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Annual Report

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A Note from the Department

The Parks and Recreation Department is delighted to share its 2024 Annual Report, which highlights the various programs, classes, special events, and the daily activities within the Parks, Recreation, Arts Center, and Heritage Center. This year was marked by several significant events, most notably the retirement of John Hennen from the role of Parks and Recreation Director after over 35 years with the City of Lakeville.

During Hennen's tenure, we witnessed considerable growth, including the establishment of the City's first dog park, the development of the West Lake Marion Mountain Bike Trail, the creation of the outdoor performance stage at Casperson Park, and the enhancement and expansion of Antlers Park, alongside the planning and design of Grand Prairie Park. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to John for his unwavering dedication and numerous accomplishments.

With John's departure, we are pleased to welcome Joe Masiarchin as the new director, and we look forward to the exciting developments in the coming years!

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. We'll see you next year!

Department Staff

John Hennen

Director | January thru June 2024

Joe Masiarchin

Director | June thru December 2024

Stella Eskelson

Sr. Administrative Assistant

Leadership & Advising

Mayor & City Council

Luke Hellier **Mayor**
John Bermel
Joshua Lee
Michelle Volk
Dan Wolter

Justin Miller **City Administrator**

Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee

Holly Weberg **Chair**
Steve Henneberry **Vice Chair**
Lindsay Haneman
Monica Joubert
Shahid Nadeem
Dan Volkosh
Erin Young

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, **\$154,943** 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, Veterans Memorial Gardens, Live at the Lake Summer Concert Series and the scholarship fund. We would also like to extend our thanks to the estimated **1,000** volunteers who dedicated over **3,000** hours assisting with special events, programs, bread delivery and more!

Creating community thru
People, **P**arks & **P**rograms!



Antlers Park

After a year of closure, Antlers Park reopened its doors on May 22. The much-anticipated expansion and improvement project received approval as part of the 2021 Park Bond Referendum. Visitors can now enjoy a host of new and enhanced amenities, which include three new shelters, an indoor pavilion, modern restrooms, sand volleyball courts, an expanded parking area, an improved beach and shoreline, an ADA-compliant playground, a vibrant community plaza, and a trailhead. Additionally, LBC on the Lake launched its food service operation, featuring convenient walk-up service and a lovely patio seating area. In its inaugural year, the park has been bustling with activity, drawing in crowds eager to experience everything it has to offer!



Rentals

The shelters and the pavilion were open for reservation dates after June 1. Despite the shortened rental season, shelter rentals exceeded 2022 by 35%.

Shelters | There are three open shelters at the park with picnic tables and grills. These are popular for birthday and graduation parties, family reunions, team gatherings and more!

Shelter Rentals | 321

Shelter Revenue | \$30,849

John Hennen Pavilion | The indoor pavilion seats roughly 100 people, includes a catering kitchen, sound system, restroom access and beautiful views of the lake. The pavilion was a popular venue for baby and wedding showers, rehearsal dinners, corporate events and even a couple of weddings!

Pavilion Rentals | 87

Pavilion Revenue | \$49,443

Staff is excited to see what events and gatherings will be held at the park this coming year!





Grand Prairie Park

The construction of Grand Prairie Park, formerly known as Avonlea Community Park, commenced in early 2024. Despite encountering delays due to a wet spring and summer, we are excited to announce that most of the amenities will be ready to open in June 2025, with turf amenities following in the next year. Spanning 68 acres, this impressive park will feature a full-size baseball field complete with a grandstand, biking and walking trails, ten lighted pickleball courts, a splash pad, a challenge course, picnic areas, and a range of athletic decks. We're looking forward to welcoming the community to explore all the exciting amenities at the park.



Bond Referendum Projects Update

Over the last few years a number of projects have been completed that were approved as part of the 2021 Park Bond Referendum. The \$38-million referendum funded park improvement projects, new park construction, trail construction, basketball court reconstruction, park ID sign replacements, improvements at the Arts Center and expansion of the Hasse Arena.

2022 | Arts Center Annex & Loading Dock

With the construction of a loading dock at the Arts Center, this provided greater access to the venue for performers and theatre groups. The expanded office space is better suited for the staff who office out of the Arts Center.

2022 | Park ID Sign Replacements

Thirty-eight park ID signs were replaced with a new, modern design and native planting landscaping.

2023 | Environmental Learning Center Remodel and Improvements

The remodel of the historical cabin located at Ritter Farm Park into the new Ed Mako Environmental Learning Center was completed and a grand opening was held in October of that year. The new facility has allowed for expanded nature programming.

Ongoing | Trail Connectivity

A number of trail gaps were identified as part of the planning for the Park Bond Referendum and these continue to be closed. The new trails include segments along Dodd, Boulevard, Highview Avenue, Holyoke Avenue, 175th St. W., 178th St. W., and Cedar Avenue. Once complete, an estimated 4 miles of trail will be added to the city's trail system.

2025-2026 | East Community Park Phase II

The design and specifications of this project will be completed in 2025 with construction beginning in 2026. The phase II construction of the park includes expanded trails, picnic shelter, canoe racks and other amenities.



