



parks & recreation

Annual Report

Creating community through people, parks & programs.

2023

Welcome to Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation is pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report that highlights the programs, classes, activities and projects that staff dedicated their time to this past year. This year marked extensive progress on a number of bond referendum projects including the renovation of the Ritter Farm Park Environmental Learning Center, the Antlers Park improvement and expansion project, the planning of Avonlea Community Park and others.

Other notable events included the first year of the Live at the Lake Summer Concert Series that hosted thousands at Casperson Park, the 1st Annual Downtown Lakeville Art Crawl and the purchase of the Fine Arts Building. We brought back historical favorites such as Kamp Kermit, the Haunted Forest Festival, Ritter Fest and more while expanding with new offerings like Cricket Camp, Mini-Mermaid Camp, kayaking and others. As we head into 2024, we will strive to offer high-quality programming, excellent facilities and opportunities for everyone to enjoy everything that Lakeville Parks & Recreation has to offer.

John Hennen, Parks & Recreation Director

Cheers to 2024!

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Donations

The Parks & Recreation Department received donations from a number of local businesses, organizations and individuals this year. Staff recognizes the importance of community involvement and the positive impact that these partnerships have on the quality of life for Lakeville residents. We would like to express our gratitude to the many individuals who support Parks & Recreation programs, classes and events! In total, **\$186,657** was donated to Lakeville Parks & Recreation this past year. Donations assist with funding a variety of programs and events including, Puppet Wagon, Haunted Forest Festival, Red Hat Chorus, fireworks display, landscaping at Ritter Farm Park, the future splash pad at Avonlea Community Park and the scholarship fund. We would also like to extend our thanks to the estimated **1,000** volunteers who dedicated nearly **3,000** hours assisting with special events, programs, bread delivery and more!

Avaya Skincare & Health

College City Beverage

Cub Foods

Eisele Greenhouse, Inc.

Finish Line Wellness

Genisys Credit Union

Jeanne Peterson

Kevin Miller

Lakeville Area Garden Club

Lakeville Brewing Company

Lakeville Fastpitch Softball Association

Lakeville Lions

Paulette Odenthal - Run the Ritter

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers

Safety Signs

Suresh Sikharam

TreeHouse Foods

Ritter Farm Park Cabin Improvements

The renovation of the historical cabin located at Ritter Farm Park was completed in late summer of 2023. The new facility officially opened as the Ed Mako Environmental Learning Center on October 14. The new facility includes a classroom area, kitchenette, modern restrooms, ADA entrances and a deck. The exterior landscaping includes native prairie plantings and an ethnobotanical garden.

A variety of environmental programs and events will be hosted at the new facility.



Construction in Progress

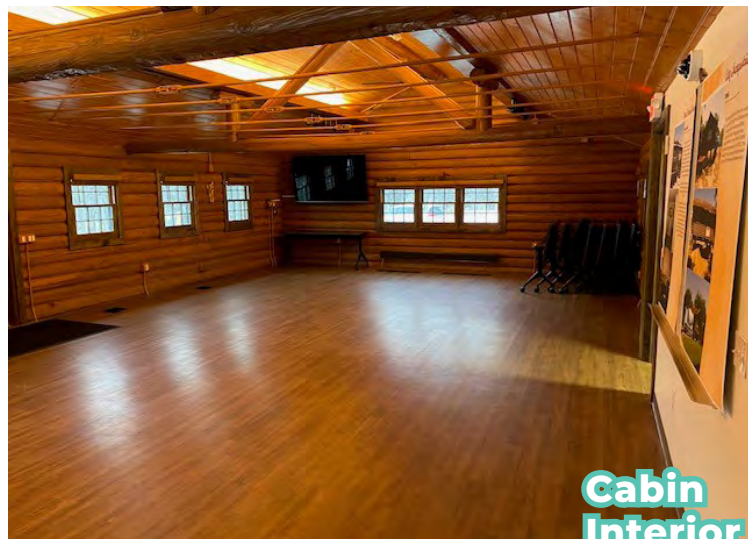


Grand Opening



Thank you!

Thank you to the Lakeville Lions and Run the Ritter for their donations to exterior landscaping improvements at the cabin. The Lions donated \$26,000 to the project as well as volunteer time for planting and maintaining. An additional \$3,000 was donated from Run the Ritter for pollinator plantings.



Cabin Interior

Antlers Community Park Improvements

An official groundbreaking ceremony for the Antlers Community Park Expansion and Improvements was held on May 1. The project included the construction of three new shelters, an indoor pavilion, volleyball courts, trailhead and plaza, trails, play area and expanded parking areas. Arts Center staff is working with selected artists on the installation of community art pieces that will be installed in 2024. Substantial completion of the park was completed in late 2023 and the park will be opened to the public beginning in late May of 2024.



