



2025

WEEKLY UPDATE

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JUSTIN MILLER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: September 5, 2025

"Nobody can dim the light that shines from within." – Maya Angelou

PUBLIC WORKS

Streets, Fleets, Constructions Services and Utilities

- Street crews are actively patching roads across the city as weather allows.
- Streets staff are spray patching high iron areas in preparation for plow season.
- The striping contractor completed various pavement markings and symbols this week.
- Utilities staff repaired a water service leak on Jordan Circle.
- Utilities staff are inspecting water and sewer infrastructure for next year's road projects.
- Utilities staff are repairing manholes and gate valve boxes in roadways.

Environmental Resources/Forestry

- Sunram Construction completed maintenance work at the Foxborough Park stormwater management basin last week. Additional drain tile laterals were installed to improve the basin's functionality, and the top layer of sand filter media was replaced. Installed in 2023, the basin helps reduce sediment loading by treating stormwater runoff before it flows into North Creek.

Facilities

- Landscape improvements around City Hall began this week.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Park Administration and Maintenance

- Staff attended a Rotary meeting to present a Parks and Recreation update that included programming information, construction updates and more.

Recreation and Heritage Center

- The ["Who Done It?" Hike](#) takes place this Saturday, September 6, at Ritter Farm Park. Friends and families will enjoy a trail just under 2 miles long. Along the way, participants will read sections of the mystery story *The Case of the Ghastly Green Glow* and try to solve the puzzle by guessing "Who Done It?" at the end of the hike.
- Staff met with two local businesses to possibly add some new spring programs.

Arts Center

- Art Festival preparation is in full swing! We are wrapping up details for the Community Art Project. This year's project is something totally new and exciting and is the inaugural voyage for the Arts Center's new GlowForge!
- Thank you to Tom Breeggemann for coordinating sprinkler system and boiler diagnoses and repair, working with Hertaus to get carpet and blinds installed, and for moving lockers (with Tommy) out of the performing arts building!
- Programming staff continue to work on the schedule for winter and spring art classes.
- Our new stained-glass classes start on Monday! We're getting all the supplies polished and ready for students.
- Pottery staff members are furiously firing away to complete all works created this summer and they are preparing or deep cleaning of all pottery rooms before Fall classes begin.

COMMUNICATIONS

- [Sun Thisweek](#): Publishes on September 12.
- Media productions for social media:
 - Lakeville City Council: [Sept. 2](#)
 - School [Traffic Safety Reminder](#)
 - City of Lakeville [Road Update](#)
 - LPD [Law Enforcement Pursuit Training](#)
 - LFD: [Water Rescue Training](#)
 - Lakeville City Council Work Session: [Aug. 25](#)

Upcoming Meetings of the Council

September 15, 2025	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
October 6, 2025	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
September 22, 2025	Work Session	6:00 p.m.

Informational Attachments:

- Police Department Weekly Report
- Fire Department Weekly Report
- Lakeville Liquors Weekly Report
- August Building Permit Report
- Thrive! Economic Development Newsletter



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, August 24 – Saturday, August 30, 2025

857 Calls for Services



183 TRAFFIC STOPS



35 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



5 DOMESTICS



20 AUTO ACCIDENTS



11 THEFTS



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



18 ALARM BURGLAR
1 FIRE ALARM



8 FRAUD



17 ANIMAL CALLS



0 BURGLARY



21 MEDICALS



4 VANDALISM/DAMAGE
PROPERTY



1 DRUG ACTIVITY



5 CHILD PROTECTION



19 DISTURBANCES



0 DRUNKENNESS



5 MISSING PERSON



1 SHOPLIFTING



Lakeville Police Department Update Sunday, August 24 – Saturday, August 30, 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 took a report of a fresh theft of a wallet out of a vehicle in the driveway at 17XXX Fieldcrest Avenue. The victim was completing a drop off and was inside of the residence for ten minutes when the theft occurred. The investigation is ongoing but a reminder to always lock your doors, even if you plan to quickly return.
- Officers handled a two-vehicle crash at 185th Street and the I-35 southbound ramp where one driver thought the other was proceeding into the intersection before they stopped and were rear-ended. The vehicles had minor damage, and a traffic accident report was completed.
- Officers completed an accident report involving four vehicles at Cedar Avenue and 162nd Street West. Three vehicles were stopped one behind the other at the stoplight, when the at-fault driver had his glasses fall off his face and hit the vehicle in front of him which caused a chain reaction of one hitting the next. The at-fault driver was cited for due care.
- Officers took a fraud report of a suspect that impersonated a customer with a fake ID and withdrew over \$70,000 from the victim's account. The victim confirmed they did not make the withdrawal, and investigators are looking into surveillance and will follow up.
- A vehicle was stolen from the driveway of 16XXX Fieldcrest Avenue. The vehicle was later located by another agency and returned to the owners. A reminder to never leave your keys inside your vehicle and keep your valuables out of sight.
- A report was completed for motor vehicle tampering at 16XXX Finland Avenue. The vehicle had been unlocked and rummaged through. The owners confirmed nothing was stolen but this is a reminder to always lock your vehicle.
- Officers completed a property damage accident report following a two-vehicle crash at 162nd Street West and I-35 Northbound. The at-fault driver failed to yield to the right of way at a flashing yellow turn arrow and was cited.
- A traffic accident report was completed for a two-car rear-end property damage crash at 185th Street and Knollwood Circle. One driver neglected to slow with traffic after glancing down, subsequently rear-ending the victim vehicle. The at-fault driver was issued a citation for failure to drive with due care.
- Officers responded to a crash involving three vehicles at 190th Street and Ipava Avenue. One driver was cited for failure to yield,
- Officers issued a citation for no proof of insurance following a two-car crash in the roundabout at 185th Street West and Kenwood Trail.
- Officers handled a theft report that occurred at 18XXX Cedar Avenue. A cash box, tablet, generator, and a blower were taken overnight. Patrol is following up.



