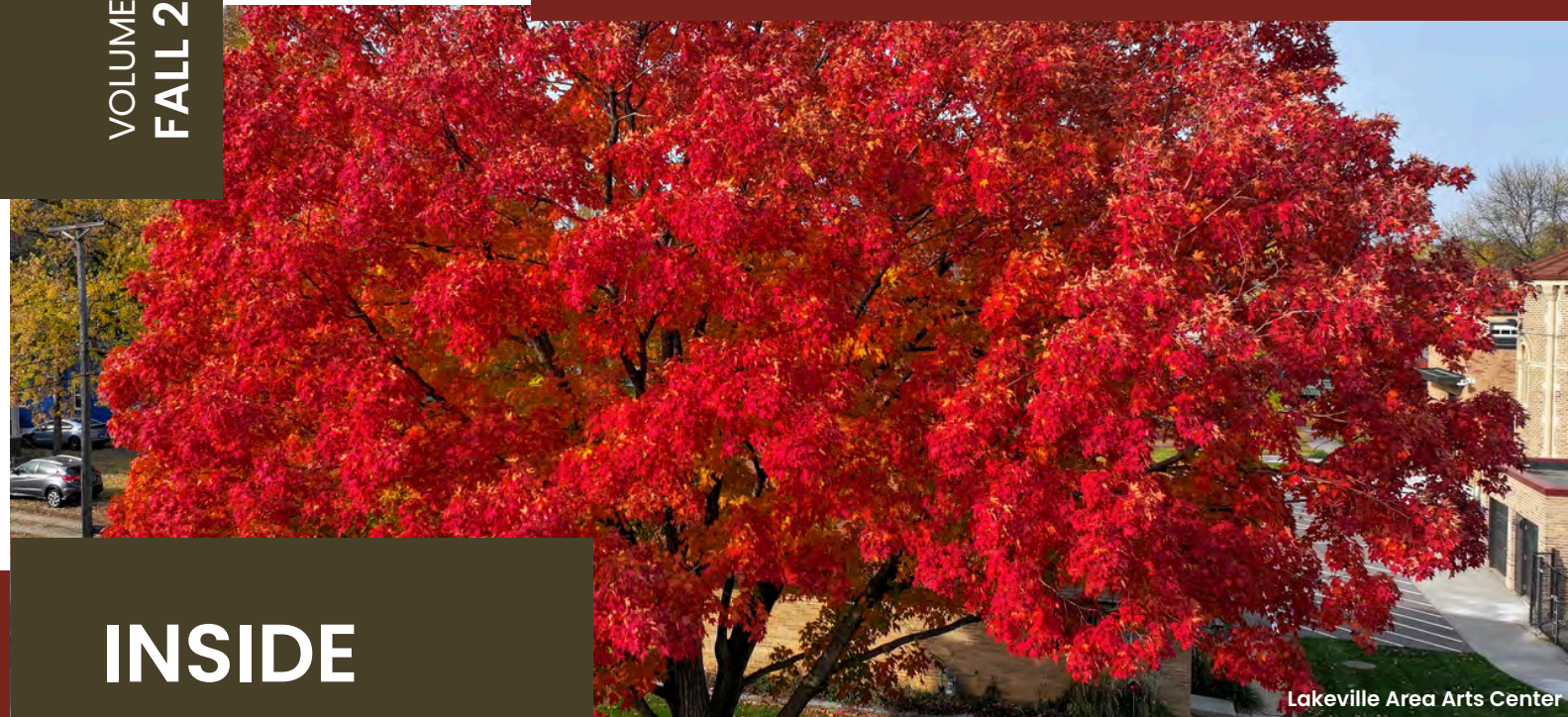


# CITY OF LAKEVILLE CITY NEWS



Lakeville Area Arts Center

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### Car Seat Installation Assistance Now Available from Lakeville Fire Dept.

The Lakeville Fire Department now has nationally certified car seat technicians. They'll guide you through the installation process, review expiration dates, check for recalls and ensure your car seat is installed correctly. To schedule an appointment or learn more, call 952-985-4700.



