



2025

WEEKLY UPDATE

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

"December is a month of invitation to forget ourselves in the service of others." – Robert Louis Stevenson

PUBLIC WORKS

Streets, Fleets, Constructions Services and Utilities

- Streets staff went straight into winter operations this week, responding to four snow events with more expected.
- Crews have also been clearing sidewalks and City parking lots.
- The Utility Division sent out annual notification letters to properties served by lead, galvanized, or unknown water service line materials.
- Utilities staff cleared snow from wells, water towers, and lift stations after assisting with street and sidewalk snow removal.
- A preconstruction meeting was held for the filter media replacement project; work will begin in February and be completed before spring.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Park Administration and Maintenance

- The Lakeville Sno-Tracker volunteers have marked the cross-country ski and snowmobile trails at Ritter Farm Park. The club is hosting educational seminars for seasoned and new riders over the next two weeks at the Ed Mako Environmental Learning Center. We are hoping for a great season!
- Run the Ritter organizers made a \$2,000 donation for trail improvements and maintenance at Ritter Farm Park. This brings their cumulative donation to Ritter Farm Park to \$10,400 over the past five years.
- Park Maintenance staff assisted with snow removal following this past weekend's snow event.
- With the subzero temperatures rolling in, rink flooding is anticipated to begin this weekend.
- Webtrac and internal rental policies are being updated for the 2026 rental season. Online reservations for the summer season will start on January 2.

Recreation and Heritage Center

- This Saturday is the Heritage Center Bake & Craft Sale in conjunction with the Santa Store. 9 a.m. – noon. Come and shop for some holiday goodies; all proceeds from the Bake and Craft Sale will benefit the Active Adults.
- Next Friday is the annual Active Adults Holiday Social. Over 160 members are attending to enjoy an afternoon of appetizers, fellowship, and entertainment.
- Beginning this January, the Lakeville Area Active Adults will be changed to Heritage Active Adults and will be launching a new logo and newsletter design. Stay tuned, great things are happening at the Heritage Center.
- Warming House Supervisors met with Recreation staff this week to update training for the upcoming season. This year, training will take place directly in the warming houses. Our goal is to help attendants become more familiar with each site and ensure they are comfortable using their electronic keys.

Arts Center

- The Holiday Art Sale is underway! Get your gift list taken care of with handmade art from local artists from 12-9 p.m. today and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Saturday.
- We're bundled up in our winter gear but dreaming of making art in the sun. Planning for summer programs and camps is off to a great start.
- Planning and scheduling for the 2026-27 performance season has begun.
- We received a generous donation of glass from a local stained-glass artist. We're excited to incorporate it into classes.
- Expressions Community Theater closed its holiday show on November 29. It was a great show that is now the 2nd highest-grossing Expressions holiday production. More than 1,000 people attended.
- Expressions quickly moved on to the next production. Rehearsals for Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap began this week.
- LAAC and Twin Cities Ballet partnered again this year with Mini Nutcracker. Both performances were sold out, and more than 500 people attended the production.
- Staff has started to remediate Adobe documents that are on the web in preparation for the ADA compliance changes coming in 2026.
- On Monday, 11 pottery instructors met for the seasonal informational meeting to cover updated policies and procedures.

COMMUNICATIONS

- [Sun Thisweek](#): publishes for the last time on December 12.
- Lara Peterson, Communications Specialist, started on December 1. Lara joins us from the City of Mankato. Welcome aboard Lara!
- Media productions for social media:
 - Lakeville City Council meeting: [December 1](#)
 - Lakeville City Council work session: [November 24](#)
 - Lakeville Parks & Rec [Illumination Walk 2026, January 9 registration](#)
 - [Lakeville Area Community Band Presents: "An Enchanted Christmas," Tix for December 12 & 13](#)

Upcoming Meetings of the Council

December 8, 2025	Work Session	6:00 p.m.
December 15, 2025	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
January 5, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.

