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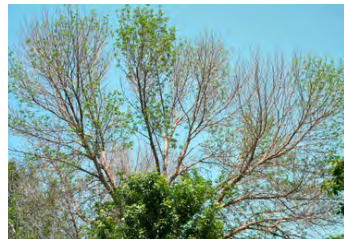
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New Roundabout Coming to CR 50 & Hamburg Ave.

Dakota County and the City are constructing a single-lane roundabout based on a 2023 evaluation to improve safety and traffic flow. The intersection will reopen in September.



Private Ash Tree Survey Process Begins in August

Forestry staff will be conducting a survey of private ash trees this August to identify those infested with emerald ash borer. For more information, visit LakevilleMN.gov.



The City has settled on the future home of the fire station and purchased 12 acres along 179th Street West, across from the Central Maintenance Facility. It may also serve as a future satellite water treatment facility. Learn more at LakevilleMN.gov.

Lakeville Parks & Rec Launches New Website!

We have exciting news to share—Lakeville Parks & Recreation now has its own dedicated website!

Whether you're planning a park rental, signing up for a class or just looking for something fun to do, it's now easier than ever to find what you need.

You can still access Parks & Rec through the City's main site at LakevilleMN.gov, and you can also go directly to LakevilleParksAndRec.com—a new, easy-to-remember URL created just for you!

Go ahead—explore, register, rent and reconnect with what you love and take your next adventure outside!

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NIGHTS OF ENTERTAINMENT

LAKE WOBEGON BRASS BAND

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October 3
7:30 p.m.



JESSI CAMPBELL

A NIGHT OF COMEDY
October 4
7 p.m.



ROBBY VEE

A NIGHT OF MUSIC
October 11
7:30 p.m.



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Lakeville Interns Wrap Up a Season of Learning & Service

In this edition, we're highlighting our seasonal staff. The City welcomed four interns this summer, each bringing unique skills and enthusiasm to their roles. Here's a bit about their backgrounds and the experiences they've had working with the City. Written in order from left to right as pictured.

Hi! My name is **Sheridan Liggett** and I'm currently heading into my senior year at UMD majoring in both Civil Engineering and Criminology – odd combination I know! This summer I interned with the Engineering Department nice and close as I'm originally from Elko New Market. A few of my responsibilities as the engineering intern included approving right-of-way permits and taking traffic measurements. The biggest skill that I gained from this summer was how to better communicate with both residents and contractors/sub-contractors alike. In the future, I hope to get into either Forensic Civil Engineering or Fire Investigation!

My name is **Kate Ferrell** and I am a Plant Science senior at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities from Navarre. I am the Environmental Resources Intern in the Engineering Department and I have been working on vegetation assessments, erosion control and invasive species education. I am learning how to identify new plants, such as Japanese-hedge parsley and bristly locust! My future plans are to work in ecological restoration and to continue to learn about plants.

Hi, I'm **Karina Dougall!** I'm from Lakeville and I'm a senior at UW-Stout studying Graphic Design and Interactive Media, with a minor in Digital Marketing. I've had the opportunity to intern with the City's Communications team, where I got hands-on experience with social media management, website auditing and design, photography, graphic design and branding. It's been fun to work on such a variety of projects every day and I've loved expanding my skill set! Looking ahead, I'm excited to pursue a career in a marketing agency or company, focusing on web design or branding.

My name is **Sydney Brinkman**, I'm from Northfield and I am currently a student at the University of Minnesota pursuing a BA in Art History and Museum Curation. This summer I have been Interning at the Lakeville Area Arts Center, which has allowed me to learn about all the effort it takes to make an arts center run smoothly. In the future I plan to study abroad in Paris during my remaining time at the U, and then obtain my Masters degree in Seattle, Washington.

Farwell and good luck, summer interns!

Planning for the Future of the Cedar Avenue Corridor

This summer, the City of Lakeville's Community Development Department is taking a fresh look at how land along Cedar Avenue between 185th and 200th Street could be used in the future.