Park Maintenance

Department Staff

Mark Kruse | Parks Superintendent
Paul Miskimen | Parks Supervisor
Andrea Phillips | Administrative Assistant

Tony Novak | Parks Lead/Maintenance II
Jason Rochel | Asst. Parks Lead/Maint. II

Tony Smith | Park Maintenance II
Tom Weiss | Park Maintenance II
Mark Tschann | Park Maintenance II
Joe Bronk | Park Maintenance II
Allen Friedges | Park Maintenance II
Mark Roschen | Park Maintenance II
Marty Bartusek | Park Maintenance II
Spencer Brock | Park Maintenance II
Phillip Monge | Park Maintenance I
Preston Nerhus | Park Maintenance II
Brent Kummer | Park Maintenance II

25 | Seasonal Park Maintenance I
6 | Seasonal Park Maintenance II

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.



Duties as Assigned

ATHLETIC FIELDS

- Prepped & striped 101 athletic fields for association usage
- King Park field 5, 3rd dugout floor was replaced, staff worked with a contractor on new fencing and reinstalling the dugout roof
- Seeded multiple park locations to increase grass population
- Baseball & softball infield maintenance was completed which included removing infield material along fence lines and filling low areas to allow proper drainage
- Completed irrigation repairs at Casperson, Steve Michaud and King Parks

BUILDINGS, PARK FACILITIES & GENERAL GROUNDS

- Completed training on the plumbing & HVAC systems at the John Hennen Pavilion
- Painted warming houses and park buildings as needed
- Installed hanging rods at the Fine Arts Building
- Assisted with door repairs and implementation of the electronic door lock conversion
- Playground inspections were completed throughout the year and repairs made as needed
- Opened all park restrooms on April 15
- Leveled bleachers at Aronson Park
- Mowing operations were slightly delayed due to the wet spring but were consistent throughout the later season
- Installed shade structures, ADA beach walkway & other amenities at Antlers Park
- Painted no-parking curbing at Antlers Park in cooperation with the Streets Department
- Assisted with the installation of community art pieces at Antlers Park
- Excavated site and prepared concrete pad for installation of John Hennen honor bench at the Casperson Park bandshell
- Installed concrete pads at King Park for portable restrooms
- Power washed and treated the John Hennen Pavilion for pests

LANDSCAPING/FORESTRY

- Assisted Environmental Resources staff with tree trimming & removal at Ritter Farm Park
- Installed new landscaping at the Fine Arts Building in conjunction with an Eagle Scout project at the facility
- Tree removal and tree trimming was completed in preparation for the 2024 trail reconstruction project and annual district maintenance
- Ongoing weed control operations
- Applied fall broadleaf weed & fertilizer applications throughout the parks system

GENERAL

- Bleacher & fence inspections were completed throughout the year
- Installed nets at the Dodd Trail and Bunker Hill pickleball courts in January due to the extremely mild weather
- Repaired the boat ramp at Casperson Park from ice and frost shifting and installed boarding docks at both Casperson and Orchard Lake boat launches
- Built a boardwalk connecting the fishing pier to Juno Trail at Casperson Park, the boardwalk was needed due to low lake levels
- Installed drainage pipe and fall material into the Foxborough Park playground container
- Replaced deteriorated deck boards at the East Community Park boardwalk
- Assisted Parks Administration & Recreation department staff with moving from the Fine Arts Building back to City Hall
- Repaired drainage pipe at the Miracle Field
- Completed final grass seeding and silt fence removal at Knob Hill Park
- Three staff members attended classes and completed the testing requirements to obtain their Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO) certification. This is required certification to operate the splash pad at Grand Prairie Park
- Completed fog sealing of trails in the northwest corner of the city
- Installed a number of memorial benches throughout the parks system
- Repaired a broken drainage line along the Kenrick Avenue Trail

- Replaced the slide at Meadows Park
- Learned flow characteristics of irrigation systems to allow them to operate efficiently
- Trained office staff on inputting maintenance requests into Cartegraph
- Assisted with the removal of materials at the former public works building
- Removed the playground at Kenmore Park
- Installed banners for a number of events organized by Recreation staff

RINK MAINTENANCE

- Cleaned, flooded & maintained 16 pleasure/hockey rinks
- Performed rink inspections & repairs


























SPECIAL EVENTS

- Assisted with Tree Sale pickup and Watershed Clean-up Day hosted at the Central Maintenance Facility
- Prepared the grounds and building for the grand re-opening of Antlers Park and dedication of the John Hennen Pavilion
- Assisted with Pan-O-Prog set-up and July 4th fireworks display
- Staff assisted Recreation with Haunted Forest, Youth Ice Fishing Contest and other events
- Taste of Lakeville and Art Festival

This is just a snapshot of the day to day duties completed by Park Maintenance work crews!