Informational Attachments:

- Police Department Weekly Report
- Fire Department Weekly Report
- Lakeville Liquors Weekly Report
- Thrive! December 2025
- November 2025 Building Activity
- Lakeville Mosquito Control Activity Report



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, November 23 – Saturday, November 29, 2025

762 Calls for Services



138 TRAFFIC STOPS



19 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



13 DOMESTICS



46 AUTO ACCIDENTS



6 THEFTS



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



38 ALARM BURGLAR
0 FIRE ALARM



1 FRAUD



21 ANIMAL CALLS



1 BURGLARY



24 MEDICALS



2 VANDALISM/DAMAGE
PROPERTY



0 DRUG ACTIVITY



5 CHILD PROTECTION



27 DISTURBANCES



2 DRUNKENNESS



3 MISSING PERSON



0 SHOPLIFTING



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, November 23 – Saturday, November 29, 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 17XXX Glacier Way after staff called in a possible impaired driver. Officers intercepted the vehicle and made contact with the driver who exhibited signs of impairment, submitted to the standard field sobriety testing and provided a preliminary breath test of .164 blood alcohol content. The driver was subsequently charged with 3rd Degree DWI and transported to Dakota County Jail.
- Officers responded to a crash at 185th Street West and Orchard Trail. A trailer came unhitched after crossing railroad tracks and the trailer began to roll towards another vehicle who hit the trailer. The trailer owner was cited for unattached chains on a trailer.
- Officers documented a two-vehicle crash at Fairgreen Avenue and Dodd Boulevard where the at-fault driver failed to yield to oncoming traffic on Dodd and was cited. Both vehicles were towed due to damage.
- A two-vehicle crash occurred at Kenwood Trail and 185th Street where the at-fault driver failed to maintain his lane, thinking he could go all the way around in the outside lane in the roundabout and the driver was subsequently cited.
- Officers were dispatched to a theft in progress at the 20XXX block of Heritage Drive after suspects pushed a cart full of items out of a store and fled. The suspect vehicle was located nearby, and when officers attempted a traffic stop, the driver fled. A PIT maneuver was used to safely stop the vehicle, and two suspects were taken into custody. The stolen items were recovered, and both suspects were booked into the Dakota County Jail on outstanding warrants and new charges related to the incident.
- This week, officers responded to twelve mental health crisis calls and eighteen welfare checks. The holiday season can be especially difficult for many, and no one should feel like they have to navigate those challenges alone. If you or someone you know is struggling or experiencing a crisis, please reach out — help is available 24/7.
 - Dakota County Crisis: 952-891-7171
 - Crisis Text Line: Text **MN** to **741741**
 - Minnesota Warmline: 651-288-0400
 - National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call **988** (Veterans: Press 1 or text **838255**)
- Officers responded to a report of two dogs running at large near 18XXX Lake Forest Drive. When officers located the dogs, both displayed aggressive behavior as they approached. The dogs ultimately retreated back inside through an open door to their residence. The owner was cited for dog at large and for having a potentially dangerous dog.
- Officers responded to multiple calls reporting a road rage incident between two vehicles that escalated into a physical altercation between the occupants. Both drivers were cited for careless driving, and the passengers received citations for disorderly conduct.
- Officers documented a vehicle that struck a street sign at 215th Street and Juniper Way, attributed to weather-related driving conditions. This serves as a reminder to slow down and plan ahead during the colder months.



Lakeville Fire Department Update

Sunday, November 23–Saturday, November 29



FIRES
1



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
6



MEDICAL
66



FIRE ALARMS
6



GOOD INTENT
15



HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS
2



SERVICE CALLS
2



INSPECTIONS
14



PLAN REVIEW
10



PRE-PLANS
17



PERMITS ISSUED
10



TEMP HEAT PERMITS
6





Lakeville Liquors

November 30 - December 6, 2025

Weekly Summary



Store Highlights

Heritage Location	Galaxie Location	Kenrick Location	Keokuk Location
			
<p>Christmas beers are selling quick at Heritage. Buy your favorites while they last!</p>	<p>Galaxie has all of your favorite non-alcoholic selections for the holidays!</p>	<p>Since the beginning of the promotion last month, Kenrick has sold 48 cases of Uncle Arnie's THC 4pks!</p>	<p>All of our locations are collection sites for recycling holiday lights through January 30.</p>

St. James Cranberry Sweet Wine

A seasonal best seller from St James Winery, Cranberry Wine is sweet and tart with bright, festive cranberry colors, aromas and flavors. Looking for the perfect spritz cocktail to share at a holiday gathering?

Mix with Mionetto Prosecco Brut and garnish with cranberries.



