



Date: March 27, 2026

From: Justin Miller, City Administrator

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

# 2026 WEEKLY UPDATE

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The best way out is through.” – Robert Frost

### PUBLIC WORKS

- Streets crews have begun sweeping collector roads and plan to launch full spring sweeping operations next Monday.
- Streets crews continue to address potholes throughout the city.
- Utilities staff repaired a water main break on 162nd Street near Foliage Avenue this week.
- Utilities staff have begun cleaning priority sanitary sewer lines that are serviced twice annually to prevent backups.
- The contractor has completed installation of new filter media in filters six and eight. Testing will occur next week with the filters expected to return to service shortly thereafter. Filters five and seven will be taken out of service Friday with media removal beginning Monday. This marks the final phase of the project and the contractor is currently slightly ahead of schedule. Tours of the filter media replacement work are available, please contact the Utility Department if interested.
- Forestry staff hosted a small tree pruning workshop on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Antlers Park. Attendees learned the basics of structural pruning and were able to practice these skills on a few of the trees that were ready for their first pruning.
- Forestry staff were at the Home, Landscape, and Community Expo on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> to answer questions and talk about forestry topics.
- The 2025/26 private property ash inspections continue. To date, 207 ash trees have been removed from 138 properties, and 63 trees are in process at 41 additional properties. Six properties have entered the non-compliance process.
- The 2026 Arbor Day Tree Sale continues through April 17 with 18 trees still available. Ordering and tree information is available through the forestry website.
- Spring tree planting operations will start the week of April 6 with 121 trees scheduled for planting on Ipava Ave, Kensington Blvd, at the Heritage Center, Fieldstone Park, Knob Hill Park, and Quail Meadows Park.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

#### Administration and Park Maintenance

- Staff has been busy installing tennis and pickleball nets throughout the parks system. All the courts have officially opened, except Grand Prairie Park, which will open before the weekend.
- Additional portions of Grand Prairie Park will also be open to the public starting this weekend, including the playground and challenge course. The active construction site around the grandstand has been signed for safety.
- The department welcomed Maverick Birdsell to a full-time Park Maintenance II position. We are happy to have him aboard!

- Staff met to review a number of policies for the opening of Grand Prairie Park. New splash pad and updated mobile food vendor policies have been finalized.
- The Lakeville CVB held its board meeting at the Ritter Farm Park ELC, and staff attended to provide an update on current and upcoming park projects and improvements.

#### Recreation & Heritage Center

- Summer registrations are picking up nicely. As of Wednesday, the Recreation department has 1,050 registrations for summer 2026 programs.
- Heritage Center Outdoor Activity registration is going strong:
  - 97 women have already registered for the casual ladies golf season
  - 46 men have pre-registered for the men's golf
  - Eight have pre-registered for the motorcycle group
  - Seven have pre-registered for the biking
  - 38 have signed up for the pickleball group
- The Heritage Active Adults Advisory Committee is currently taking applications for the next two-year term. If you know someone who is retired and wants to make a difference for the Lakeville Heritage Center, please have them fill out an application. Deadline is March 27, 2026.
- We are currently in the process of hiring a Sport Court Program Supervisor.

#### Arts Center

- TCHA completed their run of *Hound of the Baskervilles* to multiple sold-out crowds.
- Castle Co. Theatre is back at the arts center for their production of *Sleeping Beauty*.
- Live at the Lake 2026 lineup was announced this week. Check it out here <https://www.lakevillemn.gov/1239/Live-at-the-Lake>. We're featuring everything from steel drums to Rock 'n' roll to Country. We even have a special group in town from Lulea, Sweden, Luleå-Gammelstad, performing in July.
- Fun Stat: The Arts Center presented, produced and partnered to bring 174 performances to Lakeville in 2025!
- The Youth Art Month exhibition has come to a close! We really enjoyed seeing their work and watching families celebrate their student. We are now working on deinstalling the panels and materials.
- David Ostlund will be installing his mobiles again at the Arts Center on Monday. We look forward to having up his kinetic sculptures!
- Staff continues to clean and sort a large stained glass donation.
- The Arts Center is offering a free printmaking class on April 25 for students who would be interested in volunteering on a large-scale community printmaking project at the Art Crawl on May 9. If that sounds like fun, email Scarlett at [slarson@lakevillemn.gov](mailto:slarson@lakevillemn.gov) for more information. Here's a fun video on the artist who's leading the project - [click here to view](#).
- Spring break camps start next week! We have 4 camps running, and we're excited to welcome back some campers!

