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# 2023

## WEEKLY UPDATE

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**  
**FROM: JUSTIN MILLER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR**  
**DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2023**

**“At the end of the day, it’s not about what you have or even what you’ve accomplished. It’s about what you’ve done with those accomplishments. It’s about who you’ve lifted up, who you’ve made better. It’s about what you’ve given back.” —Denzel Washington**

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

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#### Streets, Fleets, Constructions Services and Utilities

- Streets has been busy with, you guessed it, snow plowing.
- Fleets has been doing a great job keeping the plow equipment operational.
- Utilities staff and a consultant started setting up to complete a pilot project for our filters at the WTP.
- Utilities staff has been assisting with snow removal.

#### Environmental Resources/Forestry

- The sign-up for Watershed Cleanup Day 2023 is now live and education volunteers were invited back for the Earth Day Celebration. RSVPs and signups are already coming in. We are looking forward to kicking off the Watershed Cleanup with the Earth Day Celebration on April 22. Participants can clean up their desired locations until April 30, as the dumpsters will be out for that time frame to accommodate various schedules.
- An Ad for Bid was posted in the City’s official newspaper for the Foxborough Pond Water Quality Improvement Project. The project will use \$346,500 in grant funding from the Board of Water and Soil Resources to construct a stormwater pond at Foxborough Park to improve water quality within North Creek. Bids will be accepted until March 21.
- Staff completed an initial grant application to the Lions Club of Lakeville for a potential project at the Ritter Farm Park Cabin. The grant would help fund an educational effort that would promote native landscaping. The objective is to increase awareness around environmentally

friendly landscaping that helps protect pollinators. If the grant is funded, it would begin in May 2023.

- Staff completed an initial grant application to Great River Greening for about 11 acres of new prairie restoration areas at Ritter Farm Park. The project would help support the Rusty Patch and American Bumble Bees, which are two native bees that are threatened but have been found in the recent past during bumble bee surveys. If the grant is funded, it would begin in 2024.
- Environmental Resources staff met with Communications and Utilities to begin planning for the EPA's Fix a Leak Week that takes place March 20-26.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

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### Park Administration and Maintenance

- A second round of bid openings was held for the Antlers Park project on Tuesday, which included scopes of work such as Concrete and Masonry, Earthwork and Utilities, Bituminous Paving, Site Concrete, and Landscaping. Multiple contractors provided bids for each of these components. The Antlers Park design and construction team is reviewing and qualifying the apparent low bids internally and with contractors. Contracts are anticipated to be brought to the City Council for approval at their March 6 meeting. As a reminder, the park and beach will be closed throughout all of 2023.
- Staff is also obtaining quotes for Antlers Park amenities such as plaza tables, benches, volleyball court systems, bike racks and foot washers.
- Ice rink warming houses were cleaned and rink equipment was stored for the season. The electrical service for the portable warming houses was disconnected and prepared for removal.
- A significant winter storm with over 14" of snow, and still falling, has impacted the City and state. Park Maintenance and Public Works staff completed snow removal operations over multiple days. All staff worked diligently through difficult conditions to clear the roadways for public safety and our citizens. Hats off to all staff for their dedicated service to the City.

### Recreation and Heritage Center

- Summer program registration opened on February 16. There have been 688 enrollments so far. Residents started seeing the printed copy of the brochure in their mailboxes earlier this week.
- With the official end of the warming house season, rink attendants and supervisors have been returning their supplies to the office.
- The 2023 Tree & Shrub Sale began on February 21. So far, 161 trees and shrubs have been purchased.
- A lot has been happening over at the Heritage Center these past couple of weeks. From Valentine Bingo to a new Drum Fit class along with a "Fat Tuesday" Mardi Gras party (Dixieland band and King Cakes included). There is always something fun happening at the Lakeville Heritage Center. Come check us out!

## Arts Center

- Summer 2023 class registrations have begun and include a wide variety of Pottery, Painting, Drawing, Theater, Glass, and workshops for all skills and age levels. View the full list of upcoming [classes online](#).
- Work continues to progress on the Arts Center loading dock. This week, the last of the structural steel was installed.
- Join us this weekend for a fantastic tribute to [Billy Joel](#) and the second concert in the [Coffee Concert](#) series featuring world renown musicians.
- Invitations were sent out to groups for the Summer 2023 Lakeville Concert series. Nearly 60 applicants applied to participate in this new outdoor series to be held at the new Casperson Park Outdoor Performance Stage.