This area has long been planned for a mix of shops, restaurants, apartments and other developments—based on previous transit plans. But with some of those plans now changing, it's time to revisit what makes the most sense for this important part of the City.

To do that, the City is launching a land use and market study. This study will help us better understand:

- What types of businesses or housing could succeed here
- What the community needs now and in the future
- How to encourage smart, strategic development that benefits residents and the local economy

The findings from the study—expected this fall—will help guide future decisions about development along the corridor.

It's all part of making sure Lakeville continues to grow in a way that's thoughtful, sustainable and aligned with community needs.

Stay tuned for updates on LakevilleBusiness.com.



Sun, Sand and a National Title

Antlers Park Beach on Lake Marion has been named *Best Lake Beach* in the country by **USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice Awards** for 2025. Originally opened in 1910, Antlers Park has long been a favorite summer destination. Thanks to community support of the 2021 Park Bond Referendum, the park underwent a major renovation that honored its historic charm while updating and adding new amenities centered around its long sandy shoreline. The newly redesigned park reopened on May 22, 2024.

This national recognition celebrates both the park's legacy and its bright future as a premier lakeside destination that will create memories for Lakeville's residents for generations to come.

Thank You to Our Seasonal Parks Staff – You Kept It Clean, Green and Pristine!



Each summer, our **29 seasonal parks staff** play a vital role in keeping Lakeville’s parks clean, safe and beautiful for all to enjoy. From mowing and weed trimming to cleaning the **40 shelters** and maintaining **51 playgrounds** and **45 ballfields**, their work is essential to the upkeep of our expanding park system.

They’re here seven days a week—collecting trash, maintaining turf and landscaped areas, painting

and making sure every reserved shelter is clean and ready to go. Their hard work behind the scenes ensures that residents and visitors can enjoy quality outdoor spaces all season long.

Each year, the City looks for energetic and enthusiastic individuals to help keep Lakeville’s parks looking their best. If you’re interested in seasonal opportunities, sign up for job notifications at LakevilleMN.gov and be the first to know when positions open!

New Leash Law Balances Safety With More Room to Play

Lakeville has updated its leash ordinance to help make expectations clearer for dog owners, ensure public safety and make the rules easier to understand and enforce. The new ordinance requires that **all dogs in Lakeville be on a leash in public spaces, including parks, streets, sidewalks and trails.**

The good news? With this change, the City is also **expanding opportunities for off-leash exercise and training!** We’ve designated three parks and four rink locations as off-leash areas where dogs can run and play freely under voice control. These areas are currently being enhanced with new signage, trash cans and doggy bag dispensers to make them even more enjoyable and user-friendly.

What the new ordinance says:

- Dogs must be **leashed (no longer than 25 feet)** in all public areas unless in a designated off-leash zone.
- If another pedestrian comes within **100 feet**, your dog must be recalled and brought under close control.
- In designated off-leash areas, dogs must remain under **voice control** at all times and follow posted rules.

The goal of this ordinance is to balance safety and freedom—for both people and pets. The rink areas will be open from March to November at **McGuire, Cherryview, Greenridge and Highview**. Parks with off-leash areas are: **Valley Lake (east side), Rolling Oaks and Ritter Farm Dog Park (small and large dog areas)**. Stay tuned for more details and tips for enjoying the new areas responsibly!

Lights, Camera, Lakeville!



The Lakeville Convention & Visitors Bureau and the City of Lakeville have partnered with Explore Minnesota to become a Certified Film Ready Community—a designation that positions Lakeville as a potential site for film, television and media productions.

Explore Minnesota's Film Ready Program simplifies the process for production companies by:

- Guiding permitting and logistics
- Showcasing local sites and spaces
- Supporting access to resources
- Building relationships with production teams

As part of the program, Lakeville is submitting a portfolio of unique filming locations to Explore Minnesota's location database. This gives producers a glimpse of what our area offers—from scenic parks and historic buildings to charming downtown streets and vibrant commercial spaces.

Here's where you come in, Lakeville!