Groundbreaking Ceremony



Construction in Progress



Construction of Shelter A

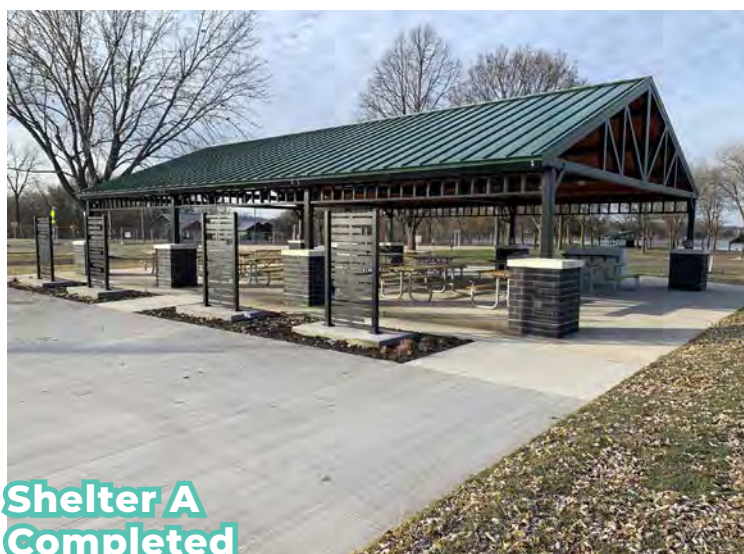


Volleyball Court Construction

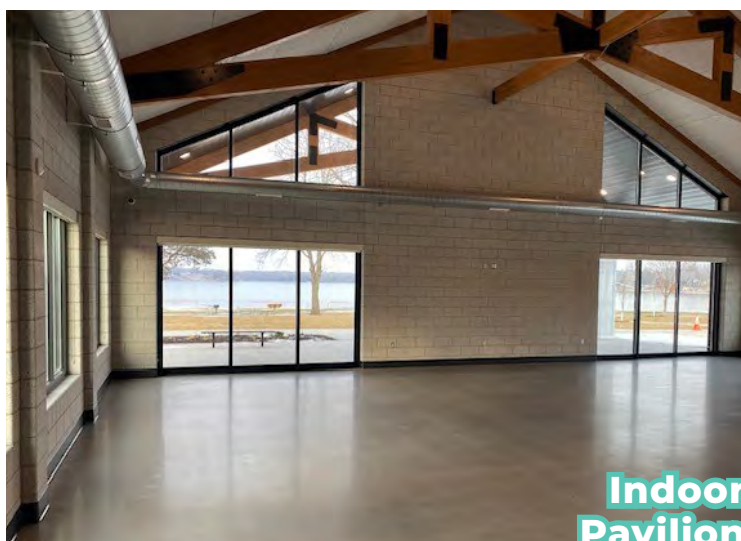
Administration



The indoor pavilion includes a catering kitchen, tables and chairs for an estimated 90 people, modern restrooms and AV equipment.



**Shelter A
Completed**



**Indoor
Pavilion**



**Catering
Kitchen**



Avonlea Community Park Construction

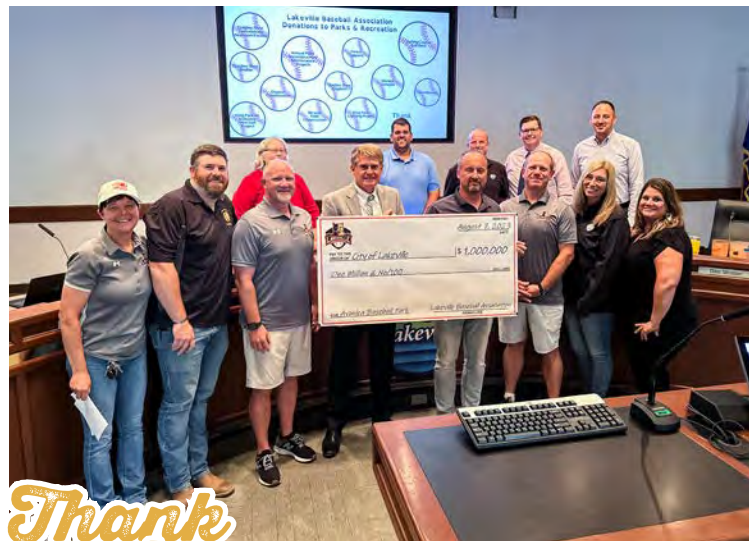
Design and specifications of the Avonlea Community Park were developed and completed over the course of 2023. The new community park located on the southwest corner of Cedar Avenue and 185th Street will include a splash pad, ten lighted pickleball courts, five multi-purpose athletic fields including a cricket pitch, play area, modern restrooms, baseball field with grandstand seating and more. The project is slated to go out for bid in early 2024 with groundbreaking occurring in spring of the same year. The project will be completed in 2025.



Master Plan



Baseball Field Concept



Thank you! The Lakeville Baseball Association partnered with City staff on the design of the baseball field and other related amenities. In addition, LBA pledged \$1 million to the project, thank you LBA!

Additional Park Bond Referendum Projects

The Arts Center loading dock and annex were completed in early 2023. The improvements included a new loading dock to support theater programming and office space.



