



Date: January 23, 2026

From: Justin Miller, City Administrator

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

2026 WEEKLY UPDATE

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?” – John Steinbeck

PUBLIC WORKS

- Streets staff this week were out clearing sidewalks again.
- All departments were out for a full event on Wednesday afternoon.
- Streets staff continue work in the winter tree-pruning district as time allows.
- Utility staff repaired a watermain break near 205th St and Iberia Ave.
- Utility staff and our integrator are working on programming and repairs at the WTP and several wells.
- The filter media replacement project is underway; the contractor has begun preparing the workspace and has received the first shipment of media filter material. Removing the old filter material is scheduled to start in early February.
- The 2025/26 private property ash inspections continue. To date, 147 ash trees have been removed from 99 properties, and 76 trees are in process at 61 additional properties.
- Ash tree removals under the 2023 Shade Tree Bonding grant have begun at five parks this week. Stump removal will follow this summer, and replanting of two trees for every one removed will happen this fall. Parks where replacement will happen include Steve Michaud, Valley Lake, Village Creek, Highview Heights, and Bunker Hill.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Recreation & Heritage Center

- At the Heritage Center, the Heritage Room and Conference Room were freshly painted, giving both spaces a clean, refreshed look.
- The Fitness room was upgraded with two new pieces of exercise equipment, replacing outdated machines and expanding workout options for participants.
- Metro Dining Club cards offer you and your family an opportunity to enjoy ten months of two-for-one dining pleasure at 138 area restaurants. For only \$30, you and your guest could go out for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Buy one meal and receive the second “On the House” at each restaurant every month. Don’t delay. Cards are valid until October 2026.

Arts Center

- Expressions Community Theater opens Agatha Christie’s *The Mousetrap* this Friday. Get your tickets here <https://www.lakevilleareaartscenter.com/1176/The-Mousetrap>
- 2027 MSAB Full Grant Application was submitted on Friday, January 16. This is the first year LAAC was moved to a category that includes larger institutions such as The Guthrie.
- The theater has been busy the last two weeks with
 - One Twin Cities Ballet event-Dance With Me
 - One Pub Night with David Harland and Sol Strings
 - One concert-Renegade
 - A week-long class and three performances of *TWICE Upon a Time*, with Storybook Theatre

- One coffee concert -MN Opera Residents
- One Expressions load-in for The Mousetrap!
- The Fine Arts Building hosted 21 art classes this week, including a youth class that painted a still life compiled of cupcakes and a box of chocolates.
- The delivery of the gas kiln was scheduled for next week! A dream 20 years in the making is finally coming to fruition, and staff and students are ecstatic.
- Programming staff is prepping the web for registrations to open for summer and fall. We anticipate classes, especially summer camps, to sell out quickly!
- Art Crawl and Youth Art Month exhibition applications continue to flow in.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A new internal intranet site, My Lakeville Insite, was rolled out to employees this week with new tools, expanded capabilities and updated templates. Staff members, please check the employee directory to ensure your information is correct, especially phone numbers.
- Media productions for social media:
 - Lakeville Planning Commission: [January 15](#)
 - Lakeville City Council: [January 20](#)
 - LAAC Pub Night: [Coyote Wild in February](#)
 - [Art History Lecture Series](#) with Adrienne Lee
 - LPD Ride Along: [Officer Page](#)

Upcoming Meetings of the Council

February 2, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
February 17, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
March 2, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.

Informational Attachments:

- Police Department Weekly Report
- Fire Department Weekly Report
- Lakeville Liquors Weekly Report
- National League of Cities Press Release



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, January 11, 2026 – Saturday, January 17, 2026