Residents and business owners can list their properties—such as homes, barns, farms, retail shops, restaurants or even vacant buildings—as potential filming locations. It's easy! Just visit mfilmtv.org/location-guide to upload photos and details. Even if you're not listing a site, it's a fun place to browse and see what's already been shared from around the state.

We're continuing to build Lakeville's portfolio and hope to complete the full application later this fall.

Minnesota has recently strengthened its appeal to filmmakers by passing the Minnesota Film Production Tax Credit, helping attract more projects to the state.

While we can't predict if Lakeville will land a blockbuster, every production—large or small—brings potential economic benefits to local businesses and a fun energy to the community.

It's a fresh and exciting way to spotlight Lakeville—and yes, we're ready for our close-up!



Puppets, Plots and Park Laughs—Oh My!

This year's City of Lakeville puppeteers pictured from left to right are Josie Brunk, Adrea Turchi and Paul Fuhrman.

Lakeville's Parks & Rec puppeteers have been busy all summer performing *13 shows a week across 13 different parks*—that's over 100 performances! Crowds of more than 100 people gathered at several locations to catch the latest puppet drama and hijinks, featuring brand-new characters like Professor Boleslaw, an evil genius with a flair for the dramatic.

The talented trio—two college students and one high schooler—wrote every show themselves and even made a special appearance at The Pillars for memory care and assisted living residents. Of course, we have to give a shoutout to anyone who brought fan mail for Sparky and Banana, two of the most beloved puppet personalities in Lakeville history.

Huge thanks to the Lakeville Lions for helping make this magical program possible year after year!

Summer's Secret Sauce: Our Amazing Staff



Meet some of the amazing seasonal staff behind Lakeville's popular summer programs! From Sparkles & Spa and Safety Camp to Kamp Kermit Big Adventures, these five brought energy, creativity and care to every activity.

They also helped power big events like the Pan-O-Prog Run and Youth Fishing Contest. We're so grateful for their hard work and enthusiasm!

Pictured: Maya Steffen (UW-La Crosse), Bella Vincelli (UW-Eau Claire), Brayden Rice (UW-Eau Claire) and Caitlyn Garso (Lakeville South High School). Not pictured: Allie Niederer (BYU-Idaho).

Upgraded and Ready: Inside Lakeville's Modern Rescue Gear

Your friend mentioned they were going for a quick hike at Ritter Farm Park before meeting you for dinner. You text them that afternoon to confirm plans—no reply. Not too unusual. But now it's been over an hour, and your calls are going straight to voicemail. You decide to drive to the park, where you find their car in the lot—but still no sign of them.

You walk a few trails, check the picnic area and look near the dog park. Still nothing. Hours have now passed—and your concern turns into fear. You call 911.

In the past, Lakeville's Police and Fire Departments would have searched on foot or driven as far as possible on trails before splitting up to comb the woods. That takes time—and in emergencies, time is everything.

Thanks to generous donations from the Lakeville Public Safety Foundation and strategic planning by both Police and Fire Departments, responders now have access to a coordinated set of advanced rescue tools that dramatically improve how quickly and safely they can respond.



In this fictional scenario, the search begins with a DJI M30 drone—an unmanned aerial vehicle equipped with infrared technology to detect heat signatures in low light or lightly wooded areas.

Its wide-angle lens and 200x optical zoom help responders quickly locate individuals who may be injured or unconscious, while distinguishing between people and wildlife.



Once the drone spots someone, the Polaris Ranger XP utility task vehicle (UTV) is deployed—carrying up to six first responders including EMTs, fire rescue and police staff.



It's loaded with critical search and rescue equipment. It also has sirens, a loudspeaker, 2,500 pound towing capacity, a 4,500 pound winch, and can bring medical supplies and water in the UTV's 1,000 pound capacity rear bed.

An early and impactful donation from the Foundation was an all-terrain rescue stretcher, a vital tool for emergency response and useful on the West Lake Marion Mountain Bike Trail.



Back on our scene, the team evaluates the patient, begins care immediately in the field and secures any injuries. The stretcher is then used to carefully transport the patient out of the woods and into the care of ambulance crews.