Arts Center Annex & Loading Dock



Trail Gap Construction

Trail segments throughout the City were constructed in 2023. The project will be completed in 2024. Trail segments that were added include:

- Kenyon Avenue
- 175th Street
- Highview Avenue
- Cedar Avenue
- Holyoke/Highview Avenue
- Chadwick Conservation Area

A total of 38 park ID signs and six basketball courts were replaced. Basketball court locations include:

- Bassett
- Foxborough
- Greenridge
- Highview Heights
- Hypointe Crossing
- Rolling Oaks



Updated Park ID Signs

Knob Hill Park Construction

This neighborhood park is located off 178th Street West and Evershed Way and includes two pickleball courts, half basketball court, multi-purpose athletic deck, play areas and picnic facilities. Construction of the park was completed in late 2023.



Master Plan



Playground



Pickleball Courts

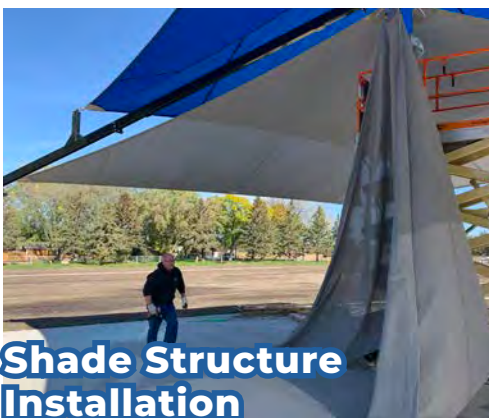
Park Maintenance

What We Do...

Park Maintenance staff strives to provide the residents of Lakeville and visitors to the community with high-quality facilities and services. Staff is responsible for ensuring the safety and functionality of playground equipment, preparing athletic fields for the ever-growing requests from youth athletic associations, assisting with special events including Pan-O-Prog, Taste of Lakeville, Lakeville Art Festival and much more.

Park Amenities

Miles of Trails	142
Park Facilities	70
Archery Range	1
Baseball Fields	13
Basketball Courts	29
Beaches	2
Boat Ramps	2
Buildings	17
City Turf Fields	44
School Turf Fields	29
City Ballfields	22
School Ballfields	3
Fishing Piers	3
Grills	58
Rink Sites	10
Parking Lots	40
Pickleball Courts	16
Picnic Tables	Est. 350
Playgrounds	50
Pollinator Gardens	2
Picnic Shelters	29
Shade Structures	11
City Softball Fields	32
City Softball Fields	26
Tennis Courts	5
Trash Cans	Est. 350
Volleyball Courts	6
Restrooms/Portables	54



Shade Structure Installation



Aerification



Foxborough Playground Removal



Concrete Replacement



King Park Garage Installation



Tree Removal



Aronson Softball Field Maintenance



Turf Maintenance

Department Staff

- Mark Kruse
Parks Superintendent
- Paul Miskimen
Parks Supervisor
- Andrea Phillips
Park Maintenance Admin. Asst.
- Tony Novak
Parks Lead/Maintenance II
- Jason Rochel
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- Tony Smith
Park Maintenance II
- Joe Bronk
Park Maintenance II
- Tom Weiss
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- Mark Tschann
Park Maintenance II
- Allen Friedges
Park Maintenance II
- Mark Roschen
Park Maintenance II
- Marty Bartusek
Park Maintenance II
- Spencer Brock
Park Maintenance II
- Preston Nerhus
Park Maintenance II
- Brent Kummer
Park Maintenance II
- Phillip Monge
Park Maintenance I

Seasonal

- 22 Park Maintenance I
6 Park Maintenance II

Tree & Shrub Sale

The Annual Tree & Shrub Sale is a coordinated effort between Recreation, Parks and Forestry staff.

Trees	183
Shrubs	139
Gator Bags	17
Tree Guards	15

Adopt a Park

In 2023, a total of 43 park spaces were adopted. Thank you to all of the community members who helped keep our parks clean!

- Antlers Park**
Post Consumer Brands
- Aronson Park**
BTD Manufacturing
- Basset Park**
Dymaxion, LLC
- Casperson Boat Launch & Park**
Lake Marion Association
- Cherryview Conservation Area**
Home Plus Realty
- Cherryview Park**
In Honor of Susan Ruby
- Dakota Heights Conservation Area**
Jim, Traci, Tami Plourde
- Dakota Heights Park**
Gary Bungert
- Dodd Pointe Park**
Pay it Forward
- Dodd Trail Park**
Cub Scouts Pack 116
- East Community Park**
Mallard Shores Homeowners Association
- Fieldstone Park**
Brian McDaniel
- Fishing Bridge (I-35)**
Chuck Halvorsen
- Foxborough Park**
Lakeville Baseball Association
- Greenridge Park**
Schulkers Electric
- Independence Park**
Hannah Wegleitner
- James Jensen Park**
Post Consumer Brands
- Juno Trailway**
Lake Marion Association
- Kensington Park**
Post Consumer Brands
- Kenwood Trail Disc Golf Course**
Body Tune Massage & Wellness