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
	School Softball Fields	32
	Tennis Courts	5
	Trash Cans	Est. 350
	Volleyball Courts	6
	Restrooms/Portables	54



Park Facilities & Properties

SPECIAL USE FACILITIES

Central Maintenance Facility.....	37.00 acres
Lakeville Area Arts Center.....	2.44 acres
Heritage Center.....	3.24 acres
KTMS Disc Golf Course.....	21.75 acres
Parks.....	1733.57 acres
Conservation Area.....	354.13 acres
Greenways.....	138.15 acres
TOTAL	
Paved Trails & Sidewalks.....	149 miles
Nature/grass trails.....	10.3 miles

PARKS

ACRES

Antlers Park.....	13.76
Aronson Park.....	52.3
Bassett Park.....	2.64
Bracketts Crossing Park.....	1.15
Bunker Hill Park.....	14.96
Casperson Park & Boat Launch.....	43.48
Cedar Highlands Park.....	7.66
Chadwick Park.....	12.00
Cherryview Park.....	10.63
Dakota Heights Park.....	11.37
Dodd Marsh Park.....	30.13
Dodd Pointe Park.....	2.54
Dodd Trail Park.....	13.39
East Community Park.....	53.00
Fairfield Park.....	10.86
Fieldstone Park.....	10.60
Foxborough Park.....	27.21
Grand Prairie Park.....	68.71
Greenridge Park.....	9.25
Greenway Park.....	2.15
Highview Heights Park.....	10.23
Hypointe Crossing Park.....	2.06
I-35 Fishing Dock.....	0.57
Independence Park.....	5.38
James Jensen Park.....	3.65
Jaycee Park.....	4.17
Juno Trailway Trailhead.....	2.74
Kenmore Park.....	0.42
Kenreel Park.....	0.72
Kensington Park.....	9.03
King Park.....	49.04
Knob Hill Park.....	7.39
Lakeridge Park.....	12.03
Legacy Park.....	13.8
Lone Oak Park.....	0.57
Lynwood Heights Park.....	3.4
Marion Fields Park.....	27.15
Meadows Park.....	7.81
Middle Creek Park.....	0.35
North Creek Park.....	7.43
Oak Shores Park.....	22.18
Oaks of Lake Villa Park.....	9.83
Orchard Lake Beach.....	1.3

PARKS CONT.

ACRES

Orchard Lake Park.....	3.21
Parkview Park.....	11.01
Pinnacle Reserve Park.....	20.25
Pioneer Plaza.....	0.34
Prairie Lake Park.....	9.85
Quail Meadows Park.....	10.00
Quigley-Sime Park.....	27.47
Ritter Farm Park.....	340.00
Ritter Farm Dog Park.....	5.5
Rolling Oaks Park.....	12.34
Sleepy Hollow Park.....	3.78
Spyglass Park.....	4.2
Steve Michaud Park.....	42.44
Stoneborough Park.....	3.21
Summerlyn Park.....	4.51
Terrace Park.....	0.57
Valley Lake Park.....	38.97
Village Creek Park.....	26.26
Wayside Park.....	0.98
West Lake Marion Park.....	31.94
Wild Meadows Park.....	4.51
TOTAL PARK ACRES.....	1213.86 acres
TOTAL ACTIVE ACRES.....	474.05 acres

CONSERVATION AREAS

ACRES

Cherryview Conservation Area.....	8.00
Dakota Heights Conservation Area.....	1.00
Daniels Conservation Area.....	6.39
Foxborough Conservation Area.....	56.00
Goose Lake Conservation Area.....	4.00
Great Oak Shores Conservation Area.....	26.68
Kachina Court Conservation Area.....	18.91
Knollwood Circle Conservation Area.....	1.44
Lone Tree Point Conservation Area.....	4.43
Meadows Conservation Area.....	10.00
Orchard Lake Conservation Area.....	32.70
Orchard Trail Conservation Area.....	26.68
Quail Meadows Conservation Area.....	14.04
Raven Lake Conservation Area.....	3.4
Rolling Oaks Conservation Area.....	3.00
Spring Hill Conservation Area.....	3.13
Steve Michaud Conservation Area.....	98.00
Woodbury Conservation Area.....	26.0
Zweber Woods Conservation Area.....	10.33
TOTAL.....	354.13

GREENWAYS

MILES

Ipava Greenway.....	27.73
Lake Place Greenway.....	9.3
Mallard Shores Greenway.....	1.00
North Creek Greenway.....	9.39
Quail Meadows Greenway.....	8.6
Shady Oak Grove Greenway.....	1.38
South Creek Greenway.....	80.75
TOTAL.....	138.15

2024 Notable Projects

Aronson Park Improvements | A new picnic shelter was constructed at the park and the Veterans Memorial underwent needed repairs to the concrete pad. In addition, Softball Fields 1 & 3 were renovated in early spring before the heavy usage season.

Casperson Irrigation Mainline | The third base dugout on Field 5 at King Park was damaged from frost during the previous winter. The damage was significant and the entire dugout floor was replaced to provide a safe and smooth surface for players. As part of the process of replacing the concrete floor a new players bench and new fence fabric was installed around the dugout.

King Park Improvements | Multiple concrete pads were installed for portable restroom enclosures. A trail access curb was installed on field 9 and a memorial bench was installed. Field 5 dugout repairs were also completed. A new trail was installed to field 9.

Oak Shores Basketball and Tennis Courts | A request for proposals was sent to contractors in early 2024. The proposal included the resurfacing and lining of two tennis courts to include pickleball and lining of the recently resurfaced basketball court. The project was completed in late summer of 2024 with minor disruptions to programming and usage.