## COMMUNICATIONS

- Media productions for social media:
  - Lakeville Planning Commission: [March 19](#)
  - Twin Cities Ballet: [Mini-Narnia April 27-28](#) at LAAC
  - Pamela McNeill presents Janis, Stevie, Dolly and Me [April 17](#) at LAAC

## Upcoming Meetings of the Council

April 6, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
April 20, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
May 4, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.

### Informational Attachments:

- Police Department Weekly Report
- Fire Department Weekly Report
- Lakeville Liquors Weekly Report
- March 2026 Building Activity Report



# Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, March 15, 2026 – Saturday, March 21, 2026

## 857 Calls for Services



219 TRAFFIC STOPS



14 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



2 DOMESTICS



29 AUTO ACCIDENTS



11 THEFTS



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



13 ALARM BURGLAR  
1 FIRE ALARM



2 FRAUD



11 ANIMAL CALLS



0 BURGLARY



23 MEDICALS



2 VANDALISM/DAMAGE  
PROPERTY



0 DRUG ACTIVITY



2 CHILD PROTECTION



13 DISTURBANCES



0 DRUNKENNESS



1 MISSING PERSON



0 SHOPLIFTING



## Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, March 15, 2026 – Saturday, March 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.

- Officers in the area heard a crash in the roundabout at Dodd Blvd and Flagstaff Ave and responded immediately. Upon arrival, they observed a downed sign in the roadway and a vehicle pulled over while the driver inspected the damage. A traffic accident report was completed, and the driver was advised on driving for winter conditions.
- Officers responded to a three-vehicle crash at 210<sup>th</sup> St and Keokuk Ave. The at-fault driver entered the intersection against a red light which resulted in multiple collisions. Two of the vehicles were towed due to damage. The at-fault driver was transported to the hospital with minor injuries and will be issued a citation.
- Officers completed a traffic accident report for a two-vehicle property damage crash at Jaguar Ave and 165<sup>th</sup> St W. The at-fault driver entered the intersection and failed to yield to a vehicle with the right of way, resulting in a collision that caused one vehicle to spin into a snowbank. The at-fault driver was cited, and one occupant was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.
- Officers investigated a theft at 16XXX Pilot Knob Rd where an individual had stolen items from the store on multiple occasions. Surveillance footage provided a license plate, which led to the suspect being identified. Officers made contact, the suspect admitted to the theft and was mailed a citation.
- Officers arrested an individual for DWI and disorderly contact after he returned to his workplace following termination and caused a disturbance. Officers located the individual and observed signs of impairment. He provided a preliminary breath sample of 0.20 blood alcohol content and was transported to Dakota County Jail.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop for multiple vehicle violations and observed signs of impairment. The driver performed poorly on the standard field sobriety tests. The driver provided a DMT sample of 0.13g/210L and was arrested for DUI.
- Officers located a vehicle registered to an individual with active warrants. The vehicle was stopped for multiple moving violations, and the driver was confirmed to be the individual with the warrants. The driver was arrested for the warrants out of multiple counties.
- Officers responded to a theft in progress at 20XXX Keokuk Ave where a female was observed taking an unknown amount of merchandise without attempting to pay. The suspect fled the scene but was identified through surveillance footage and photo ID. Patrol is conducting a follow-up investigation prior to charges.
- Multiple crashes were reported due to winter conditions. Drivers are reminded to slow down, use caution, and allow extra time for travel.



# Lakeville Fire Department Update Sunday, March 15–Saturday, March 21



FIRES  
2



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS  
4



MEDICAL  
45



HAZARDOUS  
CONDITIONS  
3



SERVICE CALLS  
2



GOOD INTENT  
17



FIRE ALARMS  
2



INSPECTIONS  
38



PLAN REVIEW  
6



PRE-PLANS  
49



PERMITS ISSUED  
4



TEMP HEAT PERMITS  
4



COMMUNITY EVENTS  
1



CHILD CAR SEAT  
2

# Lakeville Liquors

March 22- March 28, 2026

Weekly Summary



## Store Highlights

### Heritage Location



Does Heritage have enough tequila displayed? No way Jose! Jose Cuervo galore ready for patio season!

### Galaxie Location



Displays are growing at Galaxie. More space for customers to browse and shop.

### Kenrick Location



New season, new highlighted cocktail on the Kenrick bar cart. We use our bar cart to give customers new ideas!

### Keokuk Location



Golf, cold beer, and spring vibes....let the season begin!

## Mike's Hard Dirty Lemonade

Mike's Hard Dirty Lemonade a 4.5% ABV non-carbonated premium malt beverage, offering a smoother, bolder and more "layered" twist on traditional lemonade. Released in 2026, this variety pack includes flavors like **Dark Cherry Brew, Dirty Lemon Secret, Pineapple Haze and Very Berry Grape**, often described as having a thicker mouthfeel and added hints of coconut or spice.



