT +	
Kenrick	\$749,343	2025	\$737,376	Increase	1.6%
Keokuk	\$818,378	2025	\$802,341	Increase	2.0%
Combined	\$3,399,104	2025	\$3,354,188	Increase	1.3%
January 1 - March 9 Customer Count				Change in %	
Heritage	30,165	2025	30,989	Decrease	2.7%
Galaxie	34,773	2025	35,732	Decrease	2.7%
Kenrick	27,669	2025	27,504	FLAT +	
Keokuk	26,532	2025	26,502	FLAT +	
Combined	119,139	2025	120,727	Decrease	1.3%
January 1- March 9 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %	
Heritage	\$28.70	2025	\$27.83	Increase	3.1%
Galaxie	\$27.12	2025	\$26.67	Increase	1.7%
Kenrick	\$26.85	2025	\$26.83	FLAT +	
Keokuk	\$30.66	2025	\$30.29	Increase	1.2%
Combined	\$28.24	2025	\$27.80	Increase	1.6%

March 1-9 Sales Summary				Change in %	
Heritage	\$110,542	2025	\$124,990	Decrease	11.6%
Galaxie	\$119,409	2025	\$130,843	Decrease	8.7%
Kenrick	\$96,352	2025	\$105,378	Decrease	8.6%
Keokuk	\$106,338	2025	\$114,188	Decrease	6.9%
Combined	\$432,642	2025	\$475,399	Decrease	9.0%
March 1-9 Customer Count				Change in %	
Heritage	3,852	2025	4,318	Decrease	10.8%
Galaxie	4,431	2025	4,942	Decrease	10.3%
Kenrick	3,603	2025	3,865	Decrease	6.8%
Keokuk	3,530	2025	3,750	Decrease	5.9%
Combined	15,416	2025	16,875	Decrease	8.6%
March 1-9 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %	
Heritage	\$28.31	2025	\$28.97	Decrease	2.3%
Galaxie	\$26.47	2025	\$26.49	FLAT -	
Kenrick	\$26.49	2025	\$27.29	Decrease	2.9%
Keokuk	\$29.84	2025	\$30.47	Decrease	2.1%
Combined	\$27.70	2025	\$28.19	Decrease	1.7%

- Metrics this month are being compared to 2025 which had an extra Saturday.
- March is food shelf fundraiser month. All donations will be benefiting 360 Communities and the Open Door Pantry. So far we have raised \$10,494. Keep up the great work!
- Samantha Koehn has accepted the Assistant Manager position at Keokuk. Sam has over 11 years of experience as an Assistant Manager at the City of Longville Liquor Store. Sam will start March 30. Welcome Sam!

Dr. Seuss

“When he worked, he really worked. But when he played, he really played.”