### Celebrating One Year of City News – Share Your Feedback!

Last year, we launched this newsletter to bring seasonal updates, news and valuable information directly to our residents and businesses. It's our way of helping you stay connected and informed about the community you live and work in. If you have a moment, we'd love to hear your feedback!



The City of Lakeville now has EV charging stations that will be operational soon at convenient locations across town, including Ames Arena, City Hall, Heritage Center, Lakeville Area Arts Center and Market Square downtown. Keep posted to social media and LakevilleMN.gov for details!

## New Park Webpages Showcase Detailed Info

Did you know that Lakeville currently has 67 parks to explore? Now you can find all the details on our newly launched City Parks and Facilities webpages. Each park facility listing includes helpful information such as location, park size, available amenities, and information about the construction and maintenance of the facility. Have you ever wondered how the City acquires park property or determines where they should be located?

With the assistance of the Lakeville Historical Society and former Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Committee members, a comprehensive history of each park facility has been compiled, with more information on the way! Learn more about the Adopt-A-Park Program and sign up to sponsor a park in need by visiting the webpage. This new resource aims to encourage residents to enjoy and explore the park spaces in their community!

**CHAD JOHNSON**  
featuring the  
Jason Paulson Band



January 18

**THE YOUNG & THE REST**

A Tribute to Neil  
Young and More



February 7

A NIGHT OF COMEDY:

**TOMMY  
RYMAN**



JANUARY 25



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**A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED**  
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Your favorite performance center for local entertainment.

20965 Holyoke Avenue, Lakeville

For more events: [LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com](http://LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com)

# Home Improvement Help for Dakota County Residents

The **Dakota County Community Development Agency** provides several programs designed to assist income-qualified homeowners in improving their homes. These initiatives offer valuable resources and support, helping residents maintain and enhance their properties. Here are just a few programs that homeowners can take advantage of to make meaningful improvements.

## Weatherization Assistance Program

This program offers grants to help make homes and mechanical systems more energy efficient. Do you have high energy bills? Is your home drafty? Could your furnace use a tune-up? Do ice dams form on your roof in the winter? Income-eligible Dakota County residents can qualify for grants to make improvements such as adding wall and attic insulation, repairing bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans, replacing or repairing your furnace, adding smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, and more.

## Home Improvement Loan Programs

These loans are available to residents who own and reside in their home, meet equity and credit requirements, and whose gross annual income does not exceed federally mandated limits. Common improvements include plumbing and electrical repairs, furnace replacements, exterior upgrades (roofs, siding, windows) and special needs modifications (such as ramps or roll-in showers.)

For more information and to apply for these programs, go to [dakotacda.org](http://dakotacda.org) or call 651-675-4400.



## Snow Problem! What You Need to Know When the Flakes Fly

### Winter Parking Ordinance

Lakeville's winter parking ordinance is now in effect: no street parking is allowed from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. or during snowfall until roads are cleared.

### Snow Removal for Sidewalks

Property owners must clear sidewalks adjacent to their property within 48 hours of snowfall. If not, the City may clear them, with costs assessed to the property.

### Mailbox Check

Ensure your mailbox and post are secure, stable and clear of street encroachment to handle winter snow and pressure from snow plows. Remember to clear snow in front of your mailbox for mail delivery.

### Garbage & Recycling Bin Placement

Keep bins at the end of your driveway but off the street to avoid interference with snowplows.

### Basketball Hoops & Sod Protection

Move basketball hoops away from the street and mark your curb with stakes or flags to prevent sod damage.

### Play & Snow Forts

Please remind children not to build snow forts at the end of driveways where they're hard to spot—keeping them safe and visible for snowplow drivers.

For more info, check the City's Snow and Ice Control policy at [LakevilleMN.gov](http://LakevilleMN.gov).