# Metrics

January 1 - March 23 Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$1,079,336	2025	\$1,058,261	Increase 2.0%
Galaxie	\$1,171,639	2025	\$1,167,605	FLAT +
Kenrick	\$915,175	2025	\$903,248	Increase 1.3%
Keokuk	\$1,012,876	2025	\$989,867	Increase 2.3%
Combined	\$4,179,023	2025	\$4,118,982	Increase 1.5%
January 1 - March 23 Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	36,907	2025	37,934	Decrease 2.7%
Galaxie	42,383	2025	43,844	Decrease 3.3%
Kenrick	33,637	2025	33,734	FLAT -
Keokuk	32,560	2025	32,664	FLAT -
Combined	145,487	2025	148,176	Decrease 1.8%
January 1- March 23 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$28.95	2025	\$27.91	Increase 3.7%
Galaxie	\$27.20	2025	\$26.64	Increase 2.1%
Kenrick	\$26.97	2025	\$26.80	FLAT +
Keokuk	\$30.90	2025	\$30.32	Increase 1.9%
Combined	\$28.41	2025	\$27.81	Increase 2.2%

March 1-23 Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$315,573	2025	\$321,454	Decrease 1.8%
Galaxie	\$333,968	2025	\$345,775	Decrease 3.4%
Kenrick	\$262,184	2025	\$271,249	Decrease 3.3%
Keokuk	\$300,715	2025	\$301,715	FLAT -
Combined	\$1,212,562	2025	\$1,240,193	Decrease 2.2%
March 1-23 Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	10,594	2025	11,263	Decrease 5.9%
Galaxie	12,041	2025	13,054	Decrease 7.8%
Kenrick	9,571	2025	10,095	Decrease 5.2%
Keokuk	9,558	2025	9,912	Decrease 3.6%
Combined	41,764	2025	44,324	Decrease 5.8%
March 1-23 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$29.43	2025	\$28.55	Increase 3.1%
Galaxie	\$27.15	2025	\$26.49	Increase 2.5%
Kenrick	\$27.14	2025	\$26.89	FLAT +
Keokuk	\$31.17	2025	\$30.45	Increase 2.4%
Combined	\$28.64	2025	\$27.99	Increase 2.3%

- Metrics this month are being compared to 2025 which had an extra Saturday and Sunday. We were closed Sunday, March 15 due to weather.
- March is food shelf fundraiser month. All donations will be benefiting 360 Communities and The Open Door Pantry. So far we have raised \$25,013. Keep up the great work!
- **RESCHEDULED!** All-staff Safe Server Training, April 12 in the Emporium Room from 9 - 10:30 a.m. This is mandatory and all non-exempt staff will be paid for their time.

## Notorious B.I.G.

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“Stay far from timid / Only make moves when your heart's in it / And live the phrase, ‘Sky's The Limit’”

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# March 2026 Building Activity

## Past Twelve Months

	Permits	Permitted Units	Permit Value
March 2025	254	383	119,272,627
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
December 2025	375	382	157,731,419
January 2026	459	766	234,579,452
February 2026	370	523	174,800,733
March 2026	422	596	175,698,202

## Five-Year Comparisons

	Permits	Permitted Units	Permit Value
March 2022	599	1,434	262,617,458
March 2023	335	406	137,821,674
March 2024	408	411	161,316,389
March 2025	254	383	119,272,627
March 2026	422	596	175,698,202

	Permits	Permitted Units	Permit Value
YTD 2022	1,696	3,637	737,125,065
YTD 2023	901	2,308	414,947,403
YTD 2024	1,245	1,909	528,525,003
YTD 2025	1,226	1,695	558,580,754
YTD 2026	1,251	1,885	585,078,387

## Total Multifamily Units

April-25	May-25	Jun-25	July-25	Aug-25	Sept-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	YTD - 26
300	22	189	6	350	291	172	91	13	313	159	177	649

## Multifamily Construction as a Percentage of Total Activity

April-25	May-25	Jun-25	July-25	Aug-25	Sept-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	YTD - 26
33	4	26	1	39	32	22	15	3	41	30	30	34

## March

## Top Cities for Building Activity

## YTD

Permits		Permitted Units		Permits		Permitted Units	
Rosemount	53	Rogers	106	Rosemount	137	Edina	298
Lakeville	38	St. Louis Park	83	Lakeville	127	Lakeville	159
Shakopee	27	Rosemount	53	Shakopee	66	Rosemount	137
Cottage Grove	21	Lakeville	38	Maple Grove	48	Rogers	126
Farmington	21	Shakopee	27	Otsego	48	Hudson, WI	100

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.