## COMMUNICATIONS

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- Sun Thisweek: features Lakeville Public Schools. Our next publication date is March 3.
- The annual Chamber Home Expo is coming up on March 18. We have three full booths for a larger presence from Parks & Rec, Forestry, Inspections and Utilities. It will be held at Lakeville North HS from 9-3.
- We, collectively, are actively recruiting police officers with our new materials. If you know of someone, please share our video, brochure and our [website](#)!
- Media productions:
  - [Focus on Lakeville](#) (a new episode every Friday)
  - Lakeville Planning Commission: [February 16](#)
  - Lakeville Police: [Join Our Team!](#)
  - LFD: Brand New [Engine 4 Duty Crew Vehicle Tour](#)
  - Lakeville City Council Meeting: [February 21](#)

## Upcoming Meetings of the Council

February 27, 2023	Work Session	6:30 pm
March 6, 2023	Regular Meeting	6:30 pm
March 20, 2023	Regular Meeting	6:30 pm

## Informational Attachments:

- Police Department Weekly Report
- Fire Department Weekly Report
- Lakeville Liquors Weekly Report
- SPAAR Local Market Update – January 2023



# Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, February 12 – Saturday, February 18, 2023

## 802 Calls for Services



186 TRAFFIC STOPS



26 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



7 DOMESTICS



29 AUTO ACCIDENTS



8 THEFTS



3 CRISIS MENTAL HEALTH  
14 WELFARE CHECKS



20 ALARM BURGLAR  
4 FIRE ALARM



8 FRAUD



19 ANIMAL CALLS



0 BURGLARY



51 MEDICALS



1 VANDALISM/DAMAGE  
PROPERTY



1 DRUG ACTIVIITY



14 CHILD PROTECTION



12 DISTURBANCES



1 DRUNKENNESS



4 MISSING PERSON



1 SHOPLIFTING



## Lakeville Police Department Update Sunday, February 12 – Saturday, February 18, 2023

### Weekly Review

Please note, if you have reviewed our Calls for Services, you'll see the Weekly Review doesn't include a comprehensive list of calls to which LPD responded. Incidents included here are based on severity, impact on public safety or other factors.

- Package Theft was reported at 20XXX Dodd Boulevard.
- Theft of a scooter was reported at 6XXX Gerdine Path.
- Although he never applied to open an account, a Fraud victim reported receiving a bank credit card, as well as checking account information.
- A victim found an online business selling garage doors and ordered one for \$1600. The door never arrived, and the "company" had been found to be a scam.
- Patrol took a report of a FB Marketplace sale of a fake Apple Watch.
- Patrol took custody of several guns turned in due to a judge's order in reference to a previously reported Domestic Assault.
- A wallet was reported stolen at 16XXX Pilot Knob Road.
- A 53-year-old male was arrested for Domestic Assault.
- Theft was reported at 17XXX Ionia Path. A package was stolen off the front step.
- Arson was reported at 19XXX Ritter Trail after a fire was set. LFD responded to put out the flames.
- Officers responded to a vehicle in the ditch at 21XXX Holyoke Avenue. The 28-year-old male was in the driver's seat attempting to get the vehicle unstuck. He showed multiple signs of impairment and was uncooperative on-scene. He was jailed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI Refusal.
- Vandalism/Property Damage was reported at 21XXX Cedar Avenue after an unattended truck had its fuel tank damage and fuel stolen.
- A 30-year-old male was arrested for 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Assault.
- Fraud was reported by a victim who was scammed after receiving a "Microsoft pop up". The pop-up indicated fraudulent activity and instructed to call Microsoft immediately at a given number. Believing Microsoft was on the other end of the line, the victim gave full computer access. Over the course of the "service", the victim was advised the only way to remedy the

“fraud” was to withdraw \$9500.00 and deposit it into a Bitcoin account. Once the transaction was complete, the victim discovered the fraud.



