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Memorial Day: Commemorative Events Across the City on May 27

The Lakeville VFW will have ceremonies across the community on May 27. Specifically, noon at All Saints Catholic Cemetery and 12:45 p.m. at the Veteran’s Memorial at Aronson Park, 8250 202nd Street West in Lakeville. For more information on other locations, check their website, vfw210.org.



Have you checked the condition of your American flag? We have a flag drop off in our parking lot at City Hall, 20195 Holyoke, for flags that are tattered. This box, sponsored by Lakeville Yellow Ribbon, is next to our utility payment box near the front of building.

In honor of those who have selflessly given and valiantly served our Nation, we thank you.



The beloved **Puppet Wagon**, a favorite among Lakeville’s youngest residents, returns on June 10, showcasing entertaining puppet antics and engaging activities at 13 different parks weekly. Bring your blanket or lawn chairs, relax and enjoy the shows. Locations and times can be found at LakevilleMN.gov.

Summer Sizzles With Exciting Events and Activities

Summer in the City of Lakeville promises an array of exciting events and activities:

- Antlers Park will reopen May 22 for use, offering a rejuvenated space for enjoyment and recreational activities.
- The St. Paul Farmers’ Market will set up shop in the Lakeville Area Arts Center parking lot downtown, offering fresh produce and organic favorites on Wednesdays from noon to 5 p.m. starting June 5, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting June 15.
- The renowned fireworks display will illuminate the sky at King Park on July 4.

LIVE AT THE LAKE

- 06.12 LAKEVILLE AREA COMMUNITY BAND
THE SHAW BROS (COUNTRY, POP, ROCK)
- 06.19 MARV AND KAAT (AMERICANA)
THE HIGH 48S (BLUEGRASS)
- 06.26 MATT HANNAH (AMERICANA)
LAURA CAVIANI GROUP (JAZZ)
- 07.03 RELATIVITY THE BAND (CLASSIC & FOLK ROCK)
MICK STERLING-THE HITS OF VAN MORRISON
- 07.10 SARAH MORRIS (AMERICANA)
LAKEVILLE AREA COMMUNITY BAND
- 07.17 ROB MEANY (PIANO, POP)
TONY CUCHETTI BAND (COUNTRY, ROOTS ROCK)
- 07.24 BALLET ROYALE (DANCE)
ADAM BOHANAN (R&B, ROCK)
- 07.31 MINNEAPOLIS COMMODORES (HARMONY)
AMANDA GRACE (AMERICANA, FOLK ROCK)
- 08.07 LAKEVILLE SLIDERS (BRASS BAND)
PATCHOULI & TERRA GUITARRA (WORLD FOLK GUITAR)
- 08.14 MITCHELL HALL DUO (TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY CASH)
LAKEVILLE AREA COMMUNITY BAND
- 08.21 TRAINWRECK DUET (COUNTRY, POP, ROCK)
MARTIN ZELLAR (AMERICANA, ROCK)
- 08.28 MINNESOTA BALLET COLLECTIVE (DANCE)
THE DANG OL' TRI'OLE (COUNTRY, JAZZ, ROCK)

Pre-Show: 6:00-6:30 p.m.
(listed first)

Main stage: 6:45-8:30 p.m.
Casperson Park
19720 Juno Trail, Lakeville

Three food trucks will be at
each concert. Check online for
complete listing.

LIVE AT THE LAKE

CASPERSON PARK

LakevilleMN.gov

Wednesdays • 6 - 8:30 p.m. • June thru August



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Turning Youthful Ideas Into Reality: The Youth Advisory Commission Leads the Way

The Lakeville Youth Advisory Commission, founded in 2022, comprises 12 commissioners. It offers young individuals a platform to engage in the City's decision-making procedures, furnish recommendations to the City Council across diverse topics, advocate for ongoing initiatives, innovate new programs and inspire greater youth involvement, fostering effective leadership to mold the future of Lakeville.

The Youth Advisory Commission convenes monthly, primarily at City Hall, with occasional rotations to other municipal facilities. Commissioners have engaged with various city officials, including the Mayor, City Councilmembers and other leaders. Topics addressed by the group encompass youth mental health, promoting inclusivity for youth with diverse abilities and fostering greater youth participation in community events.



Successful Watershed Cleanup and Earth Day Celebration

Various groups and individuals joined efforts from April 20-30 to tackle the "Watershed Cleanup" community project. This event focuses on removing pollutants from the watershed. Thank you to the 1,030 who participated.

The community also celebrated Earth Day on April 20 with an educational event at the Central Maintenance Facility. With over 550 attendees, guests included animals from the Minnesota Zoo, native plant booths and many others.



The FUN starts here!