Metrics

November Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$485,656	2024	\$508,279	Decrease 4.5%
Galaxie	\$534,462	2024	\$572,279	Decrease 6.6%
Kenrick	\$414,826	2024	\$424,706	Decrease 2.3%
Keokuk	\$485,399	2024	\$515,505	Decrease 5.8%
Combined	\$1,920,343	2024	\$2,020,766	Decrease 4.97%

November Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	15,433	2024	16,305	Decrease 5.4%
Galaxie	18,108	2024	19,641	Decrease 7.8%
Kenrick	13,973	2024	14,627	Decrease 4.5%
Keokuk	14,197	2024	14,958	Decrease 5.1%
Combined	61,711	2024	65,531	Decrease 5.8%

November Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$31.47	2024	\$31.17	FLAT +
Galaxie	\$29.52	2024	\$29.14	Increase 1.3%
Kenrick	\$29.69	2024	\$29.04	Increase 2.2%
Keokuk	\$34.19	2024	\$34.46	FLAT -
Combined	\$31.12	2024	\$30.84	FLAT +

January 1 - November 30 Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$4,977,680	2024	\$5,119,516	Decrease 2.8%
Galaxie	\$5,483,156	2024	\$5,805,475	Decrease 5.6%
Kenrick	\$4,227,660	2024	\$4,361,871	Decrease 3.1%
Keokuk	\$5,018,466	2024	\$5,110,025	Decrease 1.8%
Combined	\$19,706,962	2024	\$20,396,887	Decrease 3.4%

January 1 - November 30 Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	171,544	2024	177,253	Decrease 3.2%
Galaxie	200,125	2024	209,570	Decrease 4.5%
Kenrick	155,026	2024	159,307	Decrease 2.7%
Keokuk	157,337	2024	156,099	FLAT -
Combined	684,032	2024	702,229	Decrease 2.6%

January 1 - November 30 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$29.02	2024	\$28.88	FLAT +
Galaxie	\$27.40	2024	\$27.70	Decrease 1.1%
Kenrick	\$27.27	2024	\$27.38	FLAT -
Keokuk	\$31.90	2024	\$32.74	Decrease 2.6%
Combined	\$28.81	2024	\$29.05	FLAT -

- We had a challenging calendar month with one less Friday in November. Great job to everyone for working hard during the busy holiday, it did not go unnoticed. Bring on December!

Mark Twain

“Synergy — the bonus that is achieved when things work together harmoniously.”



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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 Development News

Wild Things Indoor Playground held a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening on November 14. The new business is located at 20450 Kenrick Avenue, Suite 100 (just north of Porterhouse Steak & Seafood Restaurant) and offers a jungle-inspired play space for kids ages 0-12.



Grow Pediatrics hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on November 18 to kickoff construction of its 9,205-square-foot medical office building near Hy-Vee (off Pilot Knob Road). When complete, the business will provide pediatric medical care, including comprehensive physicals and urgent care.



Rose Yarn Co held a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 21 to celebrate opening in its new, larger location at 7608 160th Street West, near Uptown Cheapskate. The business sells yarn and related supplies, as well as hosts classes and events.



Ivy Lane Boutique held a grand opening celebration on November 21. The new retail shop is located at 17701 Kenwood Trail and offers women's clothing, home decor and gifts.

Never Sleep Athletics hosted a grand opening celebration on November 30 at 21021 Heron Way, Suite 104. The business offers basketball skills training.

Building permits were recently issued to:

- **Brianno's Chart House** to construct a seasonal patio bar at 11287 Klamath Trail.
- **Sandsted Wellness** for a tenant remodel of the existing second floor space at 20855 Kensington

- Boulevard into a mental health center.
- **Lakeville Family Pet Clinic** for the construction of its new two story, 9,030-square-foot animal clinic to be located at 7275 175th Street West.
- **Lake Point Gymnastics** for a tenant remodel at 21017 Heron Way, Suite 101 for a gymnastics training center.



Special recognition goes to **QA1 Precision Products** for winning multiple awards at the 2025 SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Show. Congratulations!



The City of Lakeville featured **Sweet Harvest Foods** during the November 17 City Council meeting as part of its Spotlight on Business program. The business has operated in Lakeville since 2020, expanded in 2024 and added manufacturing in 2025. Watch the video to learn more!