Pinnacle Reserve Drain Tile | After construction of the playground, a drain tile that was anticipated to discharge water occasionally has continued to flow water constantly. The discharge point becomes very saturated and the ground downhill from this point was difficult to mow and for patrons of the park to walk through. Staff installed a drain tile extension to the original pipe to discharge the water off the maintained park area and closer to the creek that runs on the north side of the property.

Proxess | Beginning in 2023, staff began piloting an electronic lock system with youth athletic associations utilizing Aronson Park. The transition expanded in fall of 2024 with door repairs and preparation at Parkview, Prairie Lake, Steve Michaud and Ritter Farm Park buildings. All of the warming houses also converted to the Proxess system. As the project progresses, the Fine Arts Building and Heritage Center will complete their transition to the lock system.



Kenmore Park Playground Replacement

The Kenmore Park Playground was due for replacement in 2024. Staff reached out to the park's neighbors via mail inviting them to review two proposed playground designs. The preferred concept was then reviewed and approved by the Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee. The removal of the old play equipment and timber container began in late September with the project being completed in roughly six weeks.



Foxborough Park Playground Replacement

The planning and design of the Foxborough Park playground replacement began in late 2023 with removal of the play equipment occurring later that year. The replacement was completed in early 2024.

When are playgrounds replaced?

The average lifespan of play equipment is 22-25 years or until repairs are no longer feasible or financially viable. Typically, 2-3 playgrounds reach their maximum lifetime and are replaced each year. Once a playground is due for replacement, staff works with a consultant to develop at least one but up to three master plan concepts and shares them with the surrounding neighborhood for feedback.



Adopt-a-Park

In 2024, a total of 37 park spaces were adopted. Thank you to all of the community members who helped keep our parks clean and community spaces 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 Assoc.

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

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

THANK YOU!



Kenwood Clean-Up

In October, volunteers from Genisys Credit Union held a clean-up event at the Kenwood Middle School Disc Golf Course. Adopt-A-Park volunteers are asked to organize at least two events per year. Thank you for keeping our community spaces beautiful!



Welcome Aboard!

Department Staff

- Joe Masiarchin**
Manager | January thru June 2024
- Nicki Pretzer**
Manager | June thru December 2024
- Scarlett Larson**
Recreation Program Coordinator
- Helena Leary-Heinz**
Recreation Program Specialist
- Nancy Schulte**
Administrative Assistant
- Sonya Honaker**
Pottery Studio Manager
- Maya O'Reilly**
Pottery Studio Specialist
- Brennen Thomas**
Box Office Manager
- 15** | Art Instructors
- 5** | Sound Technicians
- 4** | Facility Attendants

Following Joe's transition to his new role as Parks & Recreation Director, Nicki Pretzer was hired as the new Arts Center Manager. Nicki has worked in the Metro Area theatre community for more than 20 years. She began her time in this area at the Children's Theatre Company, managing the Theatre Arts Training Program and earning an MA in Arts Administration. Her next stop was Stages Theatre Company, where she served as Director of Audience Services and HR Manager for 13 years. Nicki recently spent two years working for Hennepin Theatre Trust as the Theatre Operations Manager for Dudley Riggs Theatre and Brave New Workshop. Outside of work she is a sci-fi geek, musical nerd, and enjoys spending time with her husband, daughter and mother.

Strategic Planning 2024-2028

In 2019, City staff, Lakeville Area Arts Center and Friends of the Lakeville Area Arts Center gathered for a series of strategic planning workshops. Working with Aurora Consulting, a practical vision for the next five years was developed. The directives identified as part of this strategic plan included:

- Strengthening our community commitment to the arts
- Deepening participant engagement, retention and volunteerism
- Reaching new participants with expanded programming

In early 2024, the groups met again to review the strategic plan that had been adopted and created new directives for the next five years:

- Plan for facility development and community growth
- Engage the community with new programming
- Collaborate to strengthen arts in the community

Leadership & Advising

Lakeville Area Arts Center Advisory Board

- Kristy Harms **Chair**
- Neil Anderson **Vice Chair**
- Anita Wickhem
- Chris Foss
- Jeanne Hutter
- Michelle Gensinger
- Muhammad Shahbaz
- Rajani Tekriwal
- Robert Erickson

Friends of the Lakeville Area Arts Center

- Robert Erickson **President**
- Jeff Larson **Vice Chair**
- Paul Haglund **Treasurer**
- Kathy Vonhof **Secretary**

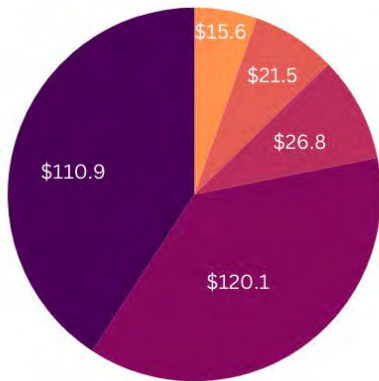
Directors

- Anna Zappetillo
- Julie Amacher
- Michelle Gensinger
- Sarah Stowell
- Steve Volavka
- Sue Blanchard