FAN FAVORITES

- 7.4 Fireworks
- 7.7 Lions Fly-in Breakfast
- 7.11 Beer, Brats & Bingo
- 7.11-7.14 Carnival
- 7.12 Cruise Night
- 7.13 LFD Waffle Breakfast
- 7.13 Grand Parade

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Construction Begins on Grand Prairie Park

Grand Prairie Park (formerly known as Avonlea Park) is poised to become a top-tier destination within Lakeville's parks system, boasting a plethora of exciting amenities conveniently situated near Cedar Avenue and 185th Street.

Upon completion, the park will feature five multi-use athletic fields, catering to the burgeoning youth athletic associations and recreational programs. These versatile fields will accommodate various sports, including soccer, lacrosse and football.

Additionally, the proposed construction includes a full-sized baseball diamond, ten illuminated pickleball courts and a challenge course. Notably, the City's inaugural official cricket pitch is also part of the plan.

Grand Prairie Park will introduce Lakeville's first splashpad, offering a refreshing escape from the summer heat. Furthermore, traditional park amenities such as recreational trails, park buildings and shelters, play equipment and more will enhance the park's appeal. Water conservation was a key factor in the planning of the new park, with measures such as utilizing stormwater ponds for irrigating athletic fields and incorporating a recirculation system into the splashpad.

This ambitious project received approval from Lakeville residents who demonstrated their support by voting for the Park Bond Referendum in 2021. With an estimated cost of \$19.5 million, construction has commenced. This investment underscores our dedication to providing top-tier recreational facilities for residents of all ages, enriching our parks, trails and natural resources.

National NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 6



Come together with neighbors and strengthen community partnerships with public safety. Register your party today!



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Helping People in Mental Health Crisis in Dakota County and Lakeville

Dakota County, alongside its 12 public safety agencies, such as the Lakeville Police Department, has constructed a collaborative crisis response system aimed at delivering timely and appropriate mental health services. This initiative encompasses a spectrum of responses, starting from the initial call and extending to subsequent follow-ups.

The process begins with the **initial call** for assistance. In collaboration with Dakota 911, the emergency dispatch center, the County takes a proactive approach. Instead of automatically dispatching law enforcement to all emergency situations, Dakota 911 redirects specific calls concerning mental health crises to qualified county social workers within the Crisis Response Unit (CRU). Law enforcement officers or sheriff's deputies still intervene in crisis situations involving criminal activity, weapons or violence.

The CRU team **engages with individuals** 24/7 either over the phone or in person. Their objectives include minimizing trauma, ensuring that people get the right response at the right time based on their unique circumstances, enhancing public safety and fostering collaboration across various systems to aid residents. All police departments and the Dakota County Sheriff's Office can enlist CRU's assistance whenever necessary. Residents can call CRU directly at 952-891-7171.

CRU personnel are readily accessible to offer mobile response services. They are integrated within police departments, with specialized roles in accompanying police officers during active crisis situations.

At times, individuals require a welcoming place to go. Dakota County is establishing such a space. The Crisis and Recovery Center being built adjacent to the County's Northern Service Center in West St. Paul will offer short-term crisis support, intensive residential services and a designated space for crisis assessment.

Not every crisis is resolved during the first call for help. A Dakota County embedded social worker works side by side with Lakeville police officers to provide **crisis**

follow-up and stabilization services. This partnership helps people to receive an effective, lasting response.

If you or someone you know is struggling with a mental health crisis, call the Dakota County 24/7 Crisis Response Unit at 952-891-7171 or the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988.



DAKOTA COUNTY CRISIS AND RECOVERY CENTER

Dakota County and Guild, a mental health service provider, are collaborating to establish a 15,000-square-foot Crisis and Recovery Center located next to the County's Northern Service Center in West St. Paul. This facility will provide a comforting environment for adult mental health services, encompassing assessment, support, short-term residential treatment and stabilization. All services prioritize trauma-informed care and emphasize the journey towards recovery.

Construction commenced in the autumn of 2023 and is advancing as planned. Favorable weather conditions allowed contractors to continue working through the winter months without significant setbacks. Activities throughout the summer and fall of 2024 will be bustling, focusing on interior and exterior construction as well as site development. For more information, visit dakotacounty.us, search *recovery center*.

Code Enforcement: Lakeville's New Officer and Some Reminders We Want You To Know for Summer



Introducing Liz Stockman, a fresh face as Lakeville's Code Enforcement Officer. With over two decades of expertise in planning and development, Liz brings a wealth of knowledge to the City. A Minnesota native, she holds a master's degree in City and Regional Planning, complemented by an undergraduate degree in Landscape Architecture.

All ordinances can be found on the website LakevilleMN.gov. If you have Code Enforcement questions, you can contact her at lstockman@lakevillemn.gov or call 952-985-4426.

Here are some summer reminders:

Landscape watering: Please water only when necessary and adhere to the odd/even system, determined by the last digit of your house number. These regulations, along with time-of-day watering restrictions, are applicable from May 1 to September 30. Watering is permitted solely before 11 a.m. or after 5 p.m. each day. Watering during peak daytime temperatures leads to water wastage due to evaporation. Refer to Lakeville City Code 7-5-12-3 for details.

