

CITY OF LAKEVILLE CITY NEWS



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Get to Know Your Lakeville Police Department!



Join us May 24, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. for the Lakeville Police Open House! Meet officers, tour equipment and enjoy family fun. Please bring a canned food or paper product donation! 9237 183rd Street West, Lakeville.

New Bands Announced for Live at the Lake 2025!



Get ready for another incredible summer of music, food and fun! Check out page 7 for the full lineup. Be sure to tear it out and keep the it handy all summer long—it has everything you need to plan your nights at the lake!



Volunteers pitch in during Lakeville's **Watershed Cleanup** Week, April 26–May 4. Groups and individuals across the City rolled up their sleeves to help keep our community clean—thank you to all who participated!

Creativity Is Calling This Summer!

With school soon coming to a close, programs at the Arts Center are just getting started. Weeklong camps run June 16–August 28 with half- and full-day options. New this year is “gap care” for early drop-off and supervised lunch—perfect for busy families!

Camp themes include

pottery, jewelry making, STEM projects and theater. Kids will have a blast while learning from talented top instructors.

June also brings new adult classes in watercolor, glass fusing and Saori weaving.

There is something fun and inspiring for everyone at LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com!



We asked, "What do you love about trees?" Your sticky note answers bloomed into this leafy little word cloud!

Lakeville Unites for Earth Day and Arbor Day!

The community came together to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day on Saturday, April 26, with an all-ages educational event at the Central Maintenance Facility. With over 500 attendees, this lively gathering was packed with eco-friendly fun, hands-on activities and even a few Zoomobile guests.

Visitors explored engaging education stations hosted by the Minnesota DNR, Dakota County, University of Minnesota, Vermillion River JPO, Metropolitan Mosquito Control District, Great River Greening and many others. Attendees learned about everything from pollinators to stormwater and walked away with handy earth-friendly giveaways.

Park-tially Open: Grand Prairie's Fun Zone Debuts This Summer



Lakeville's newest park, Grand Prairie Park at Cedar Avenue and 185th Street, is set for a partial opening this summer, just in time for warm-weather fun!

The first phase includes 10 lighted pickleball courts, a challenge course, playground equipment, restrooms and shelter, and the star attraction—Lakeville's first splash pad, perfect for cooling off on hot days.



Construction has moved steadily along, with a grandstand, full-sized baseball diamond and lighting taking shape along Cedar Avenue. The full park, opening in 2026, will feature five multi-use fields for soccer, lacrosse, football and Lakeville's first cricket pitch.

Additional trails, shelters and sustainable features—like stormwater reuse for irrigation and a recirculating system for the splash pad—round out this major addition. Stay tuned for the official opening date and more progress reports on our website! LakevilleMN.gov, Parks & Rec

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Shop Local, Eat Fresh: Lakeville Farmers' Market Opens in June!

The Lakeville Farmers' Market, sponsored by the St. Paul Farmers' Market, is back for another season of fresh produce, local goods and community fun! Join us at the Lakeville Area Arts Center, 20965 Holyoke Avenue, every Wednesday from 12 - 5 p.m. (June 4 - Oct. 29) and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (June 14 - Sept. 20).

New this year—**Maggie the Market Goat, is the playful new mascot!** Each week, Maggie will be hiding somewhere in the market, nestled among fresh produce or local products. Kids who find her can stop by the market's information booth to report her hiding spot and learn a fun fact about local food.

Plus, a matching program for SNAP/EBT customers is available, making fresh, healthy food more accessible for all.

Come for the fresh finds, stay for the fun—see you at the market!

Stop Stormwater Pollution

Did you know anything entering storm drains flows straight into our rivers, lakes and wetlands—untreated? Illicit discharges like chemicals, pet waste and lawn products pollute our water, harm wildlife and damage our community. You can help!

Dispose properly: Use county services for hazardous waste. Never pour chemicals into drains or onto the ground.

Pick up pet waste: It contains harmful bacteria that wash into waterways.

Use lawn chemicals wisely: Limit fertilizers and pesticides that rain can carry into streams and drains.

Report it: Call 911 or the Environmental Resources Department at 952-985-4524.

Rolling Laughs: Puppet Wagon Hits the Road!