By the Numbers

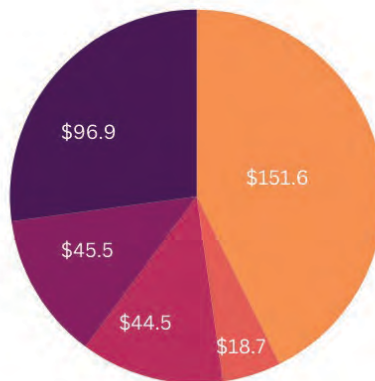
Theater Events & Rentals



Rentals | Down 33%
Events | Up 40%
Liquor | Up 10%
Expressions | Down 6%
Ticket Surcharge | Down 1%

\$294,924

Classes & Programs Fees



Pottery Classes | Up 31%
Art Camps | Up 2%
Painting | Up 24%
Misc. Art | Up 211%
Gallery & Shop Sales | Up 21%

\$356,924

Department Revenue

2021	\$259,613
2022	\$451,743
2023	\$657,405
2024	\$736,019

About the Numbers

- The Arts Center was awarded \$81,171 in an operating support grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. The funding supports programming opportunities and expansion at the Arts Center.
- Rental income increased in 2024. Unrealized ticket income was included in 2023 rental income figures.
- Miracle on 34th Street was the third highest grossing show in Expressions' history.
- The acquisition of the Fine Arts Building led to significant program growth in 2024.
- An accrual error pushed \$26k of Pottery Class income into 2023. The total pottery income for 2024 is \$169,802.
- Theater Events & Rentals revenue was down by 3%.
- Classes and program revenue was up by 27%.
- Overall revenue was down by 1%.



“Live at the Lake” Summer Concert Series

The 2024 summer concert series kicked off on June 19, a week late due to a soggy start to the summer. Staff received and reviewed 42 applications for performances. The eleven week series hosted a variety of artists including country, indie rock, rock, pop, rhythm and blues and jazz.



Main Stage Performances

- June 19** | The High 48s
- June 26** | Laura Caviani Group
- July 3 & August 14** | Mick Sterling
- July 10** | Lakeville Area Community Band
- July 17** | Tony Cuchetti
- July 24** | The Shaw Brothers
- July 31** | Amanda Grace
- August 7** | Patchouli & Terra Guitarra
- August 21** | Martin Zellar
- August 28** | The Dang ‘Ol Tri’Ole



Pre-Shows

- June 19** | Marv & Kaat
- June 26** | Matt Hannah
- July 3** | Relativity Band
- July 10** | Sarah Morris
- July 17** | Rob Meany
- July 24** | Ballet Royale
- July 31** | Minneapolis Commodores
- August 7** | Lakeville Sliders
- August 14** | Michael Nezz
- August 21** | Martin Zellar
- August 28** | Minnesota Ballet Collective



New this year, staff provided bar service at a handful of performances, proceeds went to the concert series.

21st Annual Lakeville Art Festival

The 21st Annual Art Festival took place on September 21 and 22 at the Lakeville Area Arts Center. The two-day festival offered a variety of entertainment and activities for attendees of all ages:

- Over 100 visual artists including three emerging artists, six bands, eight food vendors, dozens of volunteers and thousands of visitors.
- Fine Arts program instructors demonstrated how to work in many different mediums and led activities of youth artists.
- Hundreds of community members of all ages participated in painting a 46" orb that will be on display in front of the Fine Arts Building. The community art project was donated by the Friends of the Lakeville Area Arts Center and dedicated to Joe Masiarchin.



Visual Arts Classes

The addition of the Fine Arts Building included dedicated spaces for several mediums, which in turn made room for the expansion of visual arts programming. Class offerings expanded in 2024 to include: drawing, acrylic painting, oil painting, watercolor painting, printmaking, weaving, felting, jewelry making, fused glass, pottery for all ages and skill levels, and Raku firing. Additional summer and spring break camps, as well as homeschool and afterschool classes, are now available to young people.



Community Art Installations

The Arts Center continued its mission to bring art to the community with a number of new public art pieces and benches placed this year throughout the parks system and at other city facilities. Milligan Studio was commissioned to design three pieces, two are located at Antlers Park and one is located at the Fine Arts Building. These pieces along with others can be viewed online.

The Hive | This artwork features multiple layers of cut glass, enriched with crushed glass and fused to create a dynamic, textured surface. The piece was inspired by the creative energy within the building and evokes the industrious nature of a hive. It is hanging at the Fine Arts Building.

Star/Light Deer | Located in the roundabout of Antlers Park, the deer stands 16 feet high and weighs 1,000 lbs. The deer represents the fauna of Lakeville and is a nod to the Park's name. Its antlers grow into a large tree that stretches to the stars symbolizing our historical roots coming together as one.

Star/Light Flower | The sculpture installed in the facade of the John Hennen Pavilion is created from cut and crushed glass. Flower celebrates the natural flora of Lakeville, sustaining health, life and our greater eco system. The lit artwork shines brightly in the night so it can serve as a beacon for those enjoying an evening at the lake.

John Hennen Dedication Bench | Created by artist Greg Mueller and commissioned by the Friends of the Lakeville Area Arts Center, the bench was placed at Caspersen Park. The bench mimics the organic patterns found in nature, with flowing lines and curves that evoke the rhythms of the natural world. It was made with steel and recycled plastic.