Lakeville Fire Department Update Sunday, August 24 – Saturday, August 30



FIRES
1



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
5



MEDICAL
50



FIRE ALARMS
5



GOOD INTENT
10



HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS
2



CHILD CAR SEAT
3



INSPECTIONS
36



PLAN REVIEW
9



PRE-PLANS
25



PERMITS ISSUED
7

Lakeville Liquors

August 31 - September 6, 2025

Weekly Summary



Store Highlights

Heritage Location	Galaxie Location	Kenrick Location	Keokuk Location
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Our Corazon Reposado Tequila aged in an EH Taylor Bourbon barrel has arrived at all stores. Heritage has it displayed right by the registers for easy access!



Galaxie has their Biggie BuzzBallz football display ready for the start of the NFL season!



Halloween is here at Kenrick! The best time of the year and the happiest time for pumpkin beer lovers!



Keokuk is seeing a growing trend in Organic Wines being requested by customers.



Limited Edition MN Vikings BuzzBallz

Just in time for NFL kickoff - Celebrate with Minnesota Vikings Grapes Gone Wild BuzzBallz ... a bold, juicy grape cocktail in a fun, portable ball. Perfect for tailgating or gift to any Vikings fan!

BuzzBallz are a wine-based and female owned brand, founded by Merrilee Kick. It started with a simple idea: make bar-quality cocktails easy, portable and fun. Today, the brand is known nationwide for its innovative, ready-to-drink creations—now with a special Vikings twist.

Metrics

August 1-31 Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$486,790	2024	\$503,306	Decrease 3.3%
Galaxie	\$555,877	2024	\$570,036	Decrease 2.5%
Kenrick	\$429,433	2024	\$448,465	Decrease 4.2%
Keokuk	\$541,309	2024	\$518,321	Increase 3.2%
Combined	\$2,013,409	2024	\$2,040,128	Decrease 1.3%
August 1-31 Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	16,482	2024	17,581	Decrease 6.3%
Galaxie	20,050	2024	20,741	Decrease 3.3%
Kenrick	15,844	2024	16,377	Decrease 3.3%
Keokuk	16,414	2024	16,201	Increase 1.3%
Combined	68,790	2024	70,900	Decrease 3.0%
August 1-31 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$29.53	2024	\$28.63	Decrease 3.2%
Galaxie	\$27.72	2024	\$27.48	FLAT +
Kenrick	\$27.10	2024	\$27.38	Decrease 1.0%
Keokuk	\$32.98	2024	\$31.99	Increase 3.1%
Combined	\$29.27	2024	\$28.77	Increase 1.7%

January 1 - August 31 Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$3,588,995	2024	\$3,669,866	Decrease 2.2%
Galaxie	\$3,964,397	2024	\$4,201,016	Decrease 5.6%
Kenrick	\$3,031,469	2024	\$3,147,182	Decrease 3.7%
Keokuk	\$3,611,534	2024	\$3,677,087	Decrease 1.8%
Combined	\$14,196,395	2024	\$14,695,151	Decrease 3.4%
January 1 - August 31 Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	124,803	2024	127,696	Decrease 2.3%
Galaxie	145,616	2024	151,265	Decrease 3.7%
Kenrick	111,644	2024	115,123	Decrease 3.0%
Keokuk	113,399	2024	111,802	Increase 1.4%
Combined	495,462	2024	505,886	Decrease 2.1%
January 1 - August 31 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$28.76	2024	\$28.74	FLAT +
Galaxie	\$27.23	2024	\$27.77	Decrease 2.0%
Kenrick	\$27.15	2024	\$27.34	FLAT -
Keokuk	\$31.85	2024	\$32.89	Decrease 3.2%
Combined	\$28.65	2024	\$29.05	Decrease 1.4%

- Great job to everyone this past month. I know that the State Fair can affect sales negatively and we worked through it! Bring on September!

Benjamin Disraeli

“Through perseverance, many people win success out of what seemed destined to be certain failure.”