The beloved Puppet Wagon is rolling back into Lakeville on June 16, bringing laughter, adventure and colorful characters to 13 different parks each week! A favorite tradition for families, the Puppet Wagon delivers fun-filled performances featuring entertaining puppet antics, interactive storytelling and engaging activities for kids of all ages.

Grab a blanket or lawn chair, find a shady spot and enjoy the show! Thanks to the generous support of the Lakeville Lions, this cherished program continues to delight young audiences all summer long.

Check out the full schedule of locations and times at LakevilleMN.gov or scan the QR code to download the map and don't miss the magic of the Puppet Wagon!



Honoring Our Heroes This Memorial Day In Lakeville

The Lakeville VFW will hold **Memorial Day ceremonies** across the community on May 26, including: 12:45 p.m. - Veterans Memorial at Aronson Park, 8250 202nd Street West.

For details on additional locations, visit vfw210.org.



Retire Your Worn Flags With Respect

Is your American flag showing signs of wear? A flag drop-off box, sponsored by Lakeville Yellow Ribbon, is available in the City Hall parking lot at 20195 Holyoke Avenue, next to the utility payment box.

This Memorial Day, we honor and remember those who have selflessly served our nation. Thank you for your sacrifice.

Support Our Four-Legged Officers— Donate at Lakeville Liquors This July!

Support Lakeville's K-9 Unit—donate at Lakeville Liquors in July!

In July, Lakeville Liquors' community fundraiser will support the Lakeville Police Department's K-9 Unit, helping to fund the purchase and training of these invaluable four-legged officers.

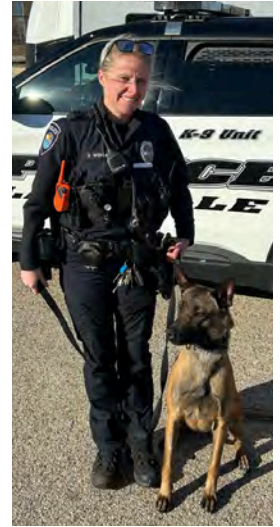
K-9s play a critical role in law enforcement by assisting officers in locating missing persons, detecting evidence, protecting officers and civilians, and apprehending fleeing suspects. The Department is currently training its newest K-9, Nora, and the costs for training and care are significant. That's where you come in!

How You Can Help:

Throughout July, customers can donate by:

- Rounding up purchases to the nearest dollar
- Leaving spare change at the registers
- Taking advantage of our special donation rewards:
 - \$12 donation = A free annual Brew or Wine Club membership (new or renewal)
 - \$24 donation = A free Premier Club membership (new or renewal)

Our club memberships offer great perks, including discounts on craft beer and wine, invitations to exclusive events and special promotions.



Officer Werden and K-9 Nora – Meet the newest addition to the Lakeville Police Department! K-9 Nora is currently in training, stepping in as K-9 Kilo officially retired in 2024. LPD typically has two active K-9 officers serving the community.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of Lakeville Liquors customers, we raised over **\$93,000** to support city department educational initiatives and community organizations, such as local food shelves and Yellow Ribbon. Let's make an even bigger impact this year!

Thank you for your support! Visit us in-store or online by downloading our mobile app. Don't forget—Lakeville Liquors offers free curbside pickup and local delivery seven days a week. Scan QR code for online app.



More Than a Class: Join Our Pottery Studio Community

At the Lakeville Area Arts Center, your pottery class doesn't end when the lesson is over. We're proud to be the only arts center around that offers **free open studio time to our students** who register for a five-week adult pottery class. That means more time to create, experiment, further your learning and connect with fellow clay lovers beyond class.

This extra access has helped build something special—an encouraging, welcoming community of artists who inspire and support one another.

Welcome to the LAAC pottery studio—a place where mud, imagination and community come together. Find class information at: LakevilleAreaArtsCenter.com, Take a Class.





SPRING TIPS TO KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN

Doggy Cleanup

If you haven't cleaned up the yard, it's time. Don't let it get washed into the stormwater. And always clean up after your pup when you go walking and in parks.