- King Park Athletic Complex**
Lakeville Baseball Association
- Marion Fields Park**
Heritage Center
- Meadows Park**
Briana King
- North Creek Park**
North Creek Villas Homeowners
- Oak Shores Park**
Body Tune Massage & Wellness
- Orchard Lake Beach**
Rodolia
- Orchard Lark Park**
The Thompson Family
- Parkview Park**
4Force 4-H Club
- Pinnacle Reserve Park**
The Knutson Family
- Pioneer Plaza**
Ace Hardware
- Prairie Lake Park**
Lake Villa Golf Estates
- Quail Meadows Park**
North Trail Elementary School
- Quigley-Sime Athletic Complex**
Lakeville Baseball Association
- Raven Lake Conservation Area**
Threads & Inks, Inc.
- Ritter Farm Park**
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Steve Michaud Park**
KIDFORCE
- Stoneborough Park**
The Bode Family
- Summerlyn Park**
BSA Troop 261
- Terrace Park**
Brianna Lawrence
- Wayside Park**
Shane Hill

Thank you for keeping our parks beautiful!

Eagle Scout Projects

For many years, parks staff, Tony Smith in particular, has worked with Boy Scouts who are pursuing their Eagle Scout status on a variety of projects. Each project is a combination of fundraising, coordinating and leadership. This year, scouts completed projects at Casperson, Quail Meadows, Greenridge, Rolling Oaks, Dakota Heights and Aronson Parks.



Rink Rehabilitation



Veterans Memorial Site Maintenance

Aronson Park Irrigation

In cooperation with a contractor, the installation of irrigation was completed on five softball fields at Aronson Park. Following extensive drought conditions, the irrigation system will improve the condition and playability of the fields.



Dakota Heights Warming House

Interior renovations including new flooring and painting were completed at the Dakota Heights Warming House. Exterior renovations included the construction of a new concrete walkway and restroom enclosure.



Casperson Boat Launch Extension

The Caspersen Boat Launch Phase II project was completed in late 2023. The project added nearly 30 more feet of concrete planks to the existing launch. The additional concrete launch planks will allow boaters better access during the low water levels of the lake.



Casperson Park Irrigation

Irrigation was installed at Casperson Park near the bandshell. Following two summers of drought, staff's seeding efforts and newly installed irrigation paid off with the growth of new turf at the park.



Ritter Farm Park Horse Amenities

Among the extensive trail system located at Ritter Farm Park, there are trails suitable for equestrian usage. New this year, staff installed a horse mounting block and high hitching post.



Little Free Library at Rolling Oaks Park

Girl Scout Troop 27472 completed their Take Action Project by installing a Little Free Library at Rolling Oaks Park. The troop will maintain and monitor the library as needed.



Welcome to the Lakeville Area Arts Center

Our Mission Statement

The Lakeville Area Arts Center promotes cultural enrichment and artistic experiences for the community by providing an environment that fosters creative expression and offers a myriad of artistic and educational opportunities.



Art Sale



Youth Art Month



Pottery Open Studio

By the Numbers

Department Revenue

2023	\$657,405	up 45.5%
2022	\$451,743	
2021	\$259,613	
2020	\$166,314	

Theater Events & Rental Fees

Expressions	\$28,500	up 26%
LAAC Events	\$79,200	down 9%
Liquor Sales	\$19,600	down 15%
Rentals	\$179,300	up 52%
Ticket Surcharge	\$16,300	up 25%

Classes & Program Fees

Art Camps	\$53,700	up 10%
Painting	\$36,500	up 70%
Ceramics Classes	\$149,200	up 63%
Gallery Sales	\$15,400	up 20%
Misc. Art	\$21,100	up 85%

About the Numbers

- More events were hosted in 2023 but with lower entry fees.
- Expressions Community Theater set two post-COVID records in 2023.
- Program revenue set a record this year, with an increase of 86% over last year.
- New classes were added in every medium for a total of 89 pottery, 29 painting, 27 workshops and 16 private parties.
- Our pottery program set a record of 894 students served, an 8.6% increase over our previous record set in 2022.



Department Staff

Joe Masiarchin

Manager

Scarlett Larson

Recreation Program Coordinator

Helena Leary-Heinz

Recreation Program Specialist

Nancy Schulte

Administrative Assistant

Sonya Honaker

Pottery Studio Manager

Brennen Thomas

Box Office Manager

15 **Art Instructors**

4 **Sound Technicians**

Leadership & Advising

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Happy Retirement!

In early 2023, Karla Hartmann retired from the City of Lakeville following 27 years of service. During Karla's tenure with the Arts Center as the Recreation Program Coordinator, considerable expansion of visual arts programming and especially pottery was made. Thank you, Karla for your contributions to the Arts Center and community!

Welcome Aboard!

Scarlett Larson joined the department in March this year as the Recreation Program Coordinator and Helena Leary-Heinz started as a Recreation Program Specialist in October.