August 2025 Building Activity

Past Twelve Months

	Permits	Permitted Units	Permit Value
August 2024	601	678	203,324,065
September 2024	533	705	228,983,672
October 2024	675	1,018	221,967,926
November 2024	670	856	275,132,800
December 2024	484	961	247,573,437
January 2025	465	674	310,503,400
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

Five-Year Comparisons

	Permits	Permitted Units	Permit Value
August 2021	507	894	194,387,088
August 2022	364	772	168,325,243
August 2023	597	944	240,804,181
August 2024	601	678	228,983,672
August 2025	556	902	280,575,295

	Permits	Permitted Units	Permit Value
YTD 2021	5,135	8,847	1,677,592,496
YTD 2022	4,368	9,085	2,095,944,596
YTD 2023	3,415	12,586	2,113,413,405
YTD 2024	4,075	6,652	1,492,838,789
YTD 2025	4,043	5,356	1,806,576,015

Total Multifamily Units

Sept-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	April-25	May-25	Jun-25	July-25	Aug-25	YTD - 25
181	354	196	490	213	10	257	300	22	189	6	350	1,347

Multifamily Construction as a Percentage of Total Activity

Sept-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	April-25	May-25	Jun-25	July-25	Aug-25	YTD - 25
26	35	23	51	32	3	40	33	4	26	1	39	25

Top Cities for Building Activity

August				YTD			
Permits		Permitted Units		Permits		Permitted Units	
Rosemount	54	Plymouth	210	Lakeville	295	Woodbury	441
Rogers	46	Woodbury	143	Rosemount	257	Rosemount	428
Maple Grove	45	Rosemount	54	Maple Grove	199	Rochester	313
Otsego	35	Rogers	46	Otsego	196	Lakeville	295
Lakeville	33	Maple Grove	45	Shakopee	192	Waconia	256

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.



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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.

Lakeville Ranked as Top 10 Most Livable Small City

The City of Lakeville has been recognized by SmartAsset as the **#6 most livable small city in 2025** out of 279 cities with population sizes between 65,000 and 100,000.

Cities were ranked based on seven livability factors, including housing costs, unemployment rate and access to healthcare.



Lakeville Development News

Donut Star held a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 21 to celebrate its new ownership. The donut shop is located at 7656 160th Street West and includes a large seating area for families and small group meetings.

The Study Station hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 3 to celebrate opening in its new and expanded location. The tutoring business is located at 21486 Humboldt Court #200 and provides customized tutoring sessions for grades K-5.

During the September 2 City Council meeting, the City Council adopted an **ordinance to annex property** that abuts the Lakeville boundary to be used by Compass Rail for rail car storage. The City Council also approved a **resolution amending the 2040 Comprehensive Land Use Map and Staging Map** to re-guide the land use and adjust the MUSA staging for 21 properties located west of I-35 for future residential development.

In other business news:



Special congratulations to **Princess Jewelry** for recently celebrating its 40th anniversary! You can find the business at 17400 Kenwood Trail #400.

PRINCESS
JEWELRY

Children's Dental Care & Orthodontics will be hosting a grand opening celebration of their new orthodontic clinic at 17677 Cedar Avenue on September 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. Families are encouraged to stop by during this special open house event.



Lakeville Now A Certified Film Ready Community

The Lakeville Convention & Visitors Bureau and the City of Lakeville have partnered with Explore Minnesota to become a **Certified Film Ready Community**. This designation helps position Lakeville as a potential location for film, television and media productions.

As part of the program, Lakeville submits a portfolio of unique filming locations to the Explore Minnesota database, giving producers a feel for what our area has to offer. These productions can bring valuable economic activity to our local businesses.



[HTTPS://MNFILMTV.ORG/
LOCATION-GUIDE](https://mnfilmtv.org/location-guide)

If you own a location or business you'd like to be considered for a production, **list your location on Explore Minnesota's film website!** For questions or assistance, contact Jeanne Hutter (jeanne@visitlakeville.org), Lakeville's certified film ready liaison.

Smart Salting Training Opportunities Announced

Dakota County is hosting several Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Smart Salting trainings this fall to help improve winter salt use and reduce chloride pollution.

- **Smart Salting for Roads Level 1** on September 18 from 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Empire Transportation Facility in Rosemount
- **Smart Salting for Property Managers, Business Owners and Environmental Professionals** on October 7 from 9 a.m - 1:30 p.m. (virtual)
- **Smart Salting for Parking Lots and Sidewalks** on October 9 from 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Empire Transportation Facility in Rosemount.



Contact Lakeville Environmental Resources staff with questions at environmental@lakevillemn.gov.

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Building Permits Report

The City has issued building permits with a total valuation of \$203,188,108 through August. This compares to a total valuation of \$185,538,692 for building permits issued through August 2024.

The City issued permits for 148 single-family homes through August with a total valuation of \$50,619,393. This compares to 213 single-family home permits through August 2024 with a total valuation of \$65,287,000.

The City has also issued 178 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$45,268,690 through August, compared to 77 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$18,298,000 during the same period in 2024.

Lakeville ranked #1 in Twin Cities residential building permits according to Housing First Minnesota. **Visit LakevilleMN.gov for more information on year-to-date building permit totals.**

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