Frisbench | Created by Traumen Glasberg Designs, this art bench is crafted from powder-coated steel and symbolizes frisbees soaring through the air. Its dynamic, curved form captures the motion and energy of the sport, with interwoven lines that evoke the flight of the disc. Placed at the Kenwood Trail Middle School Disc Golf Course, the bench serves as both a functional seating space and a tribute to the activity and community surrounding the sport.



Performing Arts

COFFEE CONCERTS

- Clara Osowski, Mezzo Soprano
- Garret McQueen Oboebass!
- "Peter & the Wolf"
- 10th Wave Ensemble

FIRST THURSDAY PUB NIGHTS

- Twins of Franklin
- Rob Meany
- Marv and Kaat
- Trainwreck Duet
- Relativity the Band

DANCE

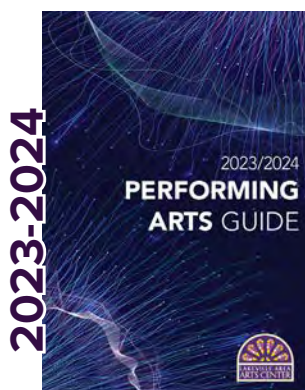
- Twin Cities Ballet
- Dance With Me
- Mini-Nutcracker

THEATER

- The Play's the Thing Productions
 - "The Play that Goes Wrong"
 - "Addams Family"
- Twin Cities Homeschoolers for the Arts
 - "Cinderella"
 - A Christmas Carol Radio Play
- Expressions Community Theater
 - "These Shining Lives"
 - "Lend Me a Tenor"
 - "The Real Inspector Hound"
 - "Miracle on 34th Street"

CONCERTS, EVENTS & COMEDY

- Ali Sultan - A Night of Comedy
- Johnny James & the Hall of Fames
 - Pink Floyd | Dark Side of the Moon
 - The Song Remains the Same
- Collective Unconscious - "The Last Waltz"
- Mick Sterling Presents Eltonsongs
- South Metro Chorale | Cabaret: Weather Report
- Books with Friends | Benjamin Percy
- Pamela Helmer McNeill | Wild Angels
- Mick Sterling Presents Born to Run
- Mitchell Hall & the Tennessee Tri | Tribute to Johnny Cash
- C. Willi Myles - A Night of Comedy
- Trashy Little Xmas
- Simple Gifts
- Monroe Crossing
- Lakeville Area Community Band | "An Enchanted Christmas"



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

Outdoor Ice Rinks

Rink Sites | 10

Skating Days | 49

Skaters Per Day | 295

Total Skaters | 14,478

Adult Programs | Up 37%

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.

	2024	2023	2022
Lakeville Baseball	1,769	1,636	1,452
Lakeville Fastpitch Softball	298	456	471
Lakeville Lacrosse	215	260	210
Lakeville Soccer	2,623	4,083	3,670
Lakeville Track & Field	385	495	399
Lakeville Ultimate Frisbee	19	17	53

Leagues & Adult Athletics

Total Players | 1,015

Total Teams | 350

By the Numbers

Department Revenue by Year

2021 \$404,381

2022 \$374,991

2023 \$368,628

2024 \$373,587

Total Participants | 12,296

Special Event Attendance | 3,211

Nature Programs | Up 43%

Adult Programs | Up 37%

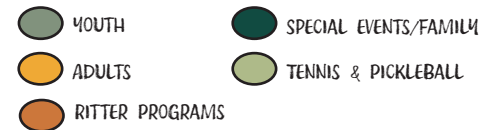
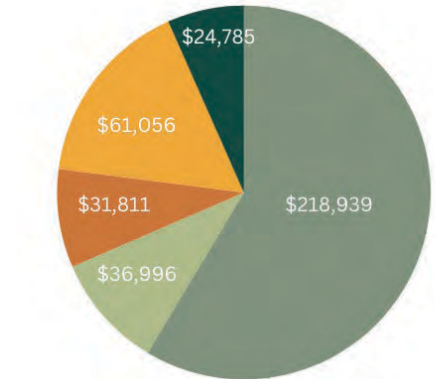
Shelter & Facility Rentals

Park Rental Fees | \$97,897

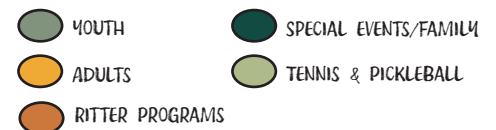
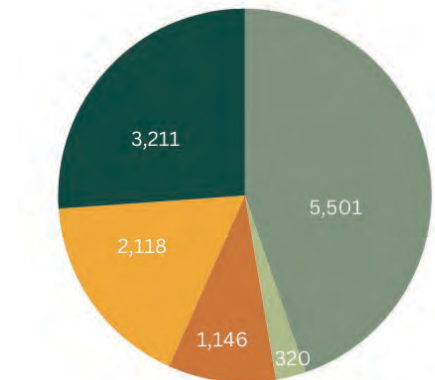
Shelter Rentals | 558

Building Rentals | 153

Department Revenue



Individual Participation



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.



