



Date: February 27, 2026
From: Justin Miller, City Administrator
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

2026 WEEKLY UPDATE

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.” – Warren Buffett

PUBLIC WORKS

- Streets crews continue right-of-way ash tree removals.
- Streets staff filled potholes using cold mix this week.
- The snowplow crew was deployed on Tuesday in response to a fast-moving freezing rain event.
- Our SCADA integrator was onsite this week, troubleshooting and programming minor system issues.
- Utilities and Fleet staff received training on the new jetting truck.
- Filter media replacement has been completed in filters one and three at the water treatment plant and testing is underway before returning them to service next week. The contractor also began removing old media from filters two and four this week.
- Last week, members of the Environmental Resources department attended virtual conferences on vegetation management. The conferences highlighted strategies for land stewardship, emphasizing how methods like prescribed grazing, burning and strategic haying can be utilized. Staff will apply these findings to further refine the city's environmental protection and pollinator health initiatives.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Administration and Park Maintenance

- The steel contractor has made significant headway on the grandstand at Grand Prairie Park. The full structure is now visible!
- An Open House for the Parks System Master Plan is scheduled for this upcoming Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. This is an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide feedback on the process.
- Staff and the consultant have been meeting on the design phase of East Community Park Phase II and the Casperson Park parking lot improvement project.
- Staff processed the February 15 Sno-Tracker's grant requests. From December through January, volunteers spent an estimated 20 hours grooming the trails at Ritter Farm Park and in other areas of the city.

Recreation & Heritage Center

- Registration for outdoor activities for the Heritage Active Adults will begin on March 1, and eight groups will be forming again. The pickleball schedule and fees are changing this summer, so we anticipate many questions about them.
- The Heritage Center once again formed a Special Events Committee to prepare for ten special events throughout the year. On the docket is the preparation for the St. Patrick's Day Celebration, along with the Annual Open House and Spring Tea.
- Staff is currently working on the May/June Newsletter. As of February 26, the Heritage Center has 1,699 current members.
- We partnered with Downtown Bicycle to offer an informational E-bike workshop at the

Heritage Center. Participants were happy to learn about important tips for buying e-bikes, along with checking out two bikes they brought along.

- Staff attended the Sports and Activities Fair at Kenwood Trail Middle School last Saturday. Attendance was good and there were lots of great organizations there with fun offerings for upcoming activities.

Arts Center

- A new record was set for Youth Art Month Exhibition submissions. We received a total of 540 works from youth within the city! Come join us for its reception on Monday, March 2, 5-7 p.m.
- Printmaker Anna Marie Pavlik is now exhibiting artwork at City Hall. She will be hosting a reception on Tuesday, March 3, 4:30-6 p.m.
- The gas kiln is currently in the process of being hooked up to electricity and gas! Program staff is working on aligning training for our pottery team.
- The Arts Center Internship application process has ended. Staff members are currently reviewing applications.
- Summer registrations continue to flow, and some camps are even selling out!
- OneBook OneLakeville is back at the Arts Center on April 25 with hometown best-selling author Loretta Ellsworth and her newest work of historical fiction, *The Jilted Countess*. Tickets are free, reserve your seats today!
- *Live at the Lake* band and food truck applications have closed. Review is in progress and the schedule is coming in March.
- Arts Center and P&R staff are working to prepare for an outdoor update coming to the Arts Center this summer. We are working with Yardly Arts on an art fence and with Greg Mueller on a sculpture donated by the Friends of the Lakeville Area Arts Center.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Media productions for social media:
 - Lakeville Parks and Recreation [Summer & Fall Brochure](#)
 - [Home, Landscape & Community Expo 2026](#) (March 21)
 - Parks & Recreation [Easter Events 2026](#)

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 15, 2026 – Saturday, February 21, 2026

844 Calls for Services



164 TRAFFIC STOPS



38 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



5 DOMESTICS



44 AUTO ACCIDENTS



5 THEFTS



11 CRISIS MENTAL HEALTH
20 WELFARE CHECKS
0 SUICIDE THREAT/
ATTEMPT/DEATH



16 ALARM BURGLAR
1 FIRE ALARM



5 FRAUD



19 ANIMAL CALLS



0 BURGLARY



17 MEDICALS



4 VANDALISM/DAMAGE
PROPERTY



0 DRUG ACTIVITY



7 CHILD PROTECTION



14 DISTURBANCES



1 DRUNKENNESS



5 MISSING PERSON



0 SHOPLIFTING



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, February 15, 2026 – Saturday, February 21, 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.

