



Date: February 13, 2026

From: Justin Miller, City Administrator

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

2026 WEEKLY UPDATE

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Without passion, you won’t do something 100 percent. That’s the bottom line.” – Apolo Ohno

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works staff across all divisions completed an AI training session focused on improving efficiency, enhancing workflows, and identifying practical ways to integrate artificial intelligence into our day-to-day operations. This training is part of our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement, operational efficiency, and providing high-quality service to the organization and community.
- Streets staff are filling potholes with cold mix.
- Utility staff proactively deploying our leak detection equipment in the Valley Park area, looking for watermain breaks. This area has sandy soils, and some watermain breaks this time of year don’t come to the surface in this area.
- Utility staff started the annual meter replacement program. There are over 250-meter replacements scheduled for 2026.
- Filter media replacement at the Water Treatment Plant is ongoing. Inspections of the underdrains on Filters one and three have been completed and found to be in excellent condition. The contractor began refilling these filters with new media this week. Once Filters one and three are back in service, work will proceed on replacing the media in the remaining two filters. The work is anticipated to be completed by the end of April.
- Education contracts for the touch and feel station and puppet show have been finalized for the Earth Day Celebration, and many educators have responded that they will be participating in this year’s event on April 18. T-shirts have also been ordered.
- Staff recently attended the preconference workshop at the Minnesota Erosion Control Association Annual Conference. MPCA is currently targeting late spring 2026 to reissue the new MS4 permit and will attend to present on expected changes to the permit, timeline, and process for application submittal under the reissued permit, resources that are available to MS4 communities, self-audit tips and a Q&A session.
- The Contractor has completed tree removals associated with the restoration in the Phase Three restoration with Great River Greening at Ritter Farm Park. A contract is being put in place to remove the taken-down material. Work in 2026 will involve establishing prairie in the large grassland unit, continued management of invasive species, and if invasives are minimal in the woodland area, 2026 may see the addition of native shrubs in the woodland section.
- The 2025/26 private property ash inspections continue. To date, 172 ash trees have been removed from 117 properties, and 85 trees are in process at 59 additional properties.
- Ash tree removals under the 2023 Shade Tree Bonding grant are complete at Steve Michaud, Highview Heights, and Bunker Hill Parks. Work will continue at Valley Lake and Village Creek Parks. Stump removal will follow this summer and replanting of two trees for every one removed will happen this fall.

- Right-of-way ash tree removals have begun with 126 public ash trees marked for removal. Stump grinding will occur over the summer.
- The 2026 Arbor Day Tree Sale opens on Tuesday, February 17. Ordering and tree information is available through the forestry website.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Park Administration and Maintenance

- Site preparation for the Lake Marion Greenway began at Ritter Farm Park this week. Staff placed several informational signs throughout the park for visitors to reference.

Recreation & Heritage Center

- Interviews for the summer intern are in process; staff has a selection of great candidates to choose from.
- Dogsled rides are scheduled to take place this weekend at Ritter Farm Park. Due to the mild weather, the route has been moved to Lake Marion behind the Environmental Learning Center.
- The Summer and Fall 2027 brochure is now available online, and registration is open. Residents will receive a printed brochure in their mailboxes on February 20.

Arts Center

- Twin Cities Homeschoolers for the Arts are performing The Reluctant Dragon Feb 13 & 14. Tickets are nearly sold out. [Get yours today!](#)
- Submissions for this year’s Art Crawl are coming in. Join us on May 9th for the festivities.
- David Ostlund’s kinetic sculptures are now up at Lakeville Area Arts Center’s Performing Arts Building.
- All classes until the end of 2026 are now live, including summer camps! Register now while spots last.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Media productions for social media:
 - Lakeville Planning Commission: [February 5](#)
 - LAAC: [Mick Sterling presents Huey Lewis and the News “Heart and Soul” February 21](#)
 - LAAC: [Art Tales for Preschoolers](#)
 - LPD: [Ride Along with Officer Ellis](#)
 - Lakeville Fire Department Safety Minute: [Winter Heating](#)
- ADA Compliance Deadline: 70 days

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



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, February 1, 2026 – Saturday, February 7, 2026

876 Calls for Services



209 TRAFFIC STOPS



22 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



4 DOMESTICS



33 AUTO ACCIDENTS



11 THEFTS



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



16 ALARM BURGLAR
0 FIRE ALARM



6 FRAUD



14 ANIMAL CALLS



1 BURGLARY



25 MEDICALS



2 VANDALISM/DAMAGE
PROPERTY



0 DRUG ACTIVITY



5 CHILD PROTECTION



14 DISTURBANCES



1 DRUNKENNESS



2 MISSING PERSON



2 SHOPLIFTING



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, February 1, 2026 – Saturday, February 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 responded to a two-car crash at 173rd St and Pilot Knob Rd where one driver made the decision to turn right from the left lane cutting in front of traffic, when they were struck by another vehicle. The driver was cited for improper change of course and the vehicle was towed.
- Officers were dispatched to a crash where the vehicle drove over the median and downed a sign. The reporting party advised that the driver was slurring their words and stumbled away from the scene. Officers utilized a drone and located the driver nearby laying down and displaying obvious signs of impairment. The driver was arrested for DUI and was found to have a warrant for driving with a cancelled license.
- A vehicle was located and stopped following a road and driving complaint, and the driver was found to be impaired. He failed the standard field sobriety tests and provided a sample of .22 blood alcohol content and with that was charged with DWI and earned himself a trip to Dakota County Jail.
- Community Service Officers located a goldendoodle near 9XXX 173rd St W. The owner was later located, and the dog was safely returned.
- Officers stopped a vehicle after a registration check revealed the driver had a cancelled-ips driving status. The driver was booked and released from the police department.
- A vehicle was stopped for registration and DAS violation. Upon investigation, the driver was displaying multiple fictitious tabs on her license plates. The driver was placed under arrest and the officer observed multiple signs of impairment. The driver was jailed for a laundry list of charges.
- Officers stopped a vehicle after they observed the driver throw an object out the passenger window. The driver showed obvious signs of impairment and failed the standard field sobriety tests and was subsequently arrested. The driver provided a breath sample of .12 blood alcohol content and was transported to jail.
- A theft report was completed at 6XXX 162nd St where a wallet and jump pack were taken from an unlocked vehicle. A reminder to always lock your vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.
- Officers responded to 18XXX Kenrick Ave for a shoplifter in custody. The suspect was identified, trespassed, cited for misdemeanor theft of \$122 and was released.
- Officers assisted on a road and driving complaint where they located the vehicle who had conducted multiple lane violations. The driver displayed signs of impairment, failed the standard field sobriety testing and provided a DMT sample of 0.13g/210L. The driver couldn't find a sober party and was subsequently taken to Dakota County Jail on DWI charges.



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



FIRES
1



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
1



MEDICAL
64



HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS
2



FIRE ALARMS
11



GOOD INTENT
15



SERVICE CALL
2



INSPECTIONS
28



PLAN REVIEW
9



PRE-PLANS
41



PERMITS ISSUED
3



TEMP HEAT PERMITS
2



FIRE STATION TOURS
2



FOOD TRUCK LICENSE
1

Lakeville Liquors

February 8- February 14, 2026

Weekly Summary



Store Highlights

Heritage Location



Heritage is ready for their Valentine's Day Grey Goose cocktail event on Saturday!

Galaxie Location



Galaxie has moved their wine into the new space for more convenient shopping.

Kenrick Location



Buzz Ballz are taking off at Kenrick - we've sold 205 already in Feb, led by pink lemon squeeze at 110 units!

Keokuk Location



Fresh signage at Keokuk! Check out their everyday low pricing on shelves and displays!

EASY-DRINKING VODKA COCKTAILS



Vodkade

Made for the pros of having fun - Vodkade is a refreshing, non-carbonated vodka cocktail inspired by classic sports drink flavors. Flavors include fruit punch, lemon-lime, orange and berry cherry. 5% ABV

Available in variety 8 pack/cans or individual flavor 4 pack/cans.

Metrics

February 1 - 9 Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$119,299	2025	\$125,848	Decrease 5.2%
Galaxie	\$132,224	2025	\$138,615	Decrease 4.6%
Kenrick	\$101,958	2025	\$104,199	Decrease 2.2%
Keokuk	\$109,480	2025	\$117,853	Decrease 7.1%
Combined	\$462,962	2025	\$486,516	Decrease 4.8%
February 1 - 9 Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	4,126	2025	4,362	Decrease 5.4%
Galaxie	4,669	2025	5,051	Decrease 7.6%
Kenrick	3,710	2025	3,834	Decrease 3.2%
Keokuk	3,456	2025	3,767	Decrease 8.3%
Combined	15,961	2025	17,014	Decrease 6.2%
February 1 - 9 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$28.49	2025	\$28.85	Decrease 1.2%
Galaxie	\$27.82	2025	\$27.45	Decrease 1.3%
Kenrick	\$27.19	2025	\$27.18	FLAT +
Keokuk	\$31.37	2025	\$31.30	FLAT +
Combined	\$28.61	2025	\$28.60	FLAT +

January 1 - February 9 Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$507,216	2025	\$495,772	Increase 2.3%
Galaxie	\$567,795	2025	\$557,550	Increase 1.8%
Kenrick	\$432,703	2025	\$424,757	Increase 1.9%
Keokuk	\$470,424	2025	\$461,185	Increase 2.0%
Combined	\$1,978,138	2024	\$1,939,261	Increase 2.0%
January 1 - February 9 Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	17,693	2025	17,926	Decrease 1.3%
Galaxie	20,490	2025	20,813	Decrease 1.6%
Kenrick	16,021	2025	15,943	FLAT +
Keokuk	15,215	2025	15,223	FLAT -
Combined	69,410	2025	69,905	FLAT -
January 1- February 9 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$28.46	2025	\$27.67	Increase 2.9%
Galaxie	\$27.43	2025	\$26.80	Increase 2.4%
Kenrick	\$26.85	2025	\$26.67	FLAT +
Keokuk	\$30.79	2025	\$30.32	Increase 1.6%
Combined	\$28.29	2025	\$27.76	Increase 1.9%

- Do not panic, February numbers are very good. The 2025 numbers had an extra Saturday compared to the same time frame in 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.

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“The expert in anything was once a beginner, but the beginner probably had more fun.”
