



Date: February 20, 2026

From: Justin Miller, City Administrator To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

2026 WEEKLY UPDATE

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Success is won by those who believe in winning and then prepare for that moment.” – Herb Brooks

PUBLIC WORKS

- Streets crews continue with right-of-way ash tree removals.
- Streets staff was out filling potholes using cold mix this week.
- The snowplow crew was deployed on Wednesday and Thursday, clearing roads for the snow event.
- Well ten motor was reinstalled following bearing replacement.
- Utility staff received hands-on hydrant and valve maintenance training provided by a local manufacturer this week.
- The contractor continues refilling filters one and three at the water treatment with the new filter media.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Recreation & Heritage Center

- Staff is preparing to attend the 2026 Activities and Sports Festival at Kenwood Trail Elementary School on Saturday to promote upcoming programs, activities and events.
- Warming houses officially closed on Saturday at 6 p.m. We had a fairly solid season with favorable weather conditions.
- Dogsledding took place on February 14 and will also be held on February 21. In total, eight 45-minute sessions are offered, during which groups have the opportunity to meet the dogs, take photos, and ride in a sled pulled by a team of six dogs.
- Online registration opened last Thursday, and in one week, the Recreation department has registered 196 participants for summer and fall programs. Our printed brochure will be in mailboxes this Friday.
- The March/April Heritage Happenings newsletter is now live on our website. You can check out all of the upcoming activities [here](#).
- The 4th Annual Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday Celebration was held on Tuesday, 58 attended and enjoyed beignets, hurricane mocktails and jazz music!

Arts Center

- Summer and Fall Workshop Sales are off to an excellent start:
 - We are offering 146 more spots in classes.
 - Sales are even with this time last year.
- Expressions is holding auditions next week for *The Odd Couple* (female cast version). ALL slots are full, including 10 extra spots added last week.
- The Community Band is busy planning for their May 30 Band Festival at Casperson Park and rehearsing for summer concerts.

- Live at the Lake 2026 band applications are being reviewed. Line-up coming in March!
- Friends of the Arts Center will hold their first meeting of 2026 next week.
- LAAC rolled out a new membership program in 2025, and we currently have 33 members.
- Submissions have closed for Youth Art Month. Staff is now working through the submissions, creating gallery tags, and prepping materials.
- Programming staff are brainstorming ideas for the community art project at the Lakeville Area Arts Festival.
- David Quady's oil painting exhibition has ended at City Hall. A printmaking exhibition by Anna Marie Pavlik will be going up next week!
- New sessions of pottery and painting classes began this week, and the pottery crew has been working around the clock to fire all the work from the last session.

COMMUNICATIONS

- **Happy Government Communicators Day**, a national observance on February 20, recognizing the essential work of public communications professionals who provide timely information, build community trust and support civic engagement. The day highlights the behind-the-scenes efforts that help residents stay informed and connected to their local government. *Thank you to the team for their contributions!*
- ADA Compliance deadline: 63 days
- Communications intern Karina Dougall completed her final day with the City on February 20. Karina continued to support the team throughout the fall and winter, assisting with social media, graphic design and a wide range of communications projects.

She will graduate in May from the University of Wisconsin–Stout and has already accepted a position with a commercial real estate firm in Edina, where she will begin working part-time prior to graduation.

During her time with the City, Karina contributed to several significant projects, including the design of new logos for the Heritage Center and Active Adults programs. We are grateful for her creativity, professionalism and dedication, and we wish her continued success in her new role.

- Media productions for social media:
 - Lakeville City Council: [February 17](#)
 - LAAC [7 Wonders of Rock](#) February 28 (If you like 70s & 80s, tickets still available!)
 - LAAC Pub Night: [Rob Meany](#) March 4

Upcoming Meetings of the Council

March 2, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
March 16, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
April 6, 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 8, 2026 – Saturday, February 14, 2026