GreenStep Spotlight: SERVPRO Team Benfante

Brought to you by the **City of Lakeville's Environmental Resources** department:

SERVPRO started as small painting business in 1967 and has now grown to be a leader in the cleaning and restoration industry with more than 2,340 franchise locations, including one here in Lakeville. SERVPRO Team Benfante of Lakeville specializes in restoring and remediating spaces after fire, mold, water or storm



damage, as well as professional cleaning services. With a restore versus replace philosophy, sustainability is built into the foundation of their business, as SERVPRO aims to restore damaged goods instead of throwing away and replacing them.

Businesses looking to implement sustainable practices can look toward SERVPRO for help, by developing an Emergency Ready Plan so your business can respond immediately in an emergency, such as a pipe burst. Shut-off locations are identified, and emergency procedures are developed with the help of experts at SERVPRO. A typical supply line in a commercial space can release 80-120 gallons of water per minute or nearly 7,000 gallons of water in one hour that is enough water to fill a 15-foot swimming pool! Having a plan eliminates the frenzied race to find the shut-off point, not only preventing water from being wasted but saving your business from expensive clean-up.

As restoration concierge, Jamie Chapman, explains, “These practices allow us to play our part in caring for our communities by reducing our environmental footprint and pollution impact, while honoring our commitment to conserve resources and reducing waste through restoration, whenever possible.”

To get in touch with SERVPRO Team Benfante, contact Jamie Chapman at (952) 500-2938 or visit the [website](#).

Building Permits Report

The City has issued building permits with a total valuation of \$342,408,358 through November. This compares to a total valuation of \$233,367,191 for building permits issued through November 2024.

The City issued permits for 207 single-family homes through November with a total valuation of \$72,319,878. This compares to 263 single-family home permits through November 2024 with a total valuation of \$79,994,000.

The City has also issued 283 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$71,316,758 through November, compared to 140 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$32,867,001 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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November 2025 Building Activity

Past Twelve Months

	Permits	Permitted Units	Permit Value
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
September 2025	634	919	269,670,991
October 2025	630	788	245,543,964
November 2025	525	607	225,312,716

Five-Year Comparisons

	Permits	Permitted Units	Permit Value
November 2021	661	1,496	290,447,684
November 2022	399	692	171,483,129
November 2023	586	980	244,924,390
November 2024	670	856	247,573,437
November 2025	525	607	225,312,716

	Permits	Permitted Units	Permit Value
YTD 2021	7,032	13,509	2,976,060,782
YTD 2022	5,520	15,645	2,746,721,376
YTD 2023	5,280	10,023	2,287,042,643
YTD 2024	5,953	7,700	2,388,941,977
YTD 2025	5,832	7,670	2,547,103,686

Total Multifamily Units

Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	April-25	May-25	Jun-25	July-25	Aug-25	Sept-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	YTD - 25
490	213	10	257	300	22	189	6	350	291	172	91	1,901

Multifamily Construction as a Percentage of Total Activity

Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	April-25	May-25	Jun-25	July-25	Aug-25	Sept-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	YTD - 25
51	32	3	40	33	4	26	1	39	32	22	15	25

November

Top Cities for Building Activity

YTD

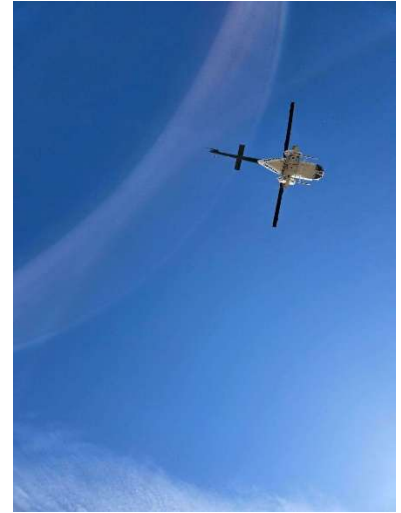
Permits	Permitted Units	Permits	Permitted Units
Lakeville 50	Minneapolis 75	Lakeville 487	Rosemount 583
Corcoran 48	Lakeville 50	Rosemount 412	Woodbury 515
Shakopee 33	Corcoran 48	St. Michael 295	Lakeville 487
Cottage Grove 30	Shakopee 35	Shakopee 278	Minneapolis 408
Monticello 29	Cottage Grove 30	Maple Grove 275	Shakopee 322
Rosemount 29			

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.