- An intoxicated adult made the sound decision of getting a ride to an apartment but then made the poor decision of getting in his own vehicle and driving away. The rideshare driver reported the concern and officers located the intoxicated driver in the area. He provided a PBT sample of 0.25 and was jailed on 3rd Degree DWI.
- Officers stopped a vehicle for expired registration and found the driver to have a cancelled-IPS driving status and was operating a vehicle with revoked license plates that belonged on a different vehicle. The driver was booked and released from LPD.
- Officers responded to a welfare check by a store after a truck driver came in asking to park in their lot and had an odor of alcohol on him. Officers made contact with the driver, who performed poorly on the standard field sobriety tests, and was taken into custody. The driver provided a DMT sample of 0.35g/210L and was transported to jail for 3rd Degree DWI.
- Following a driver complaint in which a driver was reported to be swerving and hit a sign on both sides of the roadway, officers located and stopped the vehicle. The driver was displaying signs of impairment and after completing the field sobriety tests, he was taken into custody. The driver provided a DMT-g sample of 0.25g/210L and was jailed on 2nd Degree DWI charges.
- Multiple crashes occurred due to weather conditions, a reminder to slow down and plan ahead for extra driving time during the winter months.
- Officers responded to 20XXX Dodd Blvd after a staff member was the subject of an ongoing internal theft investigation. Contact was made and the subject was issued a citation for misdemeanor theft, terminated and escorted off the property.
- Officers spoke with a victim of theft by swindle who reported that someone claiming to be from their bank convinced them to transfer \$500 to the callers account to stop fraudulent transactions from happening. The victim complied. This serves as a reminder to remain cautious of evolving scam tactics.
- Officers stopped a vehicle for numerous driving violations to include turning the wrong way onto a road and having suspended license plates. The driver displayed obvious signs of impairment and refused all tests. He was transported to Dakota County Jail on DWI refusal and other charges.
- A vehicle was stopped for speed and the driver was found to be impaired. The driver performed poorly on the standard field sobriety tests and provided a breath sample of 0.215BrAC. The driver was charged with 2nd Degree DWI and transported to Dakota County Jail.



Lakeville Fire Department Update Sunday, February 15–Saturday, February 21



FIRES
1



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
6



MEDICAL
62



HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS
3



SERVICE CALLS
2



GOOD INTENT
13



FOOD TRUCK LICENSE
2



INSPECTIONS
26



PLAN REVIEW
7



PRE-PLANS
43



PERMITS ISSUED
2



TEMP HEAT PERMITS
2



COMMUNITY EVENTS
1



CHILD CAR SEAT
1

Lakeville Liquors

February 22- March 1, 2026
Weekly Summary



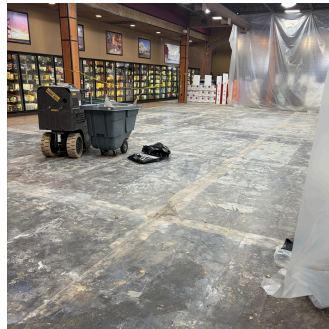
Store Highlights

Heritage Location



Heritage has a fresh batch of staff picks around the store. Try what our staff is enjoying.

Galaxie Location



Galaxie's floor replacement is in full swing. They will be opening late on Wednesday.

Kenrick Location



Kenrick's highlight this week...Nothing! We're getting the sales floor cleared this week for all new displays and new seasonal focus!

Keokuk Location



Keokuk moved their cold THC to the front of the store next to the warm THC options.



Traveller Full Proof

Introducing Traveller Whiskey Full Proof - A bolder take on Blend No. 40, crafted by Buffalo Trace Distillery's Harlen Wheatley and Chris Stapleton. Bottled at 121 proof for amplified flavor without losing Traveller's signature smooth finish.

Metrics

January 1 - February 23 Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$691,027	2025	\$672,601	Increase 2.7%
Galaxie	\$759,353	2025	\$754,045	FLAT +
Kenrick	\$591,833	2025	\$578,018	Increase 2.4%
Keokuk	\$642,053	2025	\$626,986	Increase 2.4%
Combined	\$2,684,266	2024	\$2,631,650	Increase 2.0%

January 1 - February 23 Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	23,897	2025	24,339	Decrease 1.8%
Galaxie	27,566	2025	28,172	Decrease 2.2%
Kenrick	21,799	2025	21,597	FLAT +
Keokuk	20,783	2025	20,656	FLAT +
Combined	94,045	2025	94,764	FLAT -

January 1- February 23 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$28.66	2025	\$27.65	Increase 3.7%
Galaxie	\$27.18	2025	\$26.78	Increase 1.5%
Kenrick	\$26.92	2025	\$26.79	FLAT +
Keokuk	\$30.74	2025	\$30.37	Increase 1.2%
Combined	\$28.28	2025	\$27.79	Increase 1.8%

February 1 - 23 Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$303,109	2025	\$302,679	FLAT +
Galaxie	\$323,784	2025	\$335,109	Decrease 3.4%
Kenrick	\$261,088	2025	\$257,462	Decrease 1.4%
Keokuk	\$281,109	2025	\$283,655	FLAT -
Combined	\$1,169,089	2025	\$1,178,906	FLAT -

February 1 - 23 Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	10,330	2025	10,775	Decrease 4.1%
Galaxie	11,745	2025	12,410	Decrease 5.4%
Kenrick	9,497	2025	9,488	FLAT +
Keokuk	9,024	2025	9,200	Decrease 1.9%
Combined	40,596	2025	41,873	Decrease 3.0%

February 1 - 23 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$28.93	2025	\$28.10	Increase 3.0%
Galaxie	\$27.00	2025	\$27.01	FLAT -
Kenrick	\$27.15	2025	\$27.15	FLAT
Keokuk	\$30.89	2025	\$30.85	FLAT +
Combined	\$28.38	2025	\$28.17	FLAT +

- Finish this month strong!
- **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.

Muhammad Ali

“Don’t count the days, make the days count”