## PROTECT OUR LOCAL WATERWAYS BE A SMART SALTER

- Shovel, sweep or scrape first
- Use less salt
  - A 12-oz. cup of salt is enough to cover 10 sidewalk squares
  - Leave about 3 inches between salt granules
- 15 degrees is too cold for salt to work
- Sweep up any excess salt and reuse it



More info MN PCA

## Skate at our parks

Open late December to mid-February\*

Opening and weather hotline 952-985-4690, option 1  
A map of rinks can be found on [LakevilleMN.gov](http://LakevilleMN.gov), Parks & Rec

\*Weather dependent

# \$5.56M SAFER Grant to Fund 15 New Full-Time Firefighters

The Lakeville Fire Department (LFD) has been awarded a \$5.56 million grant by Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER), a program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The SAFER grant was established to provide direct funding to help increase the number of trained firefighters available in communities.



In Lakeville, the grant will provide funding to hire 15 additional full-time firefighters, bringing the total number in the department to 21. The funds will fully cover the salaries and benefits of the new firefighters, are restricted solely to those expenses, and will

support these costs over the next three years. LFD can apply for the grant again in the future for additional staff members only.

“This grant is a significant win for Lakeville. As our community continues to grow, so do our public safety needs,” Mayor Luke Hellier remarked. “Securing these funds allows us to increase our fire department’s capacity more rapidly than anticipated, which is vital for maintaining the safety and well-being of our residents. We are grateful for this support and excited to welcome new firefighters to our team.”

“Lakeville’s population has increased by 27% over the past decade, along with the addition of numerous businesses. Our needs have evolved quickly, and we’ve been proactive in addressing them. Expanding our full-time fire staff will allow us to enhance response times and broaden our services to better serve our community,” Fire Chief Mike Meyer commented.

The results of a comprehensive study conducted in 2020, and finalized in 2022, showed that to meet the needs of our growing community, LFD should plan to increase its full-time firefighting staffing levels. The initial plan was to slowly add more firefighters by 2028. Thanks to this grant, LFD can hire these full-time firefighters now, which will significantly improve the department’s emergency response times and services provided to our community.

This is the first time Lakeville has been awarded a SAFER grant.



## Allina Health Secures Naming Rights of Outdoor Pavilion

The City of Lakeville and Lakeville Arenas are excited to announce a new partnership with Allina Health, granting naming rights to the Allina Health Pavilion Rink at Hasse Arena. This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to health, wellness and recreation in Lakeville. The new covered outdoor pavilion offers refrigerated ice in fall and winter and is used for turf rental, pickleball leagues and tournaments in spring and summer weekends. It is also available for rental to community festivals and concerts.

The Allina Health Pavilion Rink is the result of a public-private partnership, with contributions of approximately \$1.6 million from the Lakeville Hockey Association and Heritage Figure Skating Club. Additionally, Lakeville residents funded the project through the 2021 Park Bond Referendum.

The rink opens this November, with an official grand opening on January 18, 2025, as part of Hockey Day Lakeville.

## Need Financial Help for Your Kids to Join Local Programs?



We want every child in Lakeville to have the chance to participate in our local sports, nature, education and arts programs. If cost is a concern, the City offers financial assistance for families who may need help covering the costs. This program is available for Lakeville residents 17 and younger.

Each approved child can receive up to \$300 per year to use toward recreation or Arts Center programs. To apply, you just need to fill out a simple application once a year.

For more information or help with the application, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 952-985-4600 or stop by City Hall during business hours (Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

# Environmental Guide

Environmental Guide for Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan and Lakeville

DakotaValleyRecyclingMN.gov | Twitter: @DVRcycling | 952.895.4559

## Bring Your Broken Items to a Fix-It Clinic for Free Repair Help

Dakota County residents can get help repairing household items, clothes, electronics and more at a Fix-It Clinic. These monthly events help keep items out of landfills and empower people to repair things on their own.

Show up to the upcoming Fix-It Clinic on Saturday, January 20th at Galaxie Library, Apple Valley. The event is free and you do not need to register to participate.