2025 Activity Summary for Lakeville

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Most efforts by MMCD are to control mosquito larvae that develop in standing water and are most common after rain. Treatments use dry granules that are specific to mosquito larvae and are not harmful to people, pets, or wildlife. Materials are applied via helicopter, backpack, drone, or by hand. Adult mosquito control is done sparingly, usually in areas of elevated disease risk.



Larval Control in Lakeville in 2025:

Sites Inspected: **1183** | Acres Treated: **1915.45**

Adult Mosquito Control in 2025:

Sites Inspected: **103** | Acres Treated: **4.43**



DISEASE PREVENTION

Controlling the mosquito species that are most likely to spread disease is a top priority for MMCD. Removing containers that could hold stagnant water is critical to reducing the spread.

Disease Prevention Activity in Lakeville in 2025:

Tires Removed*: **3104** | Catch Basins Treated: **8175**

Disease Prevention Property Inspections: **0**

PUBLIC INTERACTIONS

Outreach to the public is an important part of our program and we connect with residents when they call us to request service, or through public events and presentations.

Customer Calls from Lakeville in 2025: **10**

Events or Presentations in 2025: **Dakota County Fair, Lakeville Watershed and Earth Day Celebration Lakeville City Council, Coalition of Northern Dakota County Cities, Lakeville Lions Club**



*NOTE: In 2025 we switched from individual tire pickups to large tire drop-off events. This number reflects the total number of tires collected in all of Dakota County.

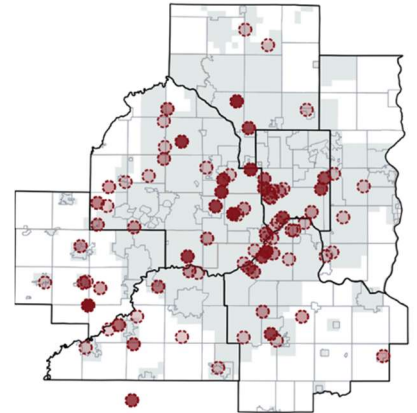
For questions about your city's data,
please contact Alex Carlson –
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The Big Stories from 2025

RECORD YEAR FOR WEST NILE VIRUS

Minnesota reported the third highest number of human infections of West Nile virus in the nation in 2025. In the Twin Cities, we experienced our highest number of human cases on record with 42 reported, greatly surpassing the previous high of 28. Several factors contributed to this increase including a high number of *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes, which are the primary species responsible for WNV transmission, and high infection rates among mosquito pools appearing earlier than normal. MMCD took several steps to respond to this increase in disease activity including additional surveillance locations, targeted control measures in areas with elevated infection rates, and expanded media appearances and public outreach.



Locations with positive West Nile Virus samples in 2025

CATTAIL MOSQUITO SURGE IN JULY

After 4 years of below average mosquitoes in July, the mid-summer surge was back in 2025 with the highest reported total of one particular species in the Twin Cities since 2020. Cattail mosquitoes (*Coquillettidia perturbans*) are a unique species that overwinters as larvae below the ice attached to vegetation (often cattail plants) before emerging the following summer around the beginning of July. Due to excessive rain in 2024 our entomology lab model predicted a high number (about 88/trap) in 2025. While the actual number was much higher than the previous 3 years, which each saw about 15/trap, the number in 2025 came in lower than the prediction at about 41/trap, thanks in part to targeted treatments by MMCD field staff.



BLACK FLY TOTALS WERE LOW IN 2025

The number of biting black flies collected in sweep nets in 2025 (0.45/sweep) was lower than 2024 (1.13/sweep) and 2023 (0.9/sweep), due in part to lower river levels in the spring and a record number of small stream treatments done by MMCD in 2025.

DEER TICKS ABUNDANT IN EAST AND NORTH METRO

Blacklegged ticks or “deer ticks” are collected by MMCD staff by trapping small mammal hosts, by dragging cloths across the forest floor, and by removing ticks found on themselves after being outdoors. In 2025, the highest number of blacklegged ticks were found in northern Anoka County and throughout Washington County. American dog ticks or “wood ticks” were most abundant in Dakota County.

Get more of the year’s big stories at [MMCD.org](https://www.mmcd.org) and the Annual Report coming in January!