Driven by Purpose, Powered by People: Public Works in Action

Celebrating the Unsung Heroes of Lakeville

National Public Works Week is May 18–24, and this year's theme, "People, Purpose, Presence," is a perfect reflection of our Public Works team here in Lakeville. Whether it's clearing snow-covered streets before sunrise, maintaining safe drinking water or quietly repairing miles of underground infrastructure, their work touches every corner of our community—often without anyone realizing it. While you may not always see them, their presence is constant, their purpose is clear and their commitment to serving the people of Lakeville is unwavering.

Here's a closer look at the seven hardworking divisions that keep Lakeville running smoothly:

Utilities

From the wells to your faucet, the Utilities team ensures safe, clean water is always available. They operate and maintain 20 deep wells, six water towers and a ground storage tank holding more than four million gallons. They also manage Lakeville's sanitary sewer system and keep our hydrants, water mains and quality reports in top shape.

Engineering

If it's a street, sewer line or storm drain, the Engineering Division had a hand in it. This team plans and oversees construction of critical infrastructure, coordinates with MnDOT and Dakota County, and ensures every project is built to last.

Forestry

Trees are more than beautiful—they're a vital part of our environment. Forestry staff manage the

city's tree inventory and respond to invasive pests like emerald ash borer. They also support urban forest health through education, planning and public engagement. Lakeville's tree canopy covers an impressive 27% of the city!

Construction Services

This division is the project management hub for local improvements. From street reconstructions to surface seal projects and new wells, they coordinate efforts to keep Lakeville's infrastructure modern, efficient and safe.

Facilities

Think of Facilities staff as the behind-the-scenes team for all city buildings. They handle everything from maintenance and repairs to upgrades and energy efficiency—making sure our buildings are safe, functional and ready to serve the public every day.

Environmental Resources

Protecting Lakeville's natural beauty is the mission of this division. They manage wetlands, lakes and prairies, promote biodiversity and educate residents on environmental practices. They also tackle drainage, erosion, water quality, recycling and sustainability.

Streets and Fleet

This division maintains nearly 350 miles of roadway and over 500 cul-de-sacs year-round. Their duties include pothole repair, snow removal, sidewalk upkeep, storm drain maintenance, tree trimming and more—whatever it takes to keep Lakeville moving. Our Fleet Service takes care of our vehicles—including fire and police—keeping everything running safely. They also handle outfitting, maintenance and prepping vehicles for retirement.

Together, these divisions form one dedicated team, working around the clock to keep Lakeville safe, connected and thriving.



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The City of Lakeville is expanding its 150-mile trail network in 2026 with new trailheads and connections—linking Ritter Farm Park to downtown for the first time. These greenway updates are phase 1 of a Dakota County-wide plan (2013) that will eventually tie Burnsville, Savage, Credit River Township, Lakeville and Farmington to the Minnesota River Greenway and Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve. Stay tuned for community meetings to share your input on the new trails.

Swat Team: Mosquito Control Takes Flight

With warmer weather returning, the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) is already out in the field, working to keep mosquito populations in check across the Twin Cities metro. With a mix of experience, science and technology, MMCD's seasonal efforts help reduce both the annoyance and the health risks caused by mosquitoes, black flies and ticks.



This year marks a milestone—for the first time ever, MMCD will use drones to treat mosquito larvae. These drones are a high-tech addition to the MMCD's lineup, which already includes trucks, bikes, helicopters and foot patrols. Their main focus? Wetlands and other standing water areas where mosquitoes breed.

Residents may notice MMCD crews at work. Staff wear bright "Mosquito Control" vests and often access public and private properties to inspect and treat mosquito habitats. If you see a green or white MMCD truck, a field technician on a bike or even a drone overhead—it's all part of the effort to make summer more enjoyable for everyone.

Here's a quick look at what MMCD teams may be doing in your area:

- Surveying wetlands for mosquito larvae
- Inspecting catch basins in neighborhoods
- Applying treatments by hand, backpack sprayer, helicopter or drone
- Setting traps to monitor mosquito activity and species

All control materials used by MMCD are tested for safety and only applied when needed. The most common treatments are dry granules or pellets that specifically target mosquito larvae in standing water, with little to no impact on people, pets, wildlife or other insects.