Scarlett Larson is an artist, educator, and entrepreneur. A graduate of Minneapolis College of Art and Design with a degree in sculpture, she thrives on developing exciting community-wide experiences that inspire collective and personal creativity. For over a decade she has operated educational programs in both New York City and across the Twin Cities metro area. Most recently she spent the last three years running her own business, Parcel Arts, which provided thousands of art kits and taught hundreds of remote and onsite classes across Minnesota's urban and suburban libraries, community education sites and private organizations. Scarlett is beyond thrilled to bring her vast wealth of experience and expertise to the Lakeville Area Arts Center, and when she's not working, you'll find her running, rowing, gardening and exploring new art techniques with her family and friends.

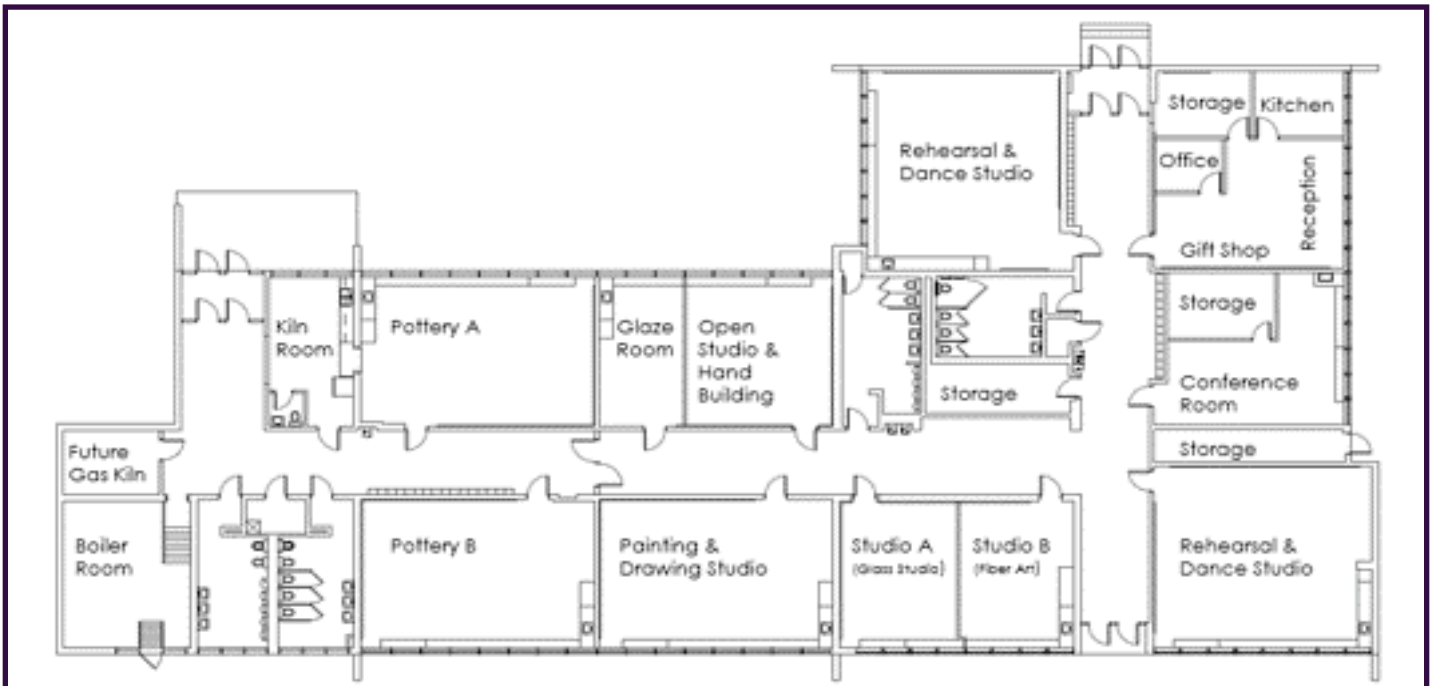


Helena Leary-Heinz is an artist and educator who is focused on bringing together community over the love of art. Her 30 years of experience includes opening her own ceramic studio, developing traveling glass studios, and teaching hundreds of art classes around the United States. Helena has been with the Lakeville Area Arts Center for seven years as the Pottery Studio Manager and is beyond thrilled to bring her skills to the Recreation Program Specialist position. When she is not working you can find her creating costumes, dancing and spending time with her friends and two daughters.



The Fine Arts Building

In October, the City acquired the former Alternative Learning Center next to the existing Arts Center. The new Fine Arts Building has already created additional space for ceramics programs and open studio, and in the future, a more adequate location for painting classes and space for performing art programs as well as storage. The new facility will provide staff the opportunity to clear wait lists and expand current program offerings.



“Live at the Lake” Summer Concert Series

The “Live at the Lake” Summer Concert Series kicked off on June 21 and ran through late August on Wednesday evenings. A dozen live performances were held at the newly completed Casperson Park performance stage. This year’s concert series was sponsored by Safety Signs and hosted 600-1,300 concert-goers each week.