Lakeville Fire Department Update  
Monday, February 13 – Sunday, February 19  
61 Calls for Service



FIRES  
1



VEHICLE ACCIDENT  
2



MEDICAL  
31



HAZARDOUS  
CONDITIONS  
3



FIRE ALARMS  
6



GOOD INTENT  
17



FIRE PREVENTION  
1



INSPECTIONS  
4



SERVICE CALLS  
1



# February 19 – February 25, 2023 Weekly Summary

February 1-20 Sales Summary				Change in %
Heritage	\$281,178	2022	\$283,193	FLAT -
Galaxie	\$317,793	2022	\$319,420	FLAT -
Kenrick	\$232,129	2022	\$235,352	Down 1.4%
Keokuk	\$240,523	2022	\$211,805	Up 13.5%
Combined	\$1,071,620	2022	\$1,049,768	Up 2.1%
February 1-20 Customer Count				Change in %
Heritage	9,759	2022	9,937	Down 1.8%
Galaxie	11,230	2022	11,390	Down 1.4%
Kenrick	8,324	2022	8,398	FLAT -
Keokuk	7,286	2022	6,539	Up 11.4%
Combined	36,599	2022	36,264	FLAT +
February 1-20 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %
Heritage	\$28.82	2022	\$28.51	Up 1.1%
Galaxie	\$28.30	2022	\$28.04	FLAT +
Kenrick	\$27.89	2022	\$28.03	FLAT -
Keokuk	\$33.03	2022	\$32.39	Up 2.0%
Combined	\$29.29	2022	\$28.95	Up 1.1%

Metrics are looking good for February. It is great to see our sales per transaction figures continue to improve. Our customers are why we are here, don't forget to treat them like it.

### ALL STAFF MEETING

Quarter one all staff meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 5, 2023, in the Emporium Room. We will be having our annual safe server identification training from 9 – 10:30 a.m. This is a mandatory meeting. All non-exempt employees will be paid for their time. All opening employees should attend a portion of the meeting.

**“A snow day is only bad news if you forgot to run to the liquor store.”**

**-Unknown**



# Product Breakout

## Ebb & Flow Wines

Ebb and Flow focuses on making quality, enjoyable wine that flows with all of life's turns.

**For celebrating** – Sparkling Brut invites aromas of fresh citrus, apple and pear with the slightest hint of sweetness to your taste buds. Enjoy with your favorite salty appetizer, spaghetti squash or Thai dish.

**For sharing** – Chardonnay is bursting with flavor, a subtle butter tone coupled with an endearing vanilla cream that melts in your mouth. It pairs well with a variety of cheeses and a charcuterie board.

**For conversation** – Pinot Noir is filled with notes of fresh fruit and an expressive vanilla mocha taste that leaves the senses yearning for more. Enjoy with your favorite homemade pizza or Italian dish.



## What's on Tap

**Girl Scout Cookie and craft beer pairing featuring Lift Bridge Brewing is Wednesday, March 1 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Keokuk Emporium Room.** Cookies will be available to purchase with cash and we will have plenty of tasty beers available at a discounted price. There is limited space available for employees to attend for FREE. Contact Leah at [lpihlaja@lakevillemn.gov](mailto:lpihlaja@lakevillemn.gov) or #4414.

**Lift Bridge Irish Coffee Stout** – Attendees will enjoy this delightful combination of whiskey, coffee by Five Watt and cream paired with thin mint cookies. Russian Imperial Stout is aged in whiskey barrels and blended with a big Milk Stout, before it is finished off with local free trade organic roasted coffee. **8.5% ABV**