859 Calls for Services



190 TRAFFIC STOPS



33 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



1 DOMESTICS



24 AUTO ACCIDENTS



6 THEFTS



5 CRISIS MENTAL HEALTH
14 WELFARE CHECKS
0 SUICIDE THREAT/
ATTEMPT/DEATH



23 ALARM BURGLAR
0 FIRE ALARM



3 FRAUD



16 ANIMAL CALLS



1 BURGLARY



21 MEDICALS



0 VANDALISM/DAMAGE
PROPERTY



0 DRUG ACTIVITY



12 CHILD PROTECTION



21 DISTURBANCES



2 DRUNKENNESS



2 MISSING PERSON



0 SHOPLIFTING



Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, January 11, 2026 – Saturday, January 17, 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-vehicle crash at 160th St W and Highview Ave where the at-fault driver had the flashing yellow arrow and did not yield to oncoming traffic before turning. They were cited for failure to drive with due care and both vehicles were towed due to damage.
- Officers completed a fraud report after a victim was scammed out of \$1,200 by someone they met online. The victim agreed to split the cost of a hotel room for a convention, but once the victim arrived, the suspect stopped communicating and never provided the reservation details. The investigation is ongoing, but this serves as a reminder to remain cautious when interacting with and sending money to people met online.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop for speeding and determined the driver was impaired. The driver performed poorly on standardized field sobriety tests and provided a breath sample of .16 blood alcohol content. The driver was arrested and transported to the Dakota County Jail. The passenger was also taken into custody after officers discovered an outstanding warrant and was transported to the Dakota County Jail as well.
- Following a traffic stop for moving violations, the driver showed multiple indications of impairment. The driver failed the field sobriety tests and provided a DMT sample of .19g/210IL. They were cited for DUI and booked and released to a sober adult.
- Officers stopped a vehicle for speed and found the driver to be displaying signs of impairment. The driver provided a preliminary breath sample of .14 blood alcohol content and was subsequently placed under arrest for DWI.
- A traffic accident report was completed for a school bus versus pickup truck at Kenrick Ave and County Rd 70 where the truck admitted to being distracted and drove through an intersection and struck the bus. Luckily there were no injuries and no children on the bus. The at-fault driver was cited for semaphore violation.
- Officers responded to an accident with minor injuries at the intersection of 162nd St and Kenrick Ave. The at-fault driver entered had a flashing yellow light and proceeded into the intersection, failing to yield to oncoming traffic and collided with the vehicle that had the right of way. The at-fault driver was issued a citation for failure to yield.
- Officers responded to 17XXX Kenwood Trl after an intoxicated female entered the establishment stating she had hit a parked car. Officers made contact with the female and observed signs of impairment. The female provided a DMT sample of .16 blood alcohol content and was placed under arrest and charged with 3rd degree DWI.



Lakeville Fire Department Update Sunday, January 11–Saturday, January 17



FIRES
1



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
6



MEDICAL
48



HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS
2



FIRE ALARMS
7



GOOD INTENT
11



SERVICE CALL
1



CHILD CAR SEAT
1



INSPECTIONS
53



PRE-PLANS
56



PERMITS ISSUED
2



TEMP HEAT PERMITS
9



FIRE STATION TOURS
3

Lakeville Liquors

January 18- January 24, 2026

Weekly Summary



Store Highlights

Heritage Location



Here's a snapshot of Heritage's THC section. Heritage has THC tastings every Thursday, Friday and Saturday until the end of the month.

Galaxie Location



Galaxie has started to plan for their floor replacement project. Moving around shelving to make staging easier.

Kenrick Location



Kenrick is trying out HOT BUY signs on strategic items within the store. They have already seen a significant sales increase on their Elijah Craig!

Keokuk Location



Keokuk has been cleaning up after the holidays. Time to start fresh with a new look.

Aviation Cranberry & Blood Orange

A vibrant and modern flavored gin that balances the classic botanical clarity of Aviation Gin with bright fruit character, Cranberry & Blood Orange offers lively citrus zing, tart berry freshness and refined spice. Designed for fun yet elevated sipping and cocktails, this expression feels lively & balanced.



Metrics

January 1 - 19 Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$218,862	2025	\$222,937	Decrease 1.8%
Galaxie	\$256,725	2025	\$254,982	FLAT +
Kenrick	\$188,799	2025	\$193,506	Decrease 2.4%
Keokuk	\$204,653	2025	\$207,450	Decrease 1.3%
Combined	\$869,041	2024	\$878,875	Decrease 1.1%
January 1 - 19 Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	7,860	2025	8,185	Decrease 4.0%
Galaxie	9,499	2025	9,552	FLAT -
Kenrick	7,228	2025	7,224	FLAT +
Keokuk	6,882	2025	6,882	FLAT
Combined	31,469	2025	31,843	Decrease 1.2%
January 1 - 19 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$27.85	2025	\$27.26	Increase 2.2%
Galaxie	\$27.03	2025	\$26.72	Increase 1.2%
Kenrick	\$26.12	2025	\$26.81	Decrease 2.6%
Keokuk	\$29.75	2025	\$30.17	Decrease 1.4%
Combined	\$27.62	2025	\$27.62	FLAT

- The doldrums of January! The time of year where cleaning shelves takes most of our time. Time to refresh and renew. It always feels good to wipe away the dust from the previous year.
- **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.

Martin Luther King Jr.

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Lakeville's Dan Wolter Appointed to the National League of Cities' First Tier Suburbs Council

Lakeville, Minn. — Lakeville City Councilmember Dan Wolter has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2026 First Tiers Suburbs council. Wolter was elected to a one-year term to develop and guide programs among local elected officials from similar communities. The appointment was announced by NLC President Kevin Kramer, Councilmember of Louisville, Kentucky.

“Lakeville is a relatively new member of the National League of Cities,” Wolter said. “This is a great opportunity to both learn from elected officials from other cities across the country and advocate for the critical issues facing cities like Lakeville and our residents.”

As a member of NLC’s First Tier Suburbs council, Wolter will play a key role among a diverse group of local leaders to encourage collaboration, networking and the development of resources and programs beneficial to communities that share demographics, size or location that can be replicated across the country.

“National League of Cities’ member councils design and create NLC’s policies that bring together innovative ideas and solutions to the biggest challenges facing local leaders across the country,” said **National League of Cities President Kevin Kramer, Councilmember, Louisville, Kentucky**. “I am thrilled to have Dan Wolter serve on NLC’s First Tier Suburbs council this year as we work together to ensure our cities, towns and villages have the resources they need to create thriving communities.”

This year’s First Tier Suburbs council will be led by Chair David Sander, Councilmember, City of Rancho Cordova, CA; Vice Chair Jackie Boleware, Mayor Pro Tem, Farmington Hills, MI, and Vice Chair Wally Campbell, Vice Mayor, City of Goodyear, AZ.

Dan Wolter was first appointed to the Lakeville City Council in January of 2023 and was elected to a full four-year term in the 2024 general election.

For more information on NLC's member councils, visit nlc.org/member-councils.

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