**Opening
Night**



Pre-Shows

- Lakeville Area Community Band
- Lakeville South Jazz Band
- Relativity the Band
- The Sliders
- Ballet Royale of Minnesota
- Self-Titled Rock & Roll Band
- Southside Kool Jazz Combo
- Trent Shaw
- Me and Mr. Wright

Main Stage Performances

- Mike Sterling
- Drums of Navarone
- The Look
- Lakeville Area Community Band
- Chad Johnson Music
- Socaholix
- Josh Cleveland Band
- Laura Caviani Group
- Mitchell Hall & the Tennessee Trio
- Batteryboy



**Johnny
Cash**



Art Crawl

The 1st Annual Downtown Lakeville Art Crawl took place on May 13. This free event was open to everyone and hosted 25 artists, live music and provided attendees with an opportunity to explore Lakeville's historic business district.



20th Annual Lakeville Art Festival

The 20th Annual Art Festival took place on September 16 and 17 at the Lakeville Area Arts Center. The two-day festival offered a record number of juried artists, an expanded food court, new youth and community art projects, behind the scenes building tours, a silent auction and more. The event attracted 800+ attendees from the Lakeville area and maintained its reputation as one of the premiere art festivals in the south metro!



Coffee Concerts

Sam Bergman & Carrie Henneman Shaw: Outpost
 Oboebass! Premieres Mary Ellen Childs':

There is Humming

Twin Cities Reed Quintet
 Ensemble Muzen



Outpost



Oboebass



Ensemble Muzen



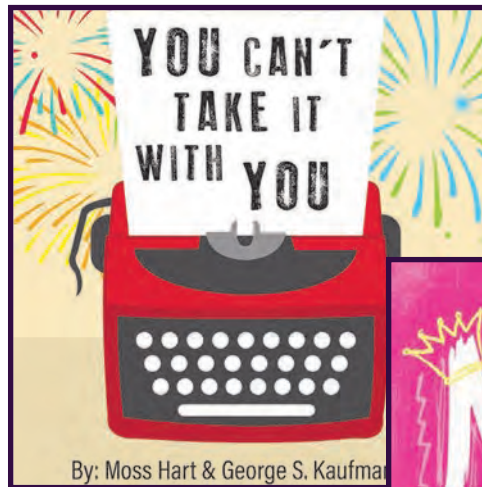
Thirsty River



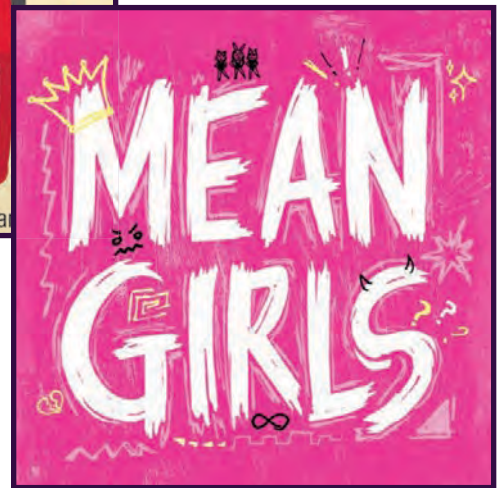
Trainwreck Duet

First Thursday Pub Nights

Trainwreck Duet
 Thirsty River
 Me and Mr. Wright
 Jeff Ray
 Relativity the Band



By: Moss Hart & George S. Kaufman



Concerts & Theater Performances

“Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike” - **Expressions Community Theater**
 “You Can’t Take It With You” - **Expressions Community Theater**
 “Mean Girls, Jr.” - **The Play’s The Thing Productions**
 “Mini-Nutcracker” - **Twin Cities Ballet**
 Simple Gifts
 Monroe Crossing
 “An Old Fashioned Christmas” - **Lakeville Area Community Band**
 A Christmas Carol Radio Play

Welcome to Recreation

Department Staff

Susan Johnson
Recreation Manager

Kacie Robinson
Recreation Program Coordinator

Jane Ottum
Administrative Assistant

Seasonal Staff

6 **Recreation Program Leaders**
3 **Puppeteers**
49 **Warming House Attendants**
3 **Warming House Supervisors**

By the Numbers

Department Revenue

2023	\$368,628
2022	\$374,991
2021	\$404,381

Shelter & Facility Rentals

Park Rental Fees	\$20,360
Reservation Days	363
Number of Reservations	284

Classes & Program Fees

Total Youth Activities	\$194,266
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Tennis	\$38,000
Pickleball	\$14,208
Golf	\$35,430
Nature Programs	\$27,168

Special Events	16*
Special Event Attendance	5,902

*Includes Pan-O-Prog events, tournaments and S.O.R.R events.

Outdoor Ice Rinks

Skating Days	43
Average Skaters/Day	387
Total Average Skaters in 2022-23	16,665

Staff opened ten rink sites for the 2022-2023 skating season. Rinks officially opened on December 27 with 43 average days open. While the skating season started on time with favorable weather conditions, snow and wet weather in early 2023 reduced the number of skate days and the rinks closed on February 15. The skater averages include Lakeville Hockey Association usage.