# Local Market Update – January 2023

A RESEARCH TOOL PROVIDED BY THE SAINT PAUL AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®



**- 4.8%**

**+ 3.9%**

**+ 11.2%**

Change in  
New Listings

Change in  
Closed Sales

Change in  
Median Sales Price

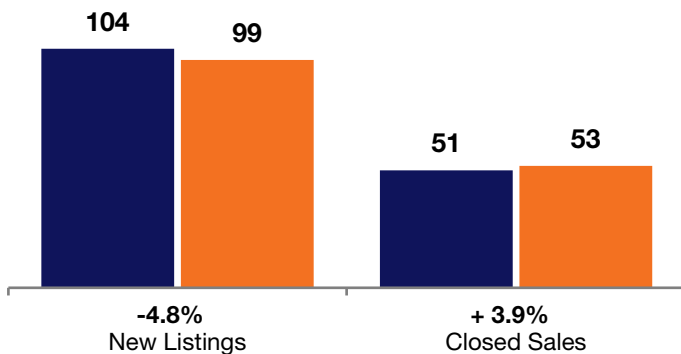
## Lakeville

	January			Year to Date		
	2022	2023	+ / -	2022	2023	+ / -
New Listings	104	99	-4.8%	104	99	-4.8%
Closed Sales	51	53	+ 3.9%	51	53	+ 3.9%
Median Sales Price*	\$467,500	\$520,000	+ 11.2%	\$467,500	\$520,000	+ 11.2%
Average Sales Price*	\$511,792	\$522,794	+ 2.1%	\$511,792	\$522,794	+ 2.1%
Price Per Square Foot*	\$188	\$191	+ 1.2%	\$188	\$191	+ 1.2%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	101.1%	97.4%	-3.7%	101.1%	97.4%	-3.7%
Days on Market Until Sale	43	67	+ 55.8%	43	67	+ 55.8%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	140	191	+ 36.4%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	1.1	1.8	+ 63.6%	--	--	--

\* Does not account for seller concessions. | Activity for one month can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.

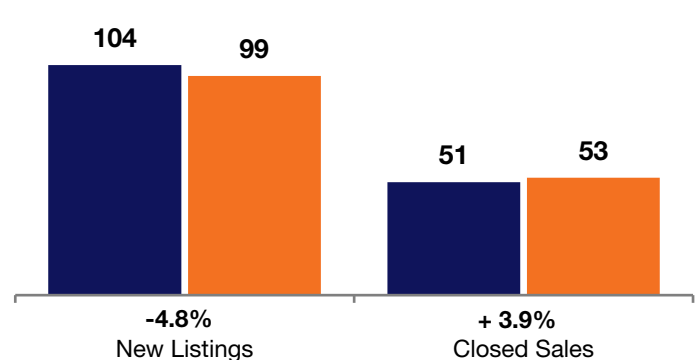
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### Year to Date

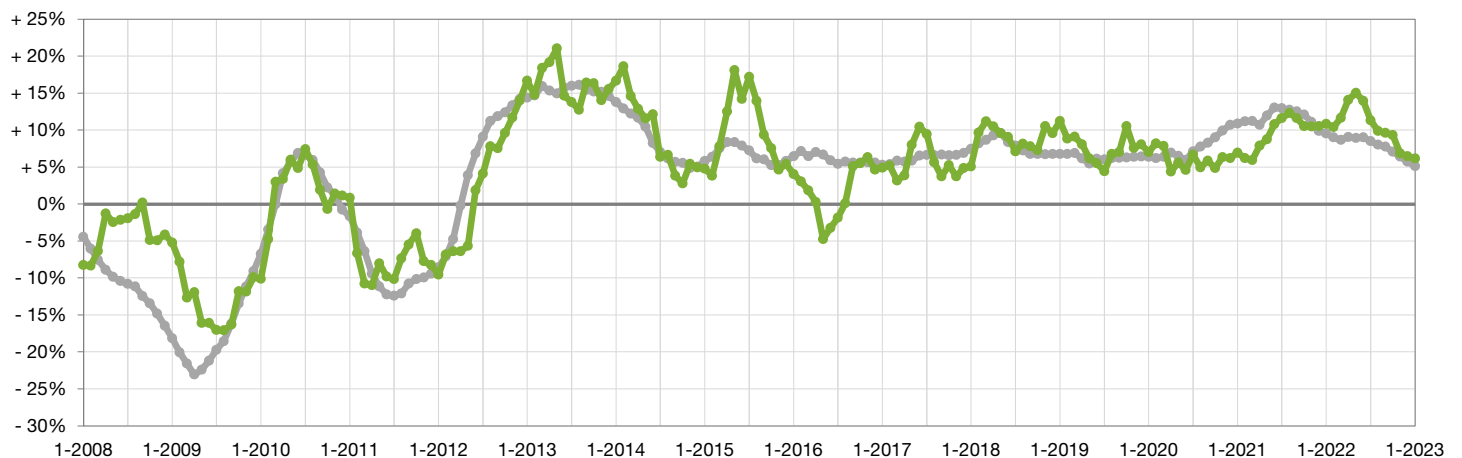
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### Change in Median Sales Price from Prior Year (6-Month Average)\*\*

16-County Twin Cities Region

Lakeville



\*\* Each dot represents the change in median sales price from the prior year using a 6-month weighted average. This means that each of the 6 months used in a dot are proportioned according to their share of sales during that period.