Helpful volunteers will guide you through each step, from troubleshooting to a completed repair. Bring up to three items that need fixing or mending such as lamps, vacuum cleaners and clothes. You must be able to carry items into the clinic, so no overly large items. Bring any tools and supplies you think might help with the job, but it is not required to bring any tools.

For future dates and more information, visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *fix-it clinic*.



## Join Your Neighbors to Keep Food Scraps out of the Trash

The number one item in our trash is food. That's why more than 10,000 Dakota County households have registered to participate in the free organics drop-off program. There are 11 organics drop-off sites located throughout the county — in Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Farmington, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Mendota Heights, Rosemount (two) and West St. Paul.

Across the locations, more than 40,000 pounds of food scraps are collected each week. Collected material goes to an industrial compost facility and is turned into compost, a nutrient-rich soil additive used in gardening and landscaping.

Bringing organics to a drop-off site is easy and can dramatically reduce waste. The typical household can divert up to one-third of trash by delivering items such as food scraps, spoiled produce, coffee grounds and bones.

To sign up, visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us) and search *organics*, email [organics@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:organics@co.dakota.mn.us) or call 952-891-7557. Registered participants get helpful tips and compostable bags to use at home.

## Drop Off Locations (Open Daily, 5:00 AM–10:00 PM unless otherwise noted)

### Burnsville Civic Center Park

260 Civic Center Parkway, Burnsville

### Lakeville Water Treatment Facility

18400 Ipava Ave., Lakeville

### Lebanon Hills Regional Park Holland Lake Trailhead

1100 Cliff Road, Eagan

### Thompson County Park

1200 Stassen Lane, West St. Paul

### The Mulch Store (651-423-4401)

16454 Blaine Ave. E., Rosemount

Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM–4:30 PM

Saturday, 8:00 AM–Noon (seasonal, call ahead)



## Recycle Right

Recycling saves energy and protects natural resources. Recycling also supports important businesses across the country, and some that operate right here in Minnesota.

Help support the recycling industry by recycling right. Put these recyclables loose in your home recycling cart or use a paper bag. Do not use plastic bags. **Make sure bottles, jars and containers are empty and dry before recycling. They don't have to be perfect — just free of most residue like food and liquids. Leave caps on containers and flatten boxes.**

### Paper

- Newspaper and inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- Mail and office papers

### Cardboard

- Corrugated cardboard
- Paperboard (e.g., cracker boxes)

### Cartons

- Milk and juice cartons
- Soup, broth, and wine cartons
- Juice boxes

### Metal Can

- Aluminum, tin, and steel cans

### Glass Bottles & Jars

### Plastic Bottles, Containers & Jugs

- Containers numbered 1, 2 or 5
- Soda, juice and water bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Margarine, cottage cheese and other tubs and lids
- Laundry detergent bottles and jugs
- Clear berry and produce containers



Leave out plastic bags, batteries, black plastic, food and things that can tangle around moving machines. Wondering about a specific item? Use the online Recycling Guide at [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *recycling guide*.



## The Recycling Zone

The Recycling Zone in Eagan is a destination for the stuff that doesn't belong in your home curbside cart. With the drive-thru setup, you stay in your car while staff unload materials from the trunk or backseat. Put smaller items in a box that you can leave behind.



### LOCATION

3365 Dodd Road,  
Eagan, MN  
952-891-7800

### HOURS

**Wednesday**, 9am–8pm  
**Thursday**, Noon–8pm  
**Friday**, 9am–5pm  
**Saturday**, 8am–5pm

### MORE INFO

For a complete list of acceptable items visit: [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us)  
Search: *Recycling Zone*

### ACCEPTED ITEMS (free drop-off unless noted)

- Auto products like motor oil, antifreeze and gas
- Bug killers/repellants
- Cardboard (no larger than 36 inches by 36 inches)
- Cleaners
- Electronics (fee for TVs and computer monitors)
- Lightbulbs — all types
- Needles/sharps (in closed rigid container, in front seat)
- Paints and stains
- Personal care products like nail polish and hair dye
- Propane tanks and aerosol sprays
- Scrap metal
- Small household electronics like toasters and vacuums
- String lights and cords
- Tires (fee)
- Vaping devices
- Weed killer
- Most products that say caution, warning, danger or poison

### NOT ACCEPTED

- Appliances
- Carpet
- Furniture
- Humidifiers and dehumidifiers
- Lumber
- Mattresses
- Medical waste and medications
- Yard waste

**If you have an unknown or unique household chemical** send an email to [recyclingzone@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:recyclingzone@co.dakota.mn.us) prior to dropping off to work with The Recycling Zone staff about safe handling.



# THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE PROPOSED 2025 CITY BUDGET

## CONTINUED COMMUNITY GROWTH

27% Increase in a Decade



2014 = 59,361



2024 Estimate = 75,217

## MEDIAN HOME VALUES

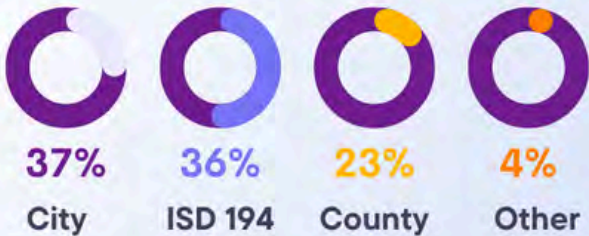


2024 Median Value \$446,500  
City Tax \$1,349

2025 Median Value \$451,150  
City Tax \$1,455

Median Home Value Increased 1.04%  
Tax Change \$106

## 2024 PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION



## 2025 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



## KEY ADDITIONS TO THE 2025 BUDGET

- 15 Full-Time Firefighters
- 1 Police Officer
- Parks Referendum Debt Service



## COMMUNITY GROWTH (NEW CONSTRUCTION)



Last 5 years \$1.6B  
Last 10 years \$2.5B



## MUNICIPAL LIQUOR OPERATIONS 2025 CONTRIBUTIONS: \$1.75M



Debt Service:  
Public Safety &  
Other  
\$747K



Pan-O-Prog  
Fireworks  
\$30K



Equipment:  
Police Squads,  
Snowplows, etc.  
\$968K

## CITY TAX DOLLARS SPENT

Monthly

Parks & Rec \$17  
Public Works \$19  
General Govt \$23  
Public Safety \$62  
City Services = \$ 121



Annually

Parks & Rec \$204  
Public Works \$232  
General Govt \$275  
Public Safety \$744  
City Services = \$1,455

All data collected from various sources



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**LakevilleMN.gov**

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**Recycle Your Holiday String Lights**  
**November 18-January 31**

Every year, we cycle through new and old holiday string lights, using what we can and tossing those that no longer work. When your lights get old, or you decide to make the switch to energy efficient LED holiday lights, recycle them so they stay out of the trash!

Drop-off locations in Lakeville include City Hall and all four Lakeville Liquors locations.



**Toys for Tots Collection Drive**  
**November 28-December 12 at noon**

The Lakeville Police Department is collecting new, unwrapped toys for this annual drive. Drop toys off at the following City facilities (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.):

- Central Maintenance - 7570 179th Street West
- City Hall - 20195 Holyoke Avenue
- Police Department - 9237 183rd Street West
- Fire Station 4 - 9465 185th Street West

Gift cards or cash are NOT accepted, but you may make a monetary donation by check, payable to Toys for Tots-Twin Cities. Bring checks in an envelope to the Lakeville Police Department.



**Holiday Art Sale**  
**Lakeville Area Arts Center**  
**Performing Arts Building**  
**20965 Holyoke Avenue**

- Thursday, December 5: 5-9 p.m.
- Friday, December 6: 12-9 p.m.
- Saturday, December 7: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Give the gift of art this holiday season! Purchase original artwork made by students and instructors including jewelry, ceramics, paintings, fiber arts and more!

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LakevilleMN.gov, Job Opportunities



Concerts



Art Classes



Theater & Comedy

## Christmas Gift Ideas



Heritage Center



Park & Rec Classes



Metro Dining Cards