Association Usage

There are a total of 97 athletic decks managed by the department. Staff assisted with, and prepared athletic facilities for, various tournaments, camps and clinics. Lakeville is very fortunate to partner with such active volunteer groups and work closely with our neighbors. Here is a look at athletic association participation over the last three years.

	2023	2022	2021
Lakeville Baseball	1,636	1,452	1,126
Lakeville Fastpitch Softball	456	471	443
Lakeville Football (North)	506	445	435
Lakeville Football (South)	434	462	316
Lakeville Lacrosse	260	210	214
Lakeville Soccer	4,083	3,670	3,206
Lakeville Track & Field	495	399	272
Lakeville Ultimate Frisbee	17	53	47

Leagues & Adult Athletics

Total Players	1,538
Total Teams	144

Bocce Ball	36
Softball	6 summer/7 fall
Pickleball League	116
Pan-O-Prog Softball	36

Recreation in Every Season

Recreation staff coordinates a variety of programs, camps and classes for all seasons. Here is a look at some of the enrollment numbers and popular offerings.



Ice Fishing Contest

In its 36th year, the Annual Youth Ice Fishing Contest hosted 225 participants at Valley Lake Park.



Parent-Child Dance

Hosted in cooperation with neighboring recreation departments, 60 couples attended the dance and other activities.



Easter Egg Scramble

Participants go on an egg hunt through participating downtown Lakeville businesses and then head back to the Heritage Center for breakfast, activities and a visit from the Easter bunny.



Illumination Walk

The Illumination Walk at Ritter Farm Park is an opportunity to explore Ritter Farm Park trails in the glow of approximately 500 luminaries. In 2023, 656 attended the event.

By the Numbers

Amazing Athletes	20
Cookies for Santa	27
EcoElsa Programs	44
Easter Egg Scramble	40
Golden Egg Hunt	343
Parent & Child Dance	35
Ice Fishing Contest	61
Illumination Walk	656
Music Together	33
Ritter Fest/Dogsled Rides	287
Santa Letters & Calls	86
Snowshoe Events	81
Total Participants*	1,400
Revenue	\$14,556

*Not all programs are listed here.



All Things Santa

All Things Santa's includes letters from Santa, calls from the North Pole, cookie decorating and Santa Secret Store. There were 326 registrations for the various events.



Ritter Fest

This event included snowmobile rides, dogsledding, s'mores and snowshoeing. An estimated 287 attended the event.

SUMMER



Puppet Wagon

The Puppet Wagon had another busy summer with 3,008 spectators attending the summer series.



Mini Mermaid Camp

New this summer, Mini Mermaid Camp was hosted at Orchard Lake in partnership with Minnesota Mermaid. The program focused on paddle board skills, craft activities and helping participants gain confidence on the water.



Sparkles & Spa Camp

Campers spend the day crafting, making spa treatments and doing a variety of activities.



Nature Detectives

This is a cooperative program with Environmental Resources staff. Participants explore the wildlife in water and on the prairie.



Safety Camps

With the assistance of Lakeville Fire and Police departments, participants learn about fire, water, electrical safety, self-defense, crosswalk safety and more.



Women's Golf Clinic

This program was offered in partnership with the Lakeville South High School golf program and filled with 100 participants.

By the Numbers

Amazing Athletes	83
Archery	68
Bird Banding	66
Calling All Horse Lovers	24
Combo Camps	53
Cricket	9
EcoElsa Programs	110
Flag Football	60
Golf	302
Kamp Kermit	116
Mini Mermaid Camp	10
Nature Detectives	20
Pan-O-Prog Events	779
Pickleball Programs	232
Puppet Wagon	3,008
Ritter Farm Park After Dark	21
RevSports	810
Safety Camps	110
Sports Unlimited Camps	124
Tennis	332
Tour of Lakeville	47
Water Play Day	57

Total Participants* **8,317**
 Revenue **\$276,826**

*Not all programs are listed here.

FALL



Kayaking

Participants spent an evening on Orchard Lake paddling around with Twin Cities Kayaking. In its first year, the program was well received.



Haunted Forest

This year's Haunted Forest at Steve Michaud Park offered some new elements including food trucks and magic shows. The much cooler than average temperatures impacted attendance numbers with 1,500 attending this spooktacular event.

By the Numbers

Haunted Forest	1,445
Music Together	37
Pickleball Tourney	54 (teams)
Who Done it Hike	103
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Total Participants*	4,214
Revenue	\$23,165

*Not all programs are listed here.



Cookie Decorating

In addition to refreshing the Cookies for Santa program, recreation offered a Halloween cookie decorating class with Spider Monkey Bakery.



Tour of Lakeville

Riders meet at the Arts Center and set out to explore the trails and bike lanes of Lakeville with Lakeville Friends of the Environment. In 2023, 94 riders attended this event.



Fall Classic

The Fall Classic Pickleball Tournament hosted 72 teams at Dodd Trail Park.

See you next year!

Welcome to the Heritage Center

Our Mission Statement

The Lakeville Area Active Adults will strive to meet the recreational, social and educational needs of members age 50 and older in an enjoyable, inclusive and courteous environment.