Want to learn more or track where treatments are happening? Daily updates—including scheduled helicopter operations—are posted at MMCD.org. You can also **find tips on how to reduce mosquitoes around your home** and details on the tools MMCD uses throughout the season.

If you have any questions or concerns about mosquito control in your neighborhood, reach out to MMCD at 651-645-9149.

What's One Thing You Can Do to Fight Mosquitoes?

Take a few minutes each week to dump out anything holding water or refresh the water—it's a simple step that makes a big impact. Mosquitoes lay eggs in even the smallest pools of water and most backyards have hidden spots where they can thrive.

National NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 5



**Celebrate Community.
Connect with Public Safety.**

Join neighbors across the City—an evening of community, connection and fun. Strengthen relationships and build safer neighborhoods together.

REGISTER YOUR PARTY TODAY!



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Tear out and keep

- 06.11 **Opening act:** Lakeville Area Community Band
Headliner: BOB, The Music of Dylan
Food trucks: Byblos Mediterranean Express, Streetside Canteen, Pure Country Kool Treats & Sweets
- 06.18 **Opening act:** Sawyer's Dream (70s styled pop, rock & soul)
Headliner: Mississippi Hot Club (Jazz & Swing String Ensemble)
Food trucks: Divine Swine, HaDa Foodie, Unbakeable
- 06.25 **Opening act:** Patchouli & Terra Guitarra (nuevo flamenco guitar duo)
Headliner: Marv & Kaat (folk rock/Americana)
Food trucks: Sambusa Samosa, BD Sammies, Unbakeable
- 07.02 **Opening act:** Audrey Q. (indie rock, pop & rock)
Headliner: Anti-Skip Protection (90s Rock and Pop Hits)
Food trucks: Game Day Grub, Divine Swine, Pure Country Kool Treats & Sweets
- 07.06 **Music at the Park, a Pan-O-Prog event, Sunday special start time 6:30-8:30 p.m.**
Lakeville Area Community Band will perform a patriotic-themed concert
- 07.09 **Tribute Night, a Pan-O-Prog event, featuring Good to Be King: A Celebration of Tom Petty**
- 07.16 **Opening act:** Minneapolis Commodores (a cappella singing group)
Headliner: Tony Cuchetti (rock & blues)
Food trucks: Heavy Metal Grill, Byblos Mediterranean Express, Pure Country Kool Treats & Sweets
- 07.23 **Opening act:** Twin Cities Ballet
Headliner: The Dollys (Emmy Lou Harris, Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt covers)
Food trucks: Rollin Nolen's BBQ, Streetside Canteen, Pure Country Kool Treats & Sweets
- 07.30 **Opening act:** KCR Project (country rock duo)
Headliner: Little Chicago (horn band covering hits from the 60s & 70s)
Food trucks: Sambusa Samosa, Byblos Mediterranean Express, Pure Country Kool Treats & Sweets
- 08.06 **Opening act:** Rob Meany (folk)
Headliner: The Castaways (classic rock)
Food trucks: Rollin Nolen's BBQ, Byblos Mediterranean Express, Unbakeable
- 08.13 **Opening act:** Matt Hannah (folk)
Headliner: Lakeville Area Community Band (POPS Concert)
Food trucks: Heavy Metal Grill, Game Day Grub, Unbakeable
- 08.20 **Opening act:** Relativity the Band (current top 40, classic rock & folk)
Headliner: Jo Jo Green (jazz, pop & rock)
Food trucks: HaDa Foodie, Streetside Canteen, Unbakeable
- 08.27 **Opening act:** Mark Ross and the Three-Nineteen (American indie/alt rock)
Headliner: Led Foot Larry (country & rock)
Food trucks: Game Day Grub, Unbakeable



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Headliner 6:45-8:30 p.m.

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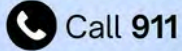
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Lakeville citywide blood drive



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Assistance and questions to info@LakevilleChamber.org or 952.469.2020

The FUN starts here!



FAN FAVORITES

- 7.4 Fireworks
- 7.6 Lions Fly-in Breakfast
- 7.10 Beer, Brats & BINGO
- 7.10-7.13 Carnival
- 7.11 Cruise Night (500 cars)
- 7.12 LFD Waffle Breakfast
- 7.12 Grand Parade (5pm start)



JULY 5-13, 2025