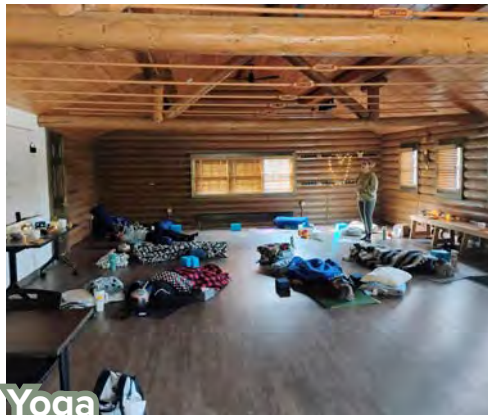
Haunted Forest Puppet Show



Parent-Child Dance



FALL



Yoga



WINTER/SPRING

By the Numbers

Amazing Athletes	23
Bird Banding	8
Cookie Decorating	16
Cricket	3
EcoElsa	45
Golden Leaves Yog	9
Haunted Forest	1,878
Music Together	41
RevSports	27
Ritter Nature Programs	114

Total Participants*	2,641
Participation Fees	\$36,561

*Not all programs are listed here.



Family Snowshoe Hikes



Golden Egg Hunt

By the Numbers

Amazing Athletes	31
Cookies Decorating	7
EcoElsa Programs	27
Easter Egg Scramble	119
Golden Egg Hunt	235
Parent & Child Dance	53
Illumination Walk	367
Jigsaw Jamboree	12
Music Together	73
RevSports	54
Spring Pickleball	24
Yoga	9
Total Participants*	1,032
Registration Fees	\$28,644

*Not all programs are listed here.

SUMMER



Cricket



Sports Unlimited

By the Numbers

Amazing Athletes & Tots	43
Archery	61
Bird Banding	47
Calling All Horse Lovers	25
Cookie Decorating	21
Cricket	14
EcoElsa Programs	87
Flag Football	77
Golf	279
Kamp Kermit	100
Mini Mermaid Camp	8
Nature Programs	8
Pickleball Programs	216
Puppet Wagon	3,300
Ritter Farm Park After Dark	33
Ritter Nature Programs	198
RevSports	805
Safety Camps	99
Sports Unlimited Camps	195
STeM Programs	18
Tennis	249
Tour of Lakeville	40
Water Play Day	25
Yoga	19

Total Participants* **7,536**
 Participation Fees **\$273,501**



Camp Kermit



Basketball Camp



Mischief & Mayhem



Chess Camp



Tour of Lakeville



Pickleball

*Not all programs are listed here.

Heritage Center

Department Staff

Bridget Samson
Recreation Program Coordinator

Karrie Glen
Administrative Assistant

Kristi Gaudette
Administrative Assistant

Leadership & Advising

Lakeville Area Active Adults Advisory Board

Bobbie Halling
Cindy Jenneke
Diane Swanson
Dorothy Helm
Eddie Bonne
Jean Rudiger
Pat Rasmussen
Wayne Stang

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.



Volunteers

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

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Advisory Board	91
Bread Drivers	236
Events	193
Group Leaders	873
Library	48
Reception Desk	981*
Total Hours	2,773**

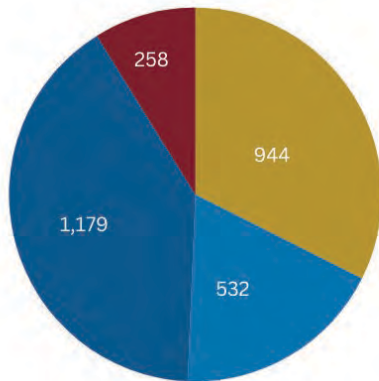
Thank
You to our
Volunteers!

*Increased by 300 hours from 2023

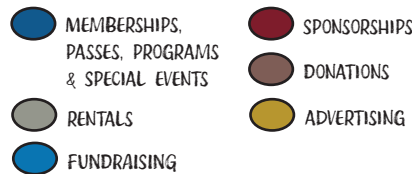
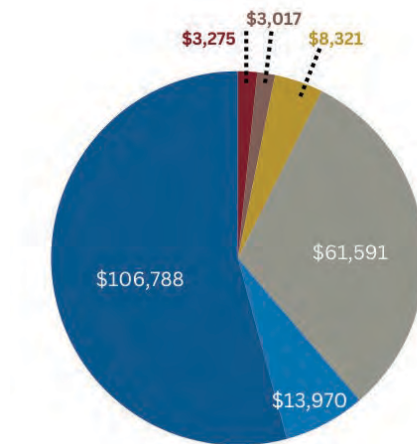
**Increased by 305 hours from 2023

By the Numbers

Member Info



Department Revenue



Visits, Clubs & Groups

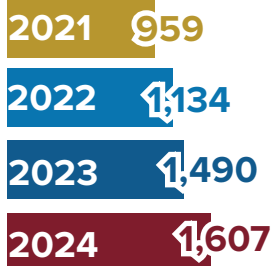
VISITS

Bread	3,945
Coffee	1,220
Fitness Center	1,762
Pickleball	2,606 (up 686 from 2023)