This fictional rescue is successful—and completed quickly in daylight—thanks to the lifesaving tools now available to our first responders and a very caring friend.

Thanks to the generosity of the community, the Lakeville Public Safety Foundation has raised more than \$700,000 over the past 10 years to support supplemental equipment for our Police and Fire Departments. While the City and taxpayers fund essential services and core needs, the Foundation focuses on non-essential but high-impact tools that enhance safety, improve response capabilities and bring valuable technology to our teams faster than would otherwise be possible.

To learn more about the Lakeville Public Safety Foundation and its fundraising efforts, visit [LPSF.org](https://www.lpsf.org).

The Lakeville Public Safety Foundation (LPSF) is a 501c(3) non profit organization that promotes public safety by enhancing the capabilities of the Lakeville Police Department and the Lakeville Fire Department. LPSF will provide financial assistance for community based public safety programs, events, processes and nonessential operational tools through donations from citizens and corporations.



Make Your Fall Unforgettable With Us, Lakeville

The fall catalog was included with your summer catalog. If you misplaced it or no longer have it, you can find all of our Parks & Recreation and Arts Center programs online at LakevilleParksAndRec.com. Below is just a sampling—visit the site to explore and register for a wide variety of programs for all ages and interests, from youth sports and nature education to art classes and adult leagues. *There's something for everyone!*

Woodland Wonders Nature Preschool



Let your little explorer dive into the wonders of the natural world with our 12-week drop-off nature preschool program! This hands-on, outdoor-based class encourages curiosity and creativity

while helping preschoolers build skills in science, math, language arts and art. Children will investigate plants, animals and seasonal changes through playful activities that promote problem-solving and discovery. Be sure to dress for the weather! We'll explore and practice important early learning skills through indoor and outdoor play. \$439

Fridays, Sep. 5–Dec. 12; 9–11:30 a.m. or 1–3:30 p.m.

Ritter Farm Park

Intro to Watercolor

Come and enjoy the relaxing wonder of watercolor while learning the fundamentals and techniques of this exciting medium. By the end of the session you can expect to finish 2–3 paintings total. All skill levels are welcome!

Ages 15+, \$115

Tue., 6–8:30 p.m.

Sep. 30–Oct. 14



Yoga by the Lake

A great opportunity to connect with yourself, others and the great outdoors. This vinyasa-style class is designed for participants at all levels of yoga.

Discover your strength and flexibility while connecting with your mind and body. Please bring your own mat.

Ages 16+, \$50/series or \$15/drop in, Mon., 6–7 p.m.

Sep. 8–29 Nov. 3–24

Oct. 6–27 Dec. 1–22

Fun with Watercolor & Acrylic Ink

Explore the world of modern and semi-abstract art in this class, where you'll learn to create stunning artworks using watercolor and acrylic ink.



Discover how to select materials, develop your designs and experiment with different techniques to create multiple unique pieces.

Ages 15+, \$150

Mon., 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Sep. 15–Oct. 13

Winter & Early Spring 2026 Rentals Are Now Open!



Reservation dates are open now through April 30, 2026 for our indoor buildings. We offer a variety of rental spaces to accommodate groups from 40 to 150 at the John Hennen Pavilion, Parkiew, Prairie Lake, Ritter Farm and Steve Michaud Parks.

Visit LakevilleParksAndRec.com or call **952-985-4600** to make a reservation.



Mark your calendar for one of Lakeville's favorite fall traditions! The **Lakeville Art Festival** will be held **Saturday, September 20** from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and **Sunday, September 21** from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. on the grounds of the Lakeville Area Arts Center (20965 Holyoke Avenue).

This free, family-friendly event features over 100 juried artists showcasing work in ceramics, drawing, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking and wood. Enjoy a fun-filled day of shopping, live music, food trucks, a wine and beer tent, artist demonstrations, a community art project, youth art tent and a silent auction.

Support local creativity and make a day of it! Learn more at LakevilleArtFestival.org.



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