Department Staff

Bridget Samson
Recreation Program Coordinator
 Karrie Glen
Administrative Assistant
 Kristi Gaudette
Administrative Assistant

Leadership & Advising Lakeville Area Active Adults Committee

Karen Blankenship
 Edie Bonne
 Dorothy Helm
 Pat Rasmussen
 Cindy Jenneke
 Jean Rudiger
 Diane Swanson
 Bobbie Halling

Notable Events

- The kitchenette received a facelift with new cabinets, countertops and flooring along with a new coffee machine.
- Purchased new amenities for the facility including a new treadmill and refurbished rowing machine, new card tables and a new ping pong table.
- Collaboration with Estoria Senior Living on monthly fitness clinics.
- Rentals are on the rise with **56** one-time rentals, **154** no fee rentals such as non-profit groups and civic organizations and **208** paid rentals. This increase in rentals contributed to a **\$22,000** increase over 2022.
- **47** special presentations were hosted including **7** special events and **12** luncheons. In addition, **14** day trips were offered.
- By the end of 2023, Active Adults membership hit an all-time high of **1,500** members.

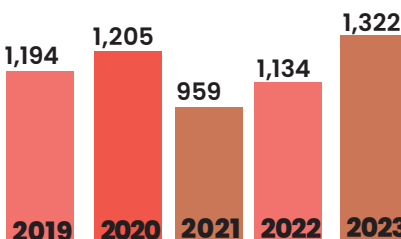
By the Numbers

Department Revenue

Memberships	\$64,626
Sponsorships	\$4,145
Special Events	\$14,630
Donations	\$3,879
Ongoing Rentals	\$51,248
Brochure Advertising	\$6,115

Member Info

Membership	1,322
Female	869
Male	489
Residents	1,112
Non-residents	254



Membership Numbers on January 1 of Each Year

Year in Review

Visits

Bread	4,679
Coffee	2,429
Fitness Center	2,286
Pickleball	1,920

Clubs & Groups

Biking Groups	91
Bingo	43
Bocce Ball	53
Cribbage	22
Diner's Club	23
Dominoes	15
Euchre	33
Knitting	17
Ladies' Golf	71
Line Dancing	48
Mahjong	36
Men's Golf	70
Motorcycle Club	20
Painting	6
Pickleball	257
Ping Pong	12
Pinochle	16
Silver Sneaker	47
Walking Group	36



Advisory Committee

2023 Heritage Center Highlights



**Drum
Fit**



**Mardi
Gras**



**Chair
Yoga**



**Health
Angels**



**Waffle
Breakfast**

New Offerings

- Bird Migration Presentation
- Estoria Clinics (2)
- Giving Tree Service Opportunity
- History Presentation and History Series on the American Constitution
- Mardi Gras
- Military Card Writing
- Senior Dance During Pan-O-Prog
- St. Patrick's Day Irish Coffee Time
- Quarterly Puzzle Palooza



**Holiday
Social**



**Spring
Tea**



**Open
House**



**Card
Groups**



**Halloween
Fun**

Community Connections

The Lakeville Area Active Adults collaborate with the following organizations and businesses:

- AARP
- Align Chiropractic
- Apple Valley Villa
- BeeHive Homes
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota
- Cub Foods
- Chmiebell Travel
- Cub Pharmacy-Heritage
- Cub Pharmacy-Kenwood Trail
- Dakota County Heritage Library
- Dakota Valley Recycling
- DARTS
- DLBA
- Ecumen Seasons of Apple Valley
- Elder Resource Association
- Estoria Senior Living
- Feed My Starving Children
- Fountains at Hosanna!
- Fyzical
- Happy Feet Foot Care
- Happy Harry's Furniture
- Highview Hills Senior Living
- ISD #194
- Kingsley Shores Senior Living
- Kwik Trip
- Lakeville Area Arts Center
- Lakeville Area Community Ed
- Lakeville Chamber of Commerce
- Lakeville Area Historical Society
- Lakeville Fire Department
- Lakeville Knights of Columbus
- Lakeville Lions
- Lakeville Liquors
- Lakeville Police Department
- Lakeville Yellow Ribbon
- Landmark Travel
- Lutheran Social Services
- Medicine Lake Tours
- Metro Dining Club
- Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging
- Minnesota Association of Senior Services
- Minnesota Board on Aging
- Minnesota Parkinson's Foundation
- Minnesota Highway Safety & Research Center
- Minnesota Hospice
- Pan-O-Prog Committee
- Pillars of Lakeville
- Regent in Burnsville
- Senior Communities Guide
- Senior Coordinators in other cities
- SPERO Senior Living
- Terra Garden Center
- The Moments

Volunteers

Nearly **200** volunteers offer their time and services to the Lakeville Area Active Adults programs. Volunteers lead many of the Active Adults programs, serve as receptionists, deliver bread and work special events.

Advisory Board	89
Bread Driver Hours	251
Events	204
Group Leaders	859
Library	48
Reception Desk Hours	681
Total Volunteer Hours	2,469*

*Not all volunteer hours are listed here.





*See you next
year!*