GROUPS

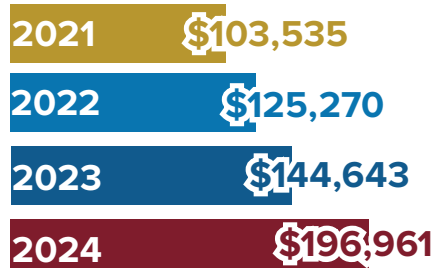
Biking Groups	70
Bingo	47
Bocce Ball	52
Cribbage	25
Diner's Club	26
Dominoes	15
Euchre	33
Knitting	20
Ladies' Golf	100
Line Dancing	60
Mahjong	36
Men's Golf	78
Motorcycle Club	28
Painting	7
Pickleball	260
Ping Pong	16
Pinochle	19
Silver Sneaker	46
Walking Group	29

Annual Membership



Membership Numbers on January 1 of Each Year

Department Revenue by Year



Notable Events

- Ladies Casual Golf continued to be on the rise with 29 new players since 2023.
- The Heritage Center had an updated sound system installed.
- Collaborated with the Lakeville Historical Society and Yellow Ribbon on a number of special presentations.
- Rentals are on the rise with 66 one-time rentals, 168 no fee rentals (non-profit groups and civic organizations) and 246 paid rentals. The increase in rentals contributed to a \$9,912 increase from 2023. Total rental fees collected in 2024 was \$60,047.
- By the end of 2024, LAAA membership was again at an all-time high with over 1,600 members.
- 305 Metro Dining Card boxes were sold, this was up 20 boxes from 2023. This is one of the more lucrative fundraisers for the Active Adults.

2024 Highlights



Mardi Gras Party

The second annual Mardi Gras Party included a jazz band, king cake and hurricane mocktails. Active Adults attended in their festive finery.



Paint-n-Treat

Active Adults participated in a variety of arts and crafts led by volunteers from Ecumen Centennial House.



Spring Tea

Attendees enjoyed fine teas, finger sandwiches and good company.



Active Adults Open House

This is a great opportunity for current members to showcase all of the classes, groups, clubs and programs available at the Heritage Center. Members from each group host a table and are available to answer questions for new, potential and current members!



Pizza in the Park

Hosted at the John Hennen Pavilion, attendees enjoyed a luncheon and live tunes provided by the Jamtastic Band.



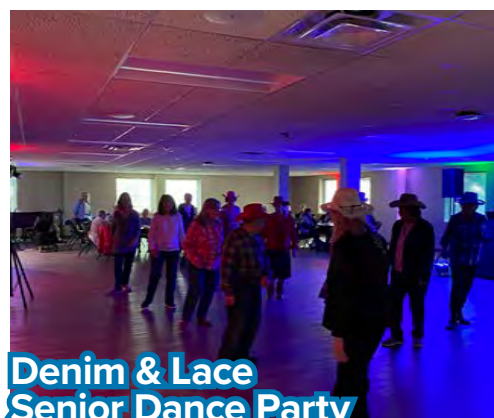
Pan-O-Prog Craft & Bake Sale

Hosted annually, Active Adults provide baked goods and a variety of crafts as part of the Pan-O-Prog celebration. Proceeds go to programming at the Heritage Center.



Waffle Breakfast Fundraiser

"Dad's Belgian Waffles" served up an all-you-can-eat waffle breakfast. Proceeds go to programming at the Heritage Center.



Denim & Lace Senior Dance Party

Hosted in cooperation with the Apple Valley Senior Center, the dance party featured "Only Toons DJ" and light refreshments.

New Offerings

- AED/CPR Training
- Backgammon
- Brain & Balance Classes
- Calligraphy Class
- Chair Yoga
- Community Outreach
- Diamond Dotz
- Estate Planning 101
- History Classes
- May Day Basket Assembly
- Spring Tea
- Paint & Treat
- Peach Perfect Comedy Hour
- Penpal Program
- Pizza in the Park
- Rootbeer Float & Gift Card Bingo
- Senior Living Bus Tour

Community Connections

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

- AARP
- 360 Communities
- Align Chiropractic
- Apple Valley Villa
- BeeHive Homes
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield of MN
- Cub Foods
- Chmiebell Travel
- Choice Connections
- Cub Pharmacy-Heritage
- Cub Pharmacy-Kenwood Trail
- Dakota County Heritage Library
- Dakota Valley Recycling
- DARTS
- Downtown Lakeville Business Association
- Ecumen Seasons of Apple Valley
- Edward Jones
- 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 Sr. Living
- Kwik Trip
- Lakeville Area Arts Center
- Lakeville Area Historical Society
- Lakeville Area Community Ed.
- Lakeville Chamber of Commerce
- Lakeville Fire Department
- Lakeville Knights of Columbus
- Lakeville Lions
- Lakeville Liquors
- Lakeville Police Department
- Lakeville Yellow Ribbon
- Landmark Travel
- Learning Rx
- Lutheran Social Services
- Medicine Lake Tours
- Metro Dining Club
- Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging
- Minnesota Association of Senior Services
- Minnesota Board of Aging
- Minnesota Parkinson
- Minnesota Highway Safety & Research Center
- Minnesota Hospice
- Pan-O-Prog Committee
- Pillars of Lakeville
- Regent of Burnsville
- Seniors Communities Guide
- Senior Coordinators in the South Metro



See you next year!