City Hall Transformation: Streamlined Customer Service

Lakeville City Hall recently underwent a partial renovation during the winter season to establish a centralized hub for customers seeking permits, inspections, zoning and planning information, and engineering data. Upon entering City Hall, visitors will find all these services conveniently situated in the north wing or on the right side of the building.

For those making utility bill payments, these services have been relocated to the same hallway as before (west), albeit on the opposite side. Additionally, Parks & Recreation has been relocated to the west wing.

This redesigned layout enhances our ability to serve residents by grouping similar services together. Moreover, it provides a more efficient and spacious design, allowing for potential expansion of staff in the future.

Parking regulations for vehicles: Motor and recreational vehicles kept outdoors must be parked on a solid surface such as a driveway or within a sheltered structure like a garage. Parking on grass is not permitted for motor vehicles. Please refer to Lakeville City Code Chapter 19 for further details.

Grass and weed regulations: Any weeds or grass growing beyond 8 inches in length are deemed a public nuisance and are not allowed on lots with buildings or on any lot, outlot or parcel less than one acre in size without a building. Please see Lakeville City Code 4-1-3 for more information.

Encroachments: Numerous private properties are adjacent to stormwater ponds, wetlands, City parks, trails and open spaces. It is prohibited to place any structures in these areas, and activities such as gardening, tree removal or mowing beyond your own property are not allowed. Refer to Lakeville City Code 11-17-11 for details.

Building permits: A permit is required for the construction of sheds, fences, decking and re-decking, lawn irrigation systems and pools. For a comprehensive list of required permits, please visit the Building Inspections section on the City's website.

There is a list of common code requirements on LakevilleMN.gov, under Planning & Zoning, as well as a link to the list of all City ordinances.



Lakeville's Fire Department Goes to a Hybrid Model for Service

Lakeville is undergoing a transition in its fire department structure, moving towards a hybrid model comprising both full-time and paid-on-call personnel. With Lakeville's expansion, staffing adjustments are being made to meet the growing demands. Presently, paid-on-call firefighters from the community respond to all emergency incidents, including accidents, fires and medical emergencies, covering the entire 38 square miles of the City and serving its residents and over 1,400 businesses.

Since 2019, the volume of calls for fire and medical services, particularly medical emergencies, has doubled. The previous approach is no longer adequate to meet the demands of our expanding community. Recruiting paid-on-call firefighters has become increasingly challenging due to most individuals having full-time employment and family commitments. Implementing a hybrid model addresses this issue, guaranteeing appropriate staffing levels for all public safety concerns.

Response time is crucial in emergencies, as swift action can significantly impact outcomes. The survivability rate



of sudden cardiac arrest decreases by 10% per minute, while the cost of fire damage escalates with each passing minute. With full-time firefighters available 24/7, our response times will be substantially quicker, enabling us to save lives and minimize property loss.

Over the next three years, Lakeville Fire will enhance its existing paid-on-call team by integrating full-time firefighters, ensuring continuous round-the-clock response capabilities. To facilitate this expansion, the City remains committed to seeking out grant opportunities.

Serve Your Community: Election Judges Needed

We're looking for election judges (poll workers) to join us for every election in the City!

Upcoming elections:

- State Primary Election, August 13
- General Election, November 5

As an election judge, you'll be stationed at one of 18 polling places across Lakeville. On Election Day, we rely on about 300 judges to keep things running smoothly. Your duties? From opening and closing the polls to handling voter registration, ballot distribution and certifying vote totals—it's all in a day's work!

We welcome new judges for each election and also need experienced hands to ensure everything goes off without a hitch.

Calling all students aged 16 and up! If you're in good academic standing, consider becoming a student election judge. You'll team up with community members to oversee a polling place on Election Day.

Work for your community:

- Earn \$13 per hour
- Work a full day (16 hours); shorter shifts available too!
- Attend a paid training session before Election Day
- Flexibility is key—we might need you to work outside your home precinct



Here are the qualifications you need to join us as an election judge:

- Eligible to vote in Minnesota
- Able to read, write, and speak English
- Complete a mandatory (and paid!) 2-hour training session
- Not related to any other election judge or candidate in your precinct
- Not living with any candidate on the ballot
- Not a candidate yourself in the election

Remember, Minnesota law lets you take time off work for this to serve as a judge without losing wages (check out Minnesota Statute 204B.195).

Ready to be part of our election team? Apply now! LakevilleMN.gov, search *Become an Election Judge*.



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Lakeville Area Schools | Lakeville Chamber of Commerce

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DON'T FORGET YOUR PERMIT

- ✓ Grading
- ✓ Fences
- ✓ Decks and Re-decking
- ✓ Pool
- ✓ Lawn Irrigation
- ✓ Storage Sheds
- ✓ Accessory Structures



952-985-4440

LakevilleMN.gov, Building Inspections