817 Calls for Services



211 TRAFFIC STOPS



28 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



3 DOMESTICS



23 AUTO ACCIDENTS



6 THEFTS



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



5 ALARM BURGLAR
0 FIRE ALARM



7 FRAUD



9 ANIMAL CALLS



1 BURGLARY



34 MEDICALS



5 VANDALISM/DAMAGE
PROPERTY



0 DRUG ACTIVITY



10 CHILD PROTECTION



12 DISTURBANCES



0 DRUNKENNESS



2 MISSING PERSON



1 SHOPLIFTING



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, February 8, 2026 – Saturday, February 14, 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 conducted a traffic stop for speed and found the driver to be displaying signs of impairment. The driver failed the standard field sobriety tests and provided a breath sample of 0.215 blood alcohol content. The driver was subsequently arrested and transported to Dakota County Jail.
- Officers were dispatched to a driving complaint where it was reported that a vehicle was stuck in a ditch. Upon contact with the driver, they were found to be displaying obvious signs of impairment. They failed the standard field sobriety tests and provided a breath sample of 0.188 blood alcohol content. The driver was arrested for DUI.
- Following another driving complaint where the driver was swerving in and out of lanes. Officers made contact with the driver and appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance. The driver provided a BPT sample of 0.00 and after ruling out medical complications, the driver was placed under arrest for suspicion of DWI. A blood warrant was drafted and issued by one of LPDs phlebotomist officers and the driver was released pending blood results.
- Officers completed a fraud report for a victim who received a call from an individual claiming to represent their bank regarding suspicious charges in another state. After the victim denied making the charges, the caller walked them through how to “reverse” the transaction. The victim subsequently transferred \$3,496.18 to the suspect before realizing it was a scam. A reminder to be cautious of callers impersonating others and asking for personal information.
- Officers spoke with a victim of an overnight theft from two unlocked vehicles at 16XXX Excelsior Dr. The victim reported multiple tools were stolen from the vehicles. The investigation is ongoing, but this serves as a reminder to always lock your vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.
- Officers handled a shoplifting situation at 18XXX Kenrick Ave where the suspect was cited for theft and issued a trespass notice.
- A traffic accident report was completed following a rear end crash at Gerdine Path and Flagstaff Ave. The at-fault driver was issued a citation.
- Officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at Cedar Ave and Glenbridge Ave where an eastbound vehicle failed to yield to a southbound vehicle. Two occupants were transported to the hospital with minor injuries and both vehicles were towed. A traffic accident report was completed and a citation was issued to the at-fault driver.
- A minor rear-end crash occurred at Cedar Ave and 179th St after one vehicle failed to recognize the color of their light. The at-fault driver was cited for duty to drive with due care.



Lakeville Fire Department Update Sunday, February 8–Saturday, February 14



FIRES
2



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
2



MEDICAL
64



HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS
1



FIRE ALARMS
6



GOOD INTENT
17



FOOD TRUCK LICENSE
4



INSPECTIONS
33



PLAN REVIEW
16



PRE-PLANS
57



PERMITS ISSUED
14



TEMP HEAT PERMITS
8



FIRE STATION TOURS
2



CHILD CAR SEAT
4

Lakeville Liquors

February 15- February 21, 2026

Weekly Summary



Store Highlights

Heritage Location	Galaxie Location	Kenrick Location	Keokuk Location
<p>Heritage gave Black Box it's own area and display and sales have increased greatly!</p>	<p>Galaxie has switched their shelf tag holders back to front facing. They hope this will be more impactful to the customer.</p>	<p>New to Kenrick - Castle Danger THC! This 10mg offering comes in two unique flavors - key lime and strawberry rhubarb.</p>	<p>In just two hours, Keokuk's Galentine's Day event brought in an extra \$500 in sales with a \$23+ average bottle sale = success!</p>



Johnnie Walker Black Cask

Johnnie Walker Black Cask is a 12-year-old, 43-45% ABV blended Scotch whisky that reinterprets the classic Black Label. It is matured exclusively in heavily charred American oak bourbon casks, creating a richer, smoother, and sweeter profile with intensified notes of vanilla, caramel, and toasty oak, while maintaining the signature smoky, balanced character.

Metrics

January 1 - February 16 Sales Summary				Change in %	
Heritage	\$600,702	2025	\$584,250	Increase 2.8%	
Galaxie	\$667,574	2025	\$654,322	Increase 2.0%	
Kenrick	\$513,632	2025	\$500,230	Increase 2.7%	
Keokuk	\$559,904	2025	\$542,694	Increase 3.2%	
Combined	\$2,341,813	2024	\$2,281,498	Increase 2.6%	
January 1 - February 16 Customer Count				Change in %	
Heritage	20,848	2025	21,110	Decrease 1.2%	
Galaxie	24,154	2025	24,377	FLAT -	
Kenrick	18,962	2025	18,752	Decrease 1.1%	
Keokuk	18,068	2025	17,887	Increase 1.0%	
Combined	82,032	2025	82,126	FLAT -	
January 1- February 16 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %	
Heritage	\$28.57	2025	\$27.70	Increase 3.1%	
Galaxie	\$27.31	2025	\$26.85	Increase 1.7%	
Kenrick	\$26.88	2025	\$26.70	FLAT +	
Keokuk	\$30.85	2025	\$30.36	Increase 1.6%	
Combined	\$28.31	2025	\$27.80	Increase 1.8%	

February 1 - 16 Sales Summary				Change in %	
Heritage	\$212,784	2025	\$214,329	FLAT -	
Galaxie	\$232,007	2025	\$235,387	Decrease 1.4%	
Kenrick	\$182,886	2025	\$179,673	Decrease 1.8%	
Keokuk	\$198,962	2025	\$199,364	FLAT -	
Combined	\$826,637	2025	\$828,752	FLAT -	
February 1 - 16 Customer Count				Change in %	
Heritage	7,281	2025	7,546	Decrease 3.5%	
Galaxie	8,333	2025	8,615	Decrease 3.3%	
Kenrick	6,660	2025	6,643	FLAT +	
Keokuk	6,309	2025	6,431	Decrease 1.9%	
Combined	28,583	2025	29,235	Decrease 2.2%	
February 1 - 16 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %	
Heritage	\$28.80	2025	\$28.42	Increase 1.3%	
Galaxie	\$27.28	2025	\$27.33	FLAT -	
Kenrick	\$27.12	2025	\$27.07	FLAT +	
Keokuk	\$31.28	2025	\$31.02	FLAT +	
Combined	\$28.51	2025	\$28.36	FLAT +	

- February numbers are looking great! 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.

Drew Barrymore

"Life is very interesting... in the end, some of your greatest pains become your